



FRUITA
COLORADO

AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

TO: FRUITA CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR

FROM: CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

DATE: MARCH 18, 2025

AGENDA TEXT: RESOLUTION 2025-13 – Ratifying and Authorizing Staff's Actions Regarding Real Property Closings for the 19 Road Improvements Project Right-of-Way Acquisitions

BACKGROUND

The City of Fruita is in the process of completing the 19 Road Improvements Project, which requires the execution of various real property closings. C.R.S. § 31-15-101(d), authorizes municipalities to acquire real property for public projects through resolutions adopted by the governing body, and this has been completed prior by the City Council. However, the title company has requested an updated resolution identifying individuals who can close on property on behalf of the City with the correct titles. The last resolution (Resolution 2024-31) identified former City Manager Mike Bennett and Assistant City Manager Shannon Vassen as the staff authorized to complete these transactions, and this needs to be updated.

In order to ensure the effective and legally compliant completion of these acquisitions, the City Council needs to formalize the authorization for City Manager Shannon Vassen and Planning & Development Director Dan Caris to continue executing and managing the right-of-way acquisition process for the Project. This has been at the request of the title companies managing the closing.

FISCAL IMPACT

- There is no fiscal impact to this Resolution.

APPLICABILITY TO CITY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Adopting this Resolution will provide assistance in the daily operations of the City and allow for the City Manager and Planning & Development Director to authorize right-of-way acquisitions with Colorado Title & Closing Company for the 19 Road Improvements Project.

OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO THE COUNCIL

- Approve the Resolution as presented
- Advise staff to bring back an amended resolution.

RECOMMENDATION

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

- **ADOPT RESOLUTION 2025-13 – RATIFYING AND AUTHORIZING STAFF’S ACTIONS REGARDING REAL PROPERTY CLOSINGS FOR THE 19 ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITIONS**