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RESOLUTION 2026-51

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH EMH&T FOR THE PURPOSE OF PERFORMING PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING AND INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE 2027 STREET AND PATH MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City of Powell Council hereby determines it is in the best interest of the City to engineer the improvements for the 2027-2031 Street and Trail Maintenance and Repair Program; and

WHEREAS, the City entered into a professional service agreement to procure these professional engineering services for the 2025-2029 Street and Path Maintenance Programs; and

WHEREAS, the multi-year agreement ensures consistent, reliable, and cost-effective engineering services that are unique to the Powell Community; and

WHEREAS, Council desires to authorize the City Manager to enter into such an agreement with EMH&T; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF POWELL, COUNTY OF DELAWARE, STATE OF OHIO AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to enter into a professional services agreement with EMH&T, in a form acceptable to the Director of Law and a contract amount of approximately $325,000.00 for professional engineering services related to the design and inspection of the 2027 Street and Path Maintenance Program.

Section 2: It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of Council and that all deliberations of Council and any of the decision-making bodies of the City of Powell, which resulted in such formal actions, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of the City of Powell, Delaware County, Ohio.

Section 3: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon adoption.

Heather E. Karr 9/15/26
Heather Karr Date
Mayor

Elaine McCloskey 9/15/2026
Elaine McCloskey Date
City Clerk

ADOPTED DATE: September 15, 2026
EFFECTIVE DATE: September 15, 2026

This legislation has been posted in accordance with the City Charter on this date 9/16/2026.
Elm McCloskey
City Clerk

City Council
Heather Karr, Mayor

Kurt Ramsey Leif Carlson David Lester Tom Counts Tyler Herrmann Carlos Crawford

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MEMO

From: Andrew D. White, City Manager

To: Members of the City Council

Initiated By: C. Aaron Stanford, P.E., City Engineer

Re: Resolution 2026-51 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH EMH&T FOR THE PURPOSE OF PERFORMING PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING AND INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE 2027 STREET AND PATH MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

Date: September 15, 2026

Summary:

Resolution 2026-51 authorizes the City Manager to enter into a professional services agreement with EMH&T for engineering and inspection services for the 2027 Street and Path Maintenance Program ("Program"). This agreement covers design, bidding, and inspection for the 2027 Program estimated at $3,200,000 in infrastructure improvements.

Resolution 2025-40 approved a multiyear agreement for the 2025-2029 Street and Path Maintenance Programs' design and inspection services. This is evaluated yearly for the program during this period.

An annual renewal proposal has been received for the 2027 Program for all design, inspection, and construction administration services for the upcoming year.

A highlight of this year's proposal is a total cost of $325,000, representing a nearly $60,000 (15%) reduction compared to the 2026 program ($384,000). This reduction is driven by bidding efficiencies through Bid Express and a streamlined review of work items. Under the multi-year framework established by Resolution 2025-40, this annual evaluation continues to deliver cost-effective, consistent infrastructure management.

Approving this resolution enhances Powell's infrastructure, transportation safety, and walkability, directly supporting City Council goals to maintain city infrastructure and expand path connections.

The multi-year agreement will ensure continuity and consistency in service delivery. It promotes a cost-effective solution that maintains reliable and customized services to the community.

Approval of this Resolution will enhance the quality of life in Powell through the continued investment in maintaining existing City infrastructure, providing for transportation safety, equity, mobility, accessibility, connectivity, sustainability, resiliency, public health, and economic vitality. Additionally, this project will also support the City Council goals of:

- Maintaining city infrastructure, reducing traffic congestion, and increasing downtown parking options.
- Enhancing parks and recreational space and making more bike and walking path connections.
- Expanding the downtown area's offerings, walkability, and amenities.

Next Steps:

With the approval of this resolution and associated contract, the consultant will immediately begin work on the design and field data collection in support of the program, with an anticipated completion date of the first quarter of 2027, allowing for early bidding and construction.

Legal Review:

The Law Director has reviewed the resolution and approved to form.

Financial Review:

The Finance Director has reviewed the Resolution and supports the recommendation. Funds have been budgeted in 2026 and will be encumbered once the Resolution is adopted.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of Resolution 2026-51.