

SUBJECT

BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 20-727

Pertaining to the demolition of the eighteen-million-gallon reservoir located just south of the historic Highland Water Tower.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This resolution would allow the demolition of the eighteen-million-gallon reservoir located just south of the historic Highland Water Tower to be proceed.

Staff has been coordinating efforts between Ramsey County, the St Paul Parks Department and the Ford Site developers regarding its reservoir demolition work. Planning for reconstruction of the parking lot at the reservoir site is currently underway by the County and construction on the new parking lot is planned for 2021. Removal of the reservoir prior to parking lot reconstruction would be highly desirable from a construction standpoint as heavy equipment from the reservoir demolition would likely damage the parking surface at the site. SPRWS staff has been working with County staff on a collaborative partnership to perform parking lot improvements and the reservoir demolition, should the Board choose to move the reservoir project forward.

In addition, removal of the reservoir will provide open space for St Paul Parks Department and is the first phase necessary towards soccer field development.

Staff has also been in discussion with developers at the Ford site regarding the opportunity to take excavated soil and ground concrete from the reservoir demolition project. This could potentially drive significant cost savings for SPRWS and the City if the project were to proceed.

For the reservoir demolition to occur, a partial rescindment of Resolution No. 18-444, namely the paragraph that directs staff to delay demolition will need to be rescinded by the Board.

RECOMMENDATION

Board approval is recommended.