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AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

TO: FRUITA CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR

FROM: MARGARET SELL, FINANCE DIRECTOR/CITY CLERK

DATE: FEBRUARY 15, 2022

AGENDA TEXT: ORDINANCE 2022-11 – First Reading – Amending Chapter 2.20 of the Fruita Municipal Code and Creating the Engineering Department for the City of Fruita

BACKGROUND

The Engineering Division formerly operated under the Public Works Department of the City of Fruita. Engineering staff provide a variety of services to multiple departments within the City, as well as providing services to, and oversight of external agencies. They are responsible for the provision of development reviews and approvals, construction inspections, acceptance of conveyance of public improvements, development of the five-year capital improvement plan, maintenance of an up-to-date GIS database, prioritization, design, and management of capital construction projects to meet the infrastructure needs of the community, and other duties and responsibilities as may be prescribed.

The City Engineer is responsible for oversight of the Department and is also designated as the Traffic Engineer and the Floodplain Administrator for the City of Fruita. The Engineering Department consists of the City Engineer, a Construction Project Manager, Civil Engineer/Construction Inspector, and an Engineering Intern. The 2022 Budget includes the addition of an Engineering Technician. The reorganization will provide for more focused oversight and provision of services as an independent department.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

APPLICABILITY TO CITY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The creation of the Engineering Department provides improved organizational structure to the City of Fruita and enhances the core services provided by the City.

OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO THE COUNCIL

- Set a public hearing date to further consider and discuss the creation of the Engineering Department
- Take no action leaving the Engineering Division under the direction of the Public Works Department

RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of staff that the Council, by motion:

**PUBLISH A NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND SYNOPSIS OF ORDINANCE
2022-11 CREATING THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT FOR THE CITY OF
FRUITA FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON MARCH 15, 2022**