

# MINUTES

## PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting of January 23, 2023, 5:30 PM

Located in the Stevenson Yerxa Conference Room Located at 1309 Myrtle Ave

1. Agenda Approval.
2. Approval of Minutes for November 28, 2022. Approved.
3. Old Business:
  - a. Interfund loan to mitigate gas rate increase impact due to CCA - review after auction 2nd half of February. Will delay purchase of allowances in February auction to subsequent auction due to no perceived benefit to purchase at the first auction. Will wait to see settlement pricing from first auction. Plan to look again at loan option at time of 1<sup>st</sup> budget amendment likely in March.
  - b. Review of connection charges for 1214 Griffin Ave tenant improvement. Will work with incoming PW Director on review. TI is in progress.
  - c. Rate surcharge for Miles. Asked consultant FCSG for advice.
4. New Business:
  - a. Consent
    1. Reclassify civil engineer I positions. Approved.
  - b. Gas supply purchasing review and CCA rates. Sumas first of month pricing for January of \$45.25 will result in much higher supply costs than budgeted. Pricing has dropped for February but is still much higher than in past. Will need to look at gas utility reserves and adjust rates as needed after the full impact of the winter season is known. Authorized hedge still in play but gas will not likely drop to that level. Will add authorized hedge to the pricing spreadsheet.
  - c. 2022 I&I Program Summary. Reimbursement program in 2022 was deemed a success even though only one-third of the budget was spent. Due to other funding needs no funds were allocated for new reimbursements in 2023. Will consider a reimbursement program in 2024.
  - d. Sewer Model Update. Last sewer model calibration based on 2013 data. Much better information is now available to base a model update on. A proposed contract for a model update and budget amendment will be brought back to the committee.
  - e. Painting of Downtown Sidewalk Shelters. Councilmember Sauvageau asked for quote to paint the downtown sidewalk shelters. He will propose the project to council at meeting tonight. PW committee concurs with painting the shelters with total budget of \$16,500.
  - f. Update on Public Works projects and work plan. Land acquisition for the 244<sup>th</sup>/448<sup>th</sup> roundabout nearly complete. Okay to move to advertisement but state funding now requires cultural resources assessment that will delay bidding.