



Executive Summary

City Council Workshop

AGENDA ITEM: Rainbow Park Sewer Improvements

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RECOMMENDED ACTION: Discussion

Summary:

During the summer of 2025, staff identified that the sanitary sewer line serving the bathrooms at Rainbow Park is installed at a shallow depth of approximately 3.5–4 feet. This poses a significant risk of freezing during winter months. Additionally, the sewer cleanout was not properly capped, which likely contributed to a backup issue—potentially caused by line freezing.

To address these concerns, engineering analysis recommends replacing and properly installing the sanitary service line at an appropriate depth and adding cleanouts per code. The preliminary cost estimate for this work, including site restoration, totals \$104,415 (construction, contingency, and engineering).

Further, rather than continuing to use temporary wooden boards around the bathroom and warming house, staff recommend replacing these with a permanent concrete surface for improved safety and aesthetics.

Additional Consideration

The existing sewer line runs through a vacant city-owned lot adjacent to Rainbow Park. This alignment complicates any future sale or development of the lot. Relocating the sewer line as part of this project would allow the city to market the lot for residential construction, generating potential tax base growth.