



City Sewer System Activity – Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) staff are continuing the flushing of the sewer collection system. Point repairs are on hold due to equipment repair. The final draft of the Technical Memorandum, analyzing the options for the sewer main replacement project between 6th and 7th Streets from Libby to Park Streets, has been delayed due to the need to further analyze project options. The Cured In Place Piping method was chosen over several options but there are several factors that are being examined that may hinder this construction method. Additional analysis of the current piping condition will be conducted prior to making a final decision before entering the design stage.

City Sewer System Main Replacement Project – A meeting with the contractor, who will be completing the Cured-In-Place Piping sewer main improvement project, in the alley between 5th and 6th Streets from Chestnut to Elm Streets, was held on Tuesday, May 7. The project will begin Monday, May 20 with Debco replacing a manhole followed by the contractor start. The contractor stated a willingness to conduct the project between the hours of 7:00 pm to 7:00 am in order to reduce the impact on customers. Businesses and residents, affected by the sewer main project, were notified of the project by letter on Thursday, May 2. Included in the notification was an announcement of a public meeting at City Hall on Wednesday, May 15 at 6:00 pm to discuss the project and address any concerns and questions. Additional visits were made by staff to determine if the proposed time schedule would work for the businesses. Owners were overwhelmingly in favor of the contractor proposed working hours.

City Sewer System Transfer – Northwest Municipal Advisors provided the final schedule of events for obtaining bond financing. To begin the bond financing process, a Draft Preliminary Official Statement and data request was provided by Bond Counsel to the PUD on Friday, April 26. The manager and Director Sischo completed the data request returning it on Thursday, May 2 for review. The next step in the process is the distribution of the first draft of the Preliminary Official Statement and a draft bond resolution for review and comment. At the Public Works Board (PWB) meeting held on Friday, May 3, the PWB provided official approval for transfer of the City's PWTF loan to the PUD. Development of a contract amendment to transfer ownership of the PWTF to the PUD is underway. The Department of Natural Resources provided the Consent to Assignment Agreement, on Wednesday, May 8, which provides for the transfer of the WWTP Aquatic Lands Outfall Easement to the PUD. The Agreement was reviewed and approved by legal counsel. June 1, 2024 is the proposed easement transfer date.

## COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner McCall attended an Energy Northwest (EN) Board of Directors meeting April 23-25 in Pasco, Washington. He reported that an election for an outside member for the Executive Board was conducted and former Washington State Senator Tim Sheldon was selected for the position. The Chief Executive Officer discussed the \$25 million designated by the state for the purpose of developing small scale nuclear power. He stated that if the Initiative on the November ballot, to eliminate that state's Climate Change Program, is passed, funding would be eliminated. EN staff reported that vehicle charging stations continue to be installed and that the fast-charging stations require more resources, such as, transformers and other equipment.

Commissioner Ridge attended a Public Power Council (PPC) meeting May 1-2 in Portland, Oregon. She reported that the Columbia River System Operations lawsuit limiting the Bonneville Power Administration's (BPA) financial commitment to the agreement is ongoing. The BPA Administrator reported that they continue to examine infrastructure needs and costs which will affect BPA rates and tariffs. PPC continues to address Post-2028 BPA rate issues and the record of decision by BPA on the Provider of Choice affects and contract values. EN provided a report that the Columbia Generating Station nuclear power plant's performance continues to improve and break records.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.