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City Council

Approval of a Resolution Declaring an Emergency for the Percival Creek Utility and Pedestrian Bridge Repair

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Title

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

Not referred to a committee.

City Manager Recommendation:

Move to approve a resolution declaring an emergency for the Percival Creek utility and pedestrian bridge repair.

Report

Issue:

Whether to declare an emergency for the Percival Creek utility and pedestrian bridge repair.

Staff Contact:

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Presenter(s):

None - Consent Calendar Item.

Background and Analysis:

On February 7, 2020, a windstorm caused a tree to fall severing the center span of a utility and pedestrian bridge spanning Percival Creek. It is located approximately 0.4 miles west of Deschutes Parkway. The bridge supported a drinking water main and a sewer main, which were also broken.

The broken sewer main released approximately 31,000 gallons of raw sewage to Percival Creek before being temporarily bypassed. Sewer service has been restored, temporarily using aboveground bypass piping. The sewer main serves approximately 765 residential units and 42 commercial accounts including the Thurston County Courthouse.

The broken water main has yet to be repaired. As a result, the ability to provide drinking and fire

protection water to an area serving approximately 2,100 residential units and 64 commercial accounts is reduced.

The Public Works Board will provide the City with a \$1 million dollar, 20-year, 1.58% emergency loan on the condition that the City Council declare an emergency for the Percival Creek bridge and utility repairs on or before March 24th.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

All customers are receiving water and sewer service at this time. More permanent mid-term utility services will take at least another three weeks to restore. Long-term, more sustainable solutions will take a year or more.

Options:

1. Approve a Resolution declaring an emergency for the Percival Creek utility and pedestrian bridge repair. This allows the City to receive a \$1 million-dollar emergency loan from the Public Works Board.
2. Do not approve the Resolution declaring an Emergency for the Percival Creek utility and pedestrian bridge repair. This will jeopardize the City's chance of receiving a Public Works Board \$1 million dollar emergency loan. The City would need to find alternative funding sources for the repair.

Financial Impact:

Failure to approve an emergency declaration would jeopardize the City's chance of receiving a Public Works Board \$1 million dollar emergency loan. The loan will allow the Drinking Water Utility to smooth utility rate increases and potentially avoid selling bonds. City staff estimates the project will cost between \$2.5 and \$3 million.

Attachments:

Resolution
Public Works Board Award Letter