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RE: March 15, 2023, City Administrator Council Report

Item 1) *Shoreline Master Program (SMP) Periodic Update*- We have a draft of the Shoreline Master Program Periodic Update on our city website at [2023 Shoreline Master Program \(SMP\) Periodic Review - City of Cosmopolis \(cosmopoliswa.gov\)](https://www.cosmopoliswa.gov/2023-Shoreline-Master-Program-(SMP)-Periodic-Review-City-of-Cosmopolis). We will be holding a Joint Public Hearing with the Washington State Department of Ecology and our Planning Commission on Monday April 10th at 6:30 PM here at City Hall.

This project is fully funded by grant funds and is required by the Washington State Department of Ecology.

Item 2) *Public Works*- Public Works Superintendent Jeff Nations will not be available for this meeting so I will give a few highlights of what they have been doing this past month on Jeff's behalf.

- **Water Meters**- The crew has installed nearly 400 new water meters since the first of January. This leaves us with only 140 left to complete the full system changeout. We have already seen an increase in revenue from the new meters that read much more accurately than the prior version we had.
- **Snow and Ice Control**- There were several snow and ice control events that occurred over the last month that have kept the crew very busy. Overall, we have used less salt and brine than we did in 2022 saving us a lot of money.
- **Plugged Sewers and Water Leaks**- The crew has repaired several water leaks and cleared several plugged sewers in the last month. This seems to be a normal activity during the winter months that is very time consuming for Public Works.
- **Jeff attended his first Utility Locate Coordinating Council meeting** with all of our adjacent utility operators in Grays Harbor this past month. This was a great networking opportunity for Jeff as he now has finally had a chance to meet in person, some of the other utility operators in Grays Harbor after the Covid shutdown.

Item 3) *New Water Meters*- We need to purchase 50 new Water Meters. Since we purchased the new meters 4 years ago, we have used all our spare meters as well as over 30 others for new connections. This is leaving us 45 meters shy of being able to complete the full system changeout to remote radio read.

We are requesting \$19,965.18 to purchase 50 additional water meters from Correct Equipment Company.

Item 4) *No Dumping at Makarenko Park*- We have had a real problem with people dumping brush and other waste at Makarenko Park. We are doing our best to stop this from happening, and we need help from citizens to get this stopped. The area we are talking about is where we used to stock pile the compost from our Compost Program next to the parking lot.

We currently have no other area to take our compost material at this time, so this may cause us to have to shut that program down until we find another place to take it, but the dumping has to stop to create a bigger parking lot.

Sincerely,

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