



ACTION ITEM REPORT

Item Title: Consideration and ACTION to approve an ordinance amending chapter 38-Subdivisions, Article III-Minimum Standards and Specifications, Sec. 38-79 Sewers, (J) Manholes, Sec. 38-80 Utility Lines, repealing all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict therewith.

Recommendation:

Technology advances allow us to do things in a much better way. Manhole covers were always made with cast iron. They were extremely heavy making it difficult to handle. These covers are seldom able to be removed by hand. They require machinery to lift them. Additionally, they are brittle and most of the time break when we try to remove them and then we have to replace the cover. Composite ones are now available that are lighter but still strong to hold the weight of vehicles. We utilize SuperCover Composite Manhole Covers and Rings and want this to be the standard required so they are all uniform.

Additionally, the language on encasing water lines was vague and not complete so we are updating it to be clear so there is no misunderstanding.

I recommend approval.