



COMMITTEE AGENDA MEMO

Needs Legal Review: Yes (Not Completed)
Committee Meeting Date: August 29, 2022
Agenda Item: Ordinance 2022-09-1111, Amending WSMC 13.24 Water Conservation
Presented By: Jan Brending, Clerk Treasurer

Action Required

Make recommendation to City Council regarding proposed Ordinance 2022-09-1111, Amending WSMC 13.24 Water Conservation.

Proposed Motion

Motion options are provided as below:

1. Move to recommend adoption of the proposed ordinance as presented.
2. Move to recommend adoption of the proposed ordinance as amended.
3. Move to refer the ordinance back to staff for additional work.
4. Move to refer the issue to the City Council without a recommendation from the City Operations Committee.
5. Other motion as determined by City Operations Committee member(s).

Explanation of Issue

Due to recent events, it was clear the city needed to amend its code to provide for water shortage emergency regulations. Attached is the code adopted by the City of Bingen and the City of Washougal (almost the same as Bingen's). Also attached is the city's current code titled WSMC 13.24 Water Conservation.

Staff is suggesting that the entire Chapter 13.24 Water Conservation be repealed and the language from the City of Bingen's code adopted. Many of the requirements in Chapter 13.24 are not enforceable. This code was adopted when the city did not have the quantity of water available and there was actually a water connection moratorium. Staff will also be presenting "administrative procedures" that will be used when water shortage emergencies occur.

A public hearing for the City Council's September 7 meeting has been scheduled for these proposed amendments.

City Operations Committee Options

The City Operations Committee has the following options available at this time:

1. Accept staff recommendation to recommend adoption of the proposed ordinance as presented.
2. Accept staff recommendation to recommend adoption of the proposed ordinance with amendments.
3. Refer the ordinance back to staff for additional work.
4. Move to refer the issue to the City Council without a recommendation from the City Operations Committee.
5. Other action as determined by City Operations Committee.

Fiscal Implications

There are no direct fiscal implications of the ordinance.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Operations Committee move the proposed amendments to the City Council for consideration of adoption.