



**City Council Public Works Committee
Minutes of December 1, 2025 Special
Meeting**

Members Present: Councilmembers Greg Reinke, Andy Elfers

Staff Present: Michael Kosa, Courtney Littrell, Andrew Leach, Ryan Johnstone, and Andrea Marquez.

The meeting convened at 5:00 PM.

The following topics were discussed:

Fryar Avenue Trail Project - Carr Trust Property Acquisition

The Fryar Trail Project will construct approximately 3,300 linear feet of shared use path that parallels Fryar Avenue from West Main Street to Puyallup Street. In order to construct the project, partial acquisitions and/or easements are needed from twenty-three parcels along the project corridor. These twenty-three parcels are owned by thirteen different property owners. The City of Sumner was awarded \$655,143 in Federal CMAQ funding for right of way purchases and \$5,000,000 in WSDOT Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety Program state funds for completing the design, right of way, and construction of the project. As part of the anticipated Fryar Avenue Trail project, the City is currently in the property acquisition phase. Carr Trust is a property owner along the anticipated project footprint, and the City needs to acquire a portion of two separate parcels. Carr Trust is willingly conveying the necessary property to the City for the project, for an agreed-upon price of \$218,760.00. This project is grant funded and this acquisition was negotiated with the assistance of the City's consultant, Commonstreet in accordance with all applicable laws.

“Do-Pass Recommendation by the Committee”

Resolution 1735 - Rejecting all Bids for WWTP Biosolids Modernization Project (CIP 21-17)

On November 20, 2025, the City opened eight sealed bids for the Biosolids Modernization Project. The engineer's estimate for the project was \$20,083,000.00 and the apparent low bid (before evaluating for responsiveness and responsibility) came in at \$24,274,366 - more than four million dollars over the project budget. The next lowest bid exceeded the low bid by an additional \$450,000. As a reminder, these bids don't just impact the City of Sumner because financial responsibility for all capital improvements at the Wastewater Treatment Plant are shared by the Cities of Bonney Lake (54%) and Sumner (46%). In light of the circumstances and given the fact that the two lowest bids exceed the project budget by more than 20%, it is not in the public interest to proceed in awarding the contract as currently advertised and the City of Sumner intends to reevaluate the project budget, project specifications, scope and other bid requirements in an effort to refine the project and re-advertise in the future. Both the Invitation to Bidders and RCW 35.23.352 authorize the City Council to reject any or all bids by resolution and re-bid projects.

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Adjournment 5:09 pm