



Date: July 15, 2019
Time: 4:00 p.m.
Place: Chambers East
Attending: Dennis Higgins, Chair
Brenda Fincher, Councilmember
Toni Troutner, Councilmember

Agenda:

- 1. **Call to Order 4:00 p.m.**
- 2. **Roll Call**

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Dennis Higgins	Chair	Present	
Brenda Fincher	Councilmember	Present	
Toni Troutner	Councilmember	Present	

- 3. **Changes to the Agenda**
- 4. **Approval of Minutes dated July 1, 2019**
MOTION: Move to approve the Minutes dated July 1, 2019

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Toni Troutner, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Brenda Fincher, Councilmember
AYES:	Higgins, Fincher, Troutner

- 5. **Agreement for Award of King Conservation District WRIA Forum Grant - Downey Farmstead Restoration Project - Authorize**

Engineer I, Melissa Dahl noted that the City of Kent is currently constructing nearly 2,000 LF of side channel tributary to the Green River to provide rearing and refuge habitat for threatened Chinook and other salmon species.

Dahl stated that due to significant benefits of the project and the success of earlier construction phases, the city continues to receive state and regional grant funds that are geared toward salmon recovery efforts. Dahl said that the cities portion of this grant is \$15,000 and will be paid for out of our Drainage Utility funds.

MOTION: Authorize the Mayor to sign a Grant Agreement with the King Conservation District accepting the King Conservation District WRIA Forum grant, in the amount of \$98,575.00, to help fund ongoing work at the Downey Farmstead Restoration site, subject to

final terms and conditions acceptable to the City Attorney and Public Works Director.

RESULT:	RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL [UNANIMOUS]Next: 8/6/2019 5:00 PM
MOVER:	Brenda Fincher, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Toni Troutner, Councilmember
AYES:	Higgins, Fincher, Troutner

6. Information Only - Recycling Fee Adjustment Update

Conservation Coordinator, Tony Donati noted that staff continues to review the numbers and will be back before the committee on August 5.

7. Information Only - Plastic Bag Ordinance Update

Conservation Coordinator, Tony Donati noted that the state legislature did not pass the garbage bag ordinance in the last session. Donati state that 29 agencies now have garbage bag ordinances. Our legal department is finalizing an ordinance for Kent.

Donati will come back to the committee in a month or two with an update.

8. Information Only - Paving Projects Update

Street and Vegetation Manager, Bill Thomas gave a brief update on this season's, paving and other projects.

9. Information Only - Quiet Zone Update

Transportation Engineer, Rob Brown gave a brief update on the Quiet Zone.

Union Pacific Railroad

We have been working with WSDOT on a maintenance agreement for the crossing after the approval of which WSDOT will provide the Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) a letter of "no objection to" the quiet zone.

We are also working with WSDOT to change the access control from limited access to managed access which would give the City ownership of the roadway at the crossing. WSDOT estimates this process will be completed by the end of January 2020.

BNSF Railway

The application to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) to establish a quiet zone on the BNSF mainline was submitted on April 3, 2019. The 60-day comment period has ended. We are awaiting FRA's response to our application to establish a quiet zone. The city of La Grande, OR submitted the same application to the FRA for approval to establish a quiet zone using Supplemental Safety Measures (SSMs) and Alternative Safety Measures (ASMs). The FRA first contacted them four months after they submitted their

application. They received their approval from the FRA eight months after submitting their application. We have contacted FRA for current status and are awaiting their reply.

Cheryl Viseth

Committee Secretary