

**Members Present:** Councilmembers Matthew Kenna (Chair), Andy Elfers, Mark Evers

**Staff Present:** Michael Kosa, Andrea Marquez, Alisa O'Haver-Ayala, Ryan Johnstone, Doug Ruth, Jeremy Carnahan, Andrew Leach, Courtney Littrell, Christy Tollefson

The meeting convened at 4:00 PM.

The following topics were discussed:

**White River Restoration Project - Property Acquisition Schliesman**

Public Works Director Michael Kosa stated that the White River Restoration Project is a large-scale restoration project intended to improve fish habitat while also minimizing flooding issues; protecting businesses, residences, and transportation routes along the White River. The Schliesman family owns a residential parcel along the White River and at a location where an engineered log jam is installed. City ownership of the land has long and short term benefits. Long term benefits of the acquisition are access for future maintenance of the log structure. Short term benefits are a shorter duration needed to install the structure, allowing for more in-water work to be completed during the 2026 fish window. An appraisal and negotiation occurred and a fair market value of \$450,000.00 was agreed upon.

*“Do-Pass Recommendation by the Committee”*

**Ordinance No. 2956 - Franchise Agreement with Ezee Fiber**

City Attorney Andrea Marquez stated that the City is authorized by law (RCW 35.99 and Federal Law) to grant franchises to utility companies to occupy public rights of way within the City limits for purposes of constructing, operating and maintaining utility facilities. Wireline franchises are in the public interest as they permit and encourage the broad expansion of telecommunication providers within jurisdictions. A franchise agreement is a non-exclusive easement to utilize the rights of way- essentially acting as a master permit, but does not circumvent permit processes or any other land use and development requirements like coordination with other franchises, plan reviews and permit fees, and the requirement to relocate the facilities at the Franchise holder's cost if any public project requires the utility infrastructure to move. Ezee Fiber submitted a complete application for a new franchise agreement. The proposed franchise is for a period of 10 years, is nonexclusive, and requires insurance, bonding (or letter of credit) and indemnification of the City. This franchise agreement largely mirrors the terms of the recently adopted Ziply and Forged Fiber 37, LLC (AT&T) franchise agreements, so it is consistent with other similarly situated franchises in Sumner.

*“Do-Pass Recommendation by the Committee”*

**Fryar Avenue Trail Project Property Acquisition - Puget Sound Energy**

Senior Associate City Engineer Andrew Leach stated that 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. Puget Sound Energy is a property owner within the project footprint. Puget Sound Energy is willingly conveying the necessary property to the City for the project, for an agreed-upon price of \$26,900. 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.

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### **Fryar Avenue Trail Project Property Acquisition - Club Wealth**

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*“Do-Pass Recommendation by the Committee”*

### **Wastewater Treatment Facility Biosolids Modernization - Construction Contract Award**

Assistant Engineering Manager Courtney Littrell stated that the City of Sumner, in conjunction with the City of Bonney Lake, operates a Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) that produces a Class A Biosolid that allows for a relatively cost-effective disposal of biological waste materials from the WWTF process. The dryer used in the creation of the Class A Biosolid is approaching the end of its service life. Four (4) bids were received on February 24th, 2026 for this project. The lowest responsible bidder was submitted by McClure and Sons, Inc., with a bid amount of \$23,826,826.28. The engineer's estimate was 23,892,800.00. The contractor will have three hundred ninety (390) working days to complete the project

*“Do-Pass Recommendation by the Committee”*

### **Operations Facility - PSE Gas Easement**

*This item was removed from the agenda and will be addressed at a later date.*

### **Sewer Manholes and Castings - Construction Contract Award**

Public Works Director Michael Kosa stated that in 2025, the City completed a Sanitary Sewer Collection System Survey which looked at areas of the sewer system needing frequent maintenance, the causes of maintenance, and different solutions. One type of infrastructure challenge identified in the survey was maintenance of sewer pipes with no maintenance access. This project addresses that issue by installing needed manholes for maintenance and also replaces the frames and lids of existing structures that have broken or failed. Funding for this effort was budgeted in the Sewer Main Replacement/Rehabilitation capital project and is sufficient to complete this work. Five (5) bids were received on February 20, 2026 for this project. The lowest responsible bidder was submitted by Northwest Cascade, Inc., with a bid amount of \$366,299.64. The engineer's estimate was \$335,000.00. Including a 10% construction contingency, the total authorized amount is \$402,929.60. The contractor will have 65 working days after issuance of the Notice to Proceed to complete the project.

*“Do-Pass Recommendation by the Committee”*

### **Resolution No. 1747 - Setting a Public Hearing Date for Vacation of a Portion of 63rd Street East**

Assistant City Attorney Doug Ruth stated that State law requires that a city hold a public hearing before vacating a roadway. This resolution sets a hearing for the vacation of a portion of 63rd Street East. The portion of 63rd Street E proposed to be vacated is directly in front of the Sumner Waste Water Treatment Facility. The City is installing a gate at the entrance to the facility, which is at the connection between 63rd Street E and State Street. A gate at the entrance to the property will eliminate the need to have several security gates on the property but will restrict public access to 63rd Street E. Consequently, the City needs to vacate the right-of-way and convert the street into City fee property. Because the City will retain ownership of the property, the City sewer and water utility lines that are in the right-of-way will remain accessible to the City. No utility easement is required as part of the roadway vacation. The

resolution sets the public hearing for April 20, 2026.

*“Do-Pass Recommendation by the Committee”*

**Meeting Date Discussion**

Public Works Director Michael Kosa stated that we are opening discussion up regarding the potential option to move the meeting to the 3rd Tuesday of the month.

*“Committee voted to move the Public Works Committee Meeting to the third Tuesday of the month starting in April”*

Project Managers provided updates on projects under construction.

Adjournment 5:01 pm