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## AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

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**TO:** Fruita City Council and Mayor

**FROM:** Dan Caris – Planning Director

**DATE:** October 15, 2024

**AGENDA TEXT:** SGM introduction & Capital Projects Update

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### BACKGROUND

The purpose of this administrative update is to introduce SGM to the City Council as the City's Engineer and to provide updates on the following projects: South Mesa Street Improvements and the 19 Road.

SGM is a Consulting Engineering firm that has completed several design projects for the City of Fruita in the past. SGM was retained to help with the Engineering Department duties given the increased project workload. SGM will fill the role of City Engineer by utilizing multiple discipline specific personnel to complete the necessary tasks typically completed by the City Engineer.

The South Mesa Street Improvements Project is the second phase of the Civic Center Memorial Park and Downtown Streetscape Improvements Plan. Initial Plans were completed on August 30, 2017. A Federal Grant for construction was received in 2023 which required revision of the plans to meet CDOT requirements. The plans update is in the final stages with resubmittal to CDOT expected in November 2024. Temporary construction easements are currently being obtained where required to complete the project. The area business owners and residents are being contacted to discuss the project. The project advertisement for construction is anticipated in January 2025. Construction is tentatively planned to kick off with Xcel gas main relocation in Spring 2025 with the City Project following the gas main relocation. Completion is expected by November 2025. There are a few varying ways that the City could approach this project to ensure the least number of impacts to adjacent and neighboring businesses. City staff will detail that during the project update and solicit feedback from Council.

The 19 Road Project is a Transportation Corridor Project being completed to meet the needs of future development in the area. There are currently two (2) subdivisions under construction with additional subdivisions working their way through the Planning Process. This project will widen 19 Road to provide 3 lanes for traffic, one in each direction north and south with a center turn lane, running from J Road south to Highway 6&50. We have also changed the original design to install curb, gutter and sidewalk as well as buffered bike lanes in each direction rather than the original detached path. These changes were made in response to feedback from the public. The project will also include a full redesign of the J Road intersection to include auxiliary lanes based on traffic studies and consultant recommendations. These changes to the road will increase the safety and circulation of the traveling public.

Attachments:

SGM Presentation from the October 3<sup>rd</sup> 19<sup>rd</sup> Open house

[City of Fruita Civic Center Memorial Park and Downtown Streetscape Improvements](#)

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

The City Council has budgeted \$100,000 in 2024 for SGM's general engineering services.

The South Mesa Street Project reappropriated in 2023, budgeted in 2024 and planned to be constructed in 2025.

The 19<sup>th</sup> Rd. Project is budgeted in the 2024 budget and is planned to be completed in 2025.

## **APPLICABILITY TO CITY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

The 2020 Fruita In Motion Comprehensive Plan: Supports the South Mesa Street Project and 19<sup>th</sup> Rd Project with the following plan themes and vision.

*“A Thriving Downtown: The City of Fruita supports a thriving downtown with strong local businesses, an inviting streetscape, and events and places that encourage the community to gather. Flexible design standards support creative uses of downtown spaces, and higher-than-existing surrounding residential densities create a variety of housing units and types for residents to frequent businesses.”*

*“Fruita provides efficient and effective public services to its residents and businesses. Service providers and agencies both within the city and beyond its borders collaborate towards regional goals. Infrastructure is planned in accordance with the city's land use and transportation goals and policies.”*

## **OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO THE COUNCIL**

This item is for information purposes. No additional action is needed.