



AGENDA BILL 2012-03-12-03

Subject: Resolution 2012-06: A Resolution Creating a Water Infrastructure Task Force

For Council: March 12, 2012

Land Use Case Number: N/A

Public Hearing:

Required:

Optional:

City Manager's Initials: CJ

Attachments:

1. Staff Memo
2. Resolution 2012-06

Initiated by:

- City Council

Budget Impact:

- Minimal Staff time.

Sustainability Considerations:

- None

Policy Question(s) for Council Consideration:

- Should the City Council create a water infrastructure task force to engage and educate the community on the topic of the City's decaying water infrastructure?

Summary:

- City Council indicated an interest in creating a Water Infrastructure Task Force during the 2012 Council goal setting retreat.
- The task force would engage and educate the community on the City's decaying water infrastructure.
- The task force would also survey and listen to the community about the various funding options and report back to Council with its findings and recommendations.
- The task force will end August 31 or whenever the Council approves a ballot measure, whichever is sooner.

Recommended Motion:

- Move to approve Resolution 2012-06, creating a water infrastructure task force.



Memorandum

Date: March 8, 2012

To: John Kovash, Mayor
Members, West Linn City Council

From: Chris Jordan, City Manager

Subject: Resolution 2012-06: Creating a Water Infrastructure Task Force

Purpose

Resolution 2012-06 would create a task force charged with engaging and educating the community on the needs of the City's water infrastructure and provide recommendations to the Council regarding its findings.

Background

Under the City Charter, the City's Utility Advisory Board is charged with reviewing the City's utility rate structure and making recommendations to the Council regarding possible rate increases. In its goals for 2012, the City Council indicated an interest in creating a short term task force charged with engaging and educating the community on the topic of the City's decaying water infrastructure. This Task Force would also survey and listen to the community about the various funding options and report back to the Council with its findings and recommendations.

Summary

Resolution 2012-06, which was added to the March 12 agenda by the Council during its work session on March 5, creates the Task Force and charges it with engaging the community and reporting back to the Council. The resolution includes a completion date of August 31 for the Task Force, or whenever the Council approves a ballot measure on this subject, whichever is sooner. The resolution does not include any information about the Task Force membership or who will make the appointments.

Recommendation

Resolution 2012-06 is one of the steps of an adopted Council Goal for 2012. Staff recommends the Council approve the resolution.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-06
WEST LINN, OREGON**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WEST LINN CREATING A TASK FORCE TO ASSIST WITH COMMUNITY EDUCATION AND CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT REGARDING MAINTAINING AND IMPROVING THE CITY'S WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

WHEREAS, The City of West Linn does not have adequate revenues to fully fund the recommendations of the City's Water Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is in the process of receiving and reviewing recommendations from the City's Utility Advisory Board to rectify this situation; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the City Charter, any recommended rate increases greater than five percent annually must be approved by the voters; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Oregon Constitution, a General Obligation bond to fund projects in the Water Master Plan must be approved by the voters; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is interested in engaging the community and educating citizens on this topic; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Utility Advisory Board to make recommendations regarding utility rates, but citizen engagement falls outside of their responsibilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WEST LINN CITY COUNCIL THAT:

- Section 1:** The City Council hereby creates the Water System Improvement Task Force ("Task Force") with the responsibility to:
- (a) Survey the community to measure the interest of the citizens on the various funding methods for improving and maintaining the City's water system;
 - (b) Create and implement a communications plan to involve and educate the community on the needs of the City's water system;
 - (c) Report to the City Council on the Task Force's findings and recommendations regarding the community's interest and support for the various funding methods.

Section 2: The City Manager will allocate adequate staff resources to assist the Task Force in accomplishing its mission.

Section 3: Unless other direction is taken by the City Council, the Task Force will cease on August 31, 2012 or the date the City Council approves placing a ballot measure before the voters on this issue, whichever occurs first.

Section 4: This Resolution shall become effective immediately.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 12TH DAY OF MARCH, 2012.

JOHN KOVASH, MAYOR

ATTEST:

KATHY MOLLUSKY, CITY RECORDER

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CITY ATTORNEY