



GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

AGENDA DATE: April 13, 2022

AGENDA ITEM: Consider a motion to rescind Section 7, paragraphs 1 and 3 of the existing Water System Policy, to adopt the new Water Hydrant Use Policy and new Water Hydrant Use Agreement, and to adopt the revised Water And Sewer Ancillary Charges Policy.

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BACKGROUND:

Water-Wastewater and Business Services staff have worked together to develop a new Water Hydrant Use Policy and accompanying Water Hydrant Use Customer Agreement for the Commission's approval. Staff is also working on their internal Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for the hydrant meter process. The Water Hydrant Use Policy and Agreement were reviewed and discussed at the March 22, 2022 Commission work session and suggestions from that work session have been included in the attached Policy and Agreement.

Water Hydrant Use Policy:

The current Water System Policy is a 30-page document that addresses most topics within the entire Water Utility. As discussed over the last few years, we are improving our governance by updating or creating appropriate specific policies rather than one large comprehensive policy. The approval of the new Water Hydrant Use Policy presented at this meeting would replace paragraphs 1 and 3 from section 7 of the current Water System Operating Policy.

Water and Sewer Ancillary Charges Policy:

The Water Hydrant Use Agreement fees and Water Hydrant Use billing criteria is addressed in the Water and Sewer Ancillary Charges and the City Water Service Rate Schedule Policy. As discussed at the March Commission Work Session, the Water Hydrant Use Agreement fee is being increased from \$100 to \$150 and covers the cost of providing a water hydrant to customer.

RECOMMENDATION:

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