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Subject: Sanitary Sewer Master Plan - September 3, 2019 Council meeting follow up
Attachments: ORD 1695 - Comp Plan Sewer Master Plan 09.09.19_final.pdf

Mayor Axelrod and Council,

Thank you for your discussion of the Sanitary Sewer Master Plan on Tuesday night and for your direction to keep the adoption process moving forward. Amy Pepper has coordinated staff discussion and response to the suggestions/questions raised on Tuesday and I think her summary below, combined with the attached revised Ordinance, is responsive to your discussion. The amendments have been reviewed by the City Attorney.

Several of your discussion items (#2 and 3 below) will require further City Council discussion following adoption of the Master Plan, because they are focused on policy implementation. Staff is already working to find dates for these discussions in the fall/winter. We appreciate you highlighting these issues.

Thank you. Please contact us in advance of the meeting if you have additional questions or need more information.

Sincerely,
JRW

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John ~

A few issues were raised at the September 3, 2019 Council Work Session that staff would like to address before September 9, 2019 meeting. I've categorized those below:

1. Tri-City Water Pollution Control Plant. Staff has confirmed that Water Environment Services (WES) is an intergovernmental partnership formed in 2016 by Clackamas County Service District No. 1, Surface Water Management Agency of Clackamas County (SWMACC) and Tri-City Service District. The Tri-City Water Pollution Control Plant is one of 5 wastewater treatment facilities owned and operated by WES. The description is accurately described in the background of the proposed comprehensive plan amendments.
2. Non-conforming sewer connections policy. As directed by Council, staff has drafted a new policy to be added to the comprehensive plan to address non-conforming connections (see Policy #4 in the attachment). Staff understands that Council would like to take more time in the future to discuss the City's implementation of the non-conforming sewer connection policy and evaluate possible municipal code amendments. Currently the Municipal Code requires one sewer lateral per building. The sewer lateral is owned, operated and maintained by the property owner to the main, even if located in the right-of-way. There are an unknown number of non-conforming connections (generally two properties connected to one lateral). When it becomes known to the City that a non-conforming connection exists, the requirement is for the applicant to separate the laterals and

install a new separate lateral to the City's main. Generally the City becomes aware of the non-conforming connection when the property owner or contractor applies for a permit for repair of the lateral. The need for repair is generally identified when the property owner has a sewer line scope as part of a real estate transaction or blockage in the line. Table 3 (page 9-11) and Technical Memo #1 of the Master Plan identify other policy and code amendments that the City may want to consider in the future.

3. Septic systems. The Master Plan includes a map (Figure 3, page 15) of all of the properties suspected of being connected to a septic system. There are approximately 100 tax lots believed to be served by septic systems in City limits. These tax lots were identified by overlaying the building layer with billing records of properties that do not pay a monthly sewer fee. Technical Memo #1 recommends that the City evaluate the current policy of requiring connection when a property is within 200 feet of a sewer main. The recommendation is that the City update the Municipal Code to require connection for properties within 300 feet of a sewer main. Recommended Action Measure #3 has been modified to "require" instead of "encourage" residents with septic systems to connect.
4. Policy #1. There was some discussion that draft Policy #1 should not read "Encourage" as it related to development and annexation using the wastewater system. Staff has amended that language to "Ensure that" development and annexation makes orderly and efficient use of the system.

The above items have been incorporated into the attached revised Ord. 1695 for consideration by Council at Monday night's meeting.

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