

City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201



Agenda Item Number: R 200-15

Department Source: City Utilities - Water & Light

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: 12/21/2015

Re: Integrated Water Resource Planning Committee

Documents Included With This Agenda Item

Council memo, Resolution/Ordinance

Supporting documentation includes: None

Executive Summary

Staff has prepared for Council consideration a resolution requesting the formation of an Integrated Water Resource Planning Committee. Staff is close to finalizing its contact for a consultant to complete the Integrated Water Resource plan. This plan will act as a guide in looking at how to meet our long term water supply needs. The Scope of Services for the Integrated Water Resource Plan anticipates the formation of an Integrated Water Resource Planning Committee to provide for citizen participation in the process. The Water and Light Advisory Board has suggested the addition of four new members plus its members to serve as the Integrated Water Resource Planning Committee.

Discussion

Customers benefit today from a very reliable water system which was mostly planned decades ago. Long term planning has always been a key element for Water & Light to meet our customers' needs. Integrated resource planning is a participatory decision-making process that analyses demand-side and supply-side management alternatives in support of the community's cost, quality of life and environmental impact. An Integrated Water Resource Plan is intended to consider a broader range of issues than past water planning efforts. The wide variety of supply and demand management resource opportunities that currently exist should be considered in preparation for future large capital improvement plans. The next debt financing for the water utility is currently scheduled for 2017. In working with the Water & Light Advisory Board to develop the Scope of Services for this project, the Water and Light Advisory Board has suggested the addition of four new members plus its members to service as the Integrated Water Resource Planning Committee to interface with this planning effort. In addition to the 9-member Integrated Water Resource Planning Committee, the Water & Light Advisory Board requested for the City's Sustainability Manager to participate as an ad hoc committee member.

Should Council wish to proceed with this approach, selection should be made quickly in order to have the entire group start at the beginning of the planning process. We expect to have a consultant under contract by the end of January 2016.

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Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: None

Long-Term Impact: None

Vision, Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Vision Impact: Development

Strategic Plan Impact: Infrastructure...Connecting the Community

Comprehensive Plan Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities


Suggested Council Action

Should Council agree, adopt resolution

Legislative History

None


Department Approved


City Manager Approved

Introduced by _____ Council Bill No. _____ R 200-15

A RESOLUTION

establishing an Integrated Water Resource Planning Committee.

WHEREAS, integrated resource planning is a participatory decision-making process that analyzes demand-side and supply-side management alternatives in support of the community's cost, quality of life and environmental impact; and

WHEREAS, engaging in a study to evaluate supply and demand management resource opportunities that currently exist in preparation for future large capital improvement plans will benefit all citizens of Columbia.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. There is hereby established the Integrated Water Resource Planning Committee. Its purposes include evaluating supply and demand management resource opportunities that currently exist in preparation for future large capital improvement plans. Members will advise the City Council on matters relating to the integrated resource plan for long-term water supply for the City of Columbia.

SECTION 2. The Committee shall be appointed by the City Council and consist of the following members: five (5) members who shall be current members of the Water and Light Advisory Board; and four (4) members who shall be qualified voters and residents of the City of Columbia as well as a water utility customer as a resident or through a business relationship. In addition to Committee members, the City's Sustainability Manager shall participate as an ad hoc member. All meetings shall be open to involvement and participation by as many additional interested community members who desire to attend.

SECTION 3. The Committee shall make a report to the City Council of its findings and recommendations by December 31, 2016. The Committee shall be dissolved upon submitting its final report.

SECTION 4. The Committee shall be provided reasonable staff support.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2015.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Counselor