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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Wastewater Commission

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 207

Special Meeting

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: 10 - Natalia Taft, Stacy Sheppard, Claude Lois, John Tate II, Cory Mason, Anthony Bunkelman, Mollie Jones, Jens Jorgenson, Jack Feiner and Nancy Washburn

EXCUSED: 4 - Terry McCarthy, Anthony Beyer, Kevin Salb and Jim Sullivan

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Subject: Communication from the Wastewater Utility Director Regarding the Approval Process for Sewer Extension Requests

Fiscal Note: N/A

The Wastewater Utility Director presented a "Primer on Sewer Extensions" in an effort to educate the Commission on how the Intergovernmental Sewer Agreement administers sewer extensions. The approval process, approval criteria, background, and commission responsibilities were discussed. Questions arose pertaining to awareness of the different capacity allocations for each entry point and how that might affect the approval process, as well as inquiries about how industrial waste is handled and monitored by the Utility and SSR parties. It was also requested that Commissioners be sent copies of existing wet weather flow mitigation plans from SSR parties.

A motion was made by Mayor Mason, seconded by Jorgenson, that this file be Received and Filed

[0767-24](#)

Subject: Update and Recommendation on Discussions Regarding the Intergovernmental Sewer Agreement

Fiscal Note: N/A

The Commission's legal counsel, John St. Peter Esq. with Dempsey Law, was present to provide an update on recent productive discussions between the parties and their respective Legal Counsel involved in the current legal disputes pertaining to the Intergovernmental Sewer Agreement and the Material Change in Circumstance filed by the City. He further advised that there was a request made by the respective attorneys to postpone formal dispute resolution protocol within the Agreement, while also noting that it is imperative for the Commission to comply with the Agreement and consider sewer extension items for approval provided they do meet the criteria, in order to avoid further legal ramifications. These discussions led to the creation of a proposed

resolution to be considered for approval in the next agenda item.

A motion was made by Jorgenson, seconded by Bunkelman, that this file be Received and Filed

[0768-24](#)

Subject: Consideration and Possible Action to Extend the Curative Action Resolution Time Periods

Fiscal Note: N/A

John St. Peter, Esq. presented a proposed "Resolution Extending the Date to Determine a Proposed Curative Action in Response to the City's Notice of a Potential Material Change of Circumstances" wherein "at the request of the Parties, the Commission does hereby extend the deadline set forth in Section 2.8.p. from August 21, 2024, until October 21, 2024."

A motion was made by Lois, seconded by Washburn, that this file be Approved. The motion passed with one Nay vote recorded.

Adjournment

There being no further business to address, the meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.