

CITY OF LYNDEN



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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| Meeting Date: | May 6, 2024 | |
| Name of Agenda Item: | Public Hearing On the Question of Whether the City should Consider Discontinuing Fluoridization of the City's Municipal Water Supply | |
| Section of Agenda: | Public Hearing | |
| Department: | Public Works | |
| Council Committee Review: | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Development <input type="checkbox"/> Finance <input type="checkbox"/> Parks | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Works <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| | | Legal Review: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes - Reviewed <input type="checkbox"/> No - Not Reviewed <input type="checkbox"/> Review Not Required |
| Attachments: | | |
| Summary Statement: | <p>At the September 18, 2023, City Council meeting, a motion was passed to “direct City staff to: Develop a schedule, public notice strategy, and date for public hearing before the City Council, consistent with state law, on the question of whether the city should consider discontinuing fluoridization of the City’s municipal water supply.”</p> <p>At that meeting, the topic was tabled until the January 2, 2024 Council meeting. At that meeting a motion was made to place the topic on the agenda and bring the schedule, public notice strategy and public hearing date to the January 16, 2024 meeting. The intent is to meet the requirements of HB 1251 that went into law July of 2023: a minimum of 90-days’ notice is required for a Public Hearing.</p> <p>As detailed at the January 16, 2024 City Council meeting, the following actions have been taken to provide the required notice in preparation for the Public Hearings on May 6 and May 20, 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Notice of Public Hearing was mailed in February by a third-party vendor to all 5,941 utility account holders. • The notice was placed in the Legals section of the Lynden Tribune. • A copy of the notice was mailed to the Department of Health, Office of Drinking Water. • A copy of the notice was sent to the standard media sources used by the City (radio, newspaper, and other electronic media, including the City webpage). • Notice was included in the comment box of the utility bills sent in February and March. • An advertisement was placed twice in the Lynden Tribune. <p>A reminder to those who wish to speak on this issue: In person comments are limited to three (3) minutes per person, and no one may assign their time to another speaker.</p> | |
| Recommended Action: | That City Council hold a Public Hearing on the question of whether the City should consider discontinuation of fluoridization of the City’s municipal water supply. | |