



TO: FRUITA CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR

FROM: KIMBERLY BULLEN, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

DATE: MARCH 5, 2024

AGENDA TEXT: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR CITY OF FRUITA – A Request to Authorize the Mayor to Sign Letters of Support for the City of Fruita’s Congressional Directed Spending Request

PURPOSE

Each year, members of the United States Congress and Senate accept requests from governments and non-profit organizations for community projects to be funded through Congressional Directed Spending. These projects are accepted through an application process, some are recommended for funding by each representative, and then may be approved through the federal appropriations process. Currently, United States Senators John Hickenlooper and Michael Bennet are accepting requests for community projects.

The City of Fruita is planning to apply for a Congressional Directed Spending award to replace deteriorating sewer lines in the City of Fruita. The City has identified the service areas served by these lines in order to prioritize for funding. The Greenway Drive line is the highest priority as it serve a large portion of the downtown area and is complicated by a requirement to bore underneath the UPRR.

In order to apply for a Congressional Directed Spending award, a Letter of Support is required. The purpose of this agenda item is to authorize Mayor Kincaid to sign a Letter of Support for this request to each Senator.

FISCAL IMPACT

The City has budgeted \$500,000 towards replacing the Greenway Drive sewer line and is anticipating requesting DOLA funds to complete a small portion of this line. If additional funding was awarded this would allow the city to replace additional footage as well as other priority lines that have been identified.

APPLICABILITY TO CITY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

This request is applicable to the City of Fruita’s goal of Quality of Place to ensure we have quality essential infrastructure and services.

OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO THE COUNCIL

- Authorize the Mayor to sign the Letter of Support for Congressional Directed Spending Request.
- Advise staff to revise the letter and authorize the Mayor to sign it with changes.

RECOMMENDATION

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

**AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR
CONGRESSIONAL DIRECTED SPENDING REQUEST.**