

Members Present: Councilmembers Earle Stuard, Barb Bitteto (alternate)

Members Absent: Curt Brown, Charla Neuman

Staff Present: Mike Dahlem, Robert Wright, Kelsey White

The meeting convened at 4:07 PM.

The following topics were discussed:

Water Rights – Consultant Contract Amendment (Tom Pors)

Public Works Director Dahlem stated this contract is with the Law Office of Thomas Pors, water rights attorney. The City is pursuing another allocation of water rights for the Central Well. The City's application for the acquisition of new water rights is currently before the Department of Ecology for review. Recently, the City has been accepted to have its Central Well water rights application reviewed as a pilot project in order to assist a legislatively created joint task force examining the potential to consider habitat improvements in the evaluation of water rights applications. As a pilot project proponent, the City is required to submit a conceptual mitigation plan to the Department of Ecology. The cost of expert legal counsel required in the assembly of this conceptual mitigation plan is expected to exceed the amount of funds remaining on the existing agreement between the City and the Law Office of Thomas M. Pors.

Staff is recommending an increase of \$130,000 to the existing legal services contract, raising the total contract amount to a not exceed value of \$280,000. *"Do Pass Recommendation by the Committee"*

WRRP PSE Transmission Relocation - Alderton 115kv Construction Agreement

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WRRP PSE Transmission Relocation - Alpac 115kv Construction Agreement

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WRRP PSE Transmission Relocation - Alderton 230kv Construction Agreement

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24th St E Utility Relocation - Gas Reimbursement Agreement

Environmental Sustainability Specialist Wright stated this agreement is for the 24th St E Utility Relocation project, which is an early work package for the bigger White River Restoration Project. It requires the relocation of a natural gas line owned by Puget Sound Energy (PSE). PSE will relocate the gas line, at their expense, and abandon their existing gas line in place. City staff has worked with PSE to develop an agreement in the amount of \$76,258.36 for PSE to reimburse the City for the costs to remove the abandoned gas lines as part of the 24th St E Utility Relocation project. *"Do Pass Recommendation by the Committee"*

24th St E Utility Relocation - Easement from City to PSE Gas

Environmental Sustainability Specialist Wright stated to construct the 24th St E Utility Relocation project, as an Early Work package for the greater White River Restoration project, Puget Sound Energy (PSE) needs to relocate their natural gas line. The City has negotiated an easement for the new PSE gas alignment north of the 24th St E right-of-way in the amount of \$17,848. *“Do Pass Recommendation by the Committee”*

24th St E Utility Relocation - Easement from PSE Gas to City

Environmental Sustainability Specialist Wright stated to construct the 24th St E Utility Relocation project, as an Early Work package for the greater White River Restoration project, a turnaround needs to be constructed on Puget Sound Energy (PSE) property. The City has negotiated an easement for the land required for the turnaround in the amount of \$20,800. *“Do Pass Recommendation by the Committee”*

Director Dahlem updated the committee on projects.

Adjournment 4:36pm