

City of Blaine
Request for Council Action
Meeting Date: December 9, 2019

Subject: Authorizing the Public Works Director to submit the 2019 water system plan to the Department of Health for final approval. (Whitewolf)

Department: Public Works

Prepared By: _____
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Agenda Location: Consent Agenda Council Action Unfinished Business

Attachments:

Background/Summary:

A public hearing for the water system plan was held on August 26, 2019, after which the Council held the public hearing open until the meeting on September 9, 2019. The City received an email from Division Chief Herschel Rostov on August 28, 2019 with comments on the fire flow criteria, and the relatively low flow rate considered for non-residential land uses. Staff then provided updates on the comments received since the original hearing date. The public hearing was then closed but Council took no action on the plan, pending further consideration of the comments from Division Chief Rostov, who is bringing new expertise at NWFRS. After further conversation with Chief Rostov, Tim Woodard (Blaine Building Official) and the consultant for the plan, public works is bringing forward the plan for action by Council. As indicated in the study session held earlier in the evening, public works is recommending proceeding with approval of the Plan with the understanding that new buildings in the manufacturing/commercial zone will require sprinkling to obtain fire flow, as is currently the practice in most cases. In addition, the fire flow goals for other land use types will need to be revised in the future.

Budget Implications: Current Budget New Budget Request Non-Budgetary

The comprehensive plan in and of itself is a planning document and as such, is non-budgetary. However, the Plan identifies many projects that will be included in present and future capital improvement plans that will be approved by Council as part of the budget.

Recommendation: Council authorizes the public works director to submit the water system plan to the Department of Health for final approval.

Reviewed By:

City Manager _____ Finance Director _____ City Clerk _____
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