



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Title: Intergovernmental Agreement for Managing Oregon Resources Efficiently (MORE)

Preferred Agenda: July 14, 2020

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Type of Action: Resolution ____ Motion X Roll Call ____ Other ____

Relevant Code/Policy: City of Sweet Home Charter Chapter VI, Section 20(c)(7)

Towards Council Goal: 2.6: Employ sound technology to maximize efficiency

Attachments: MORE-IGA
Information about Multi-Agency Intergovernmental Agreements in Oregon

Purpose of this RCA:

To review an intergovernmental agreement with Marion County to efficiently use local government resources to advance City priorities and projects.

Background/Context:

Marion County maintains the administration of the MORE-IGA contract which hopes to aid local governments by sharing resources. MORE-IGA is an acronym for “Managing Oregon Resources Efficiently – Intergovernmental Agreement.” The MORE-IGA promotes the cost effective and efficient use of public resources between public agencies in Oregon and meets the requirements of ORS Chapter 190.

Marion County maintains a list of participating agencies that share equipment, personnel and material resources at “true cost” thereby stretching or saving the community infrastructure funds for projects. Presently, the City is hoping to leverage this IGA to collaborate with Linn County to provide a chip seal on 29th Avenue which would extend the life of this avenue for another five years. In a subsequent year, the City is hoping to have Linn County return to fog seal this stretch further extending the life of the roadway. This work would be performed and billed to the City at time and material cost, significantly reducing the project cost over performing a complete rebuild of the avenue. To meet the obligations of the agreement, the City would also offer, when able, to contribute to projects with other agencies such as Linn County and other local municipal and county agencies.

The City has limited resources to complete many essential projects especially involving City roads. Concurrently, roads around the City are not exempt from wear and tear resulting in significant deficiencies resulting in livability concerns.

The Challenge/Problem:

Will the City Council approve an IGA that allows the City to collaborate with multiple agencies and share resources to further budgeted funds?

Stakeholders:

- City of Sweet Home Residents – Residents expect progress on infrastructure such that it benefits them as the taxpayers for said resources. Roads are one aspect of city infrastructure that nearly all local government organizations struggle with given excessive costs and time required for construction.
- City of Sweet Home City Council – Council members are the voice of the citizens we serve. The City Council has pushed staff to make decisions that do the most good, for the most people, for the longest period of time.
- City of Sweet Home staff – Each Department Head a responsibility to the citizens in the City of Sweet Home and run their day-to-day operations as efficiently as possible and desires to extend their budget as far as possible.
- Sweet Home Business Community/Chamber of Commerce - Local organization comprised of business owners, and as employers and property owners they can be very influential with the Council members. The business community expects efficient uninterrupted city services.

Issues and Financial Impacts:

There is no direct financial impact associated with approving this intergovernmental agreement. By approving this agreement, the City Council is indirectly committing City personnel and resources to aid other local governments while also receiving the same benefit from the same local governments. Regarding the project on 29th Avenue, the project costs associated with reconstructing the roadway exceeded \$250k. Under this agreement, the City anticipates paying Linn County \$30-40k to rehabilitate the roadway and extend its useful life.

Elements of a Stable Solution:

A direction on philosophy and work present a stable solution moving forward. Accepting this intergovernmental agreement allows staff to complete more with less but perhaps compromises the overall philosophy of doing it right the first time. Rejecting this proposal tells staff that the reconstruction is more important and the direction the City Council would rather move toward.

Options:

1. Do Nothing – Doing nothing preserves the status quo. Without additional funding, City staff would not be able to implement all the recommend projects outlined in the adopted 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) until additional resources can be identified.
2. Move to approve the MORE-IGA – Approving the IGA provides value to the City by enhancing procurement options for City projects.
3. Move to approve the MORE-IGA with conditions – The City Council could direct staff to work with the contract administrators to work out terms that would commit staff and resources only equal to a specific amount (whether time or cost).
4. Request additional information to be brought to a separate meeting – The City Council could direct staff to return to a subsequent meeting with additional information necessary to make an informed decision.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends option 2, *motion to approve the MORE-IGA as presented*. The long-term benefits far outweigh the costs potentially incurred. The IGA seeks to share resources rather than overburden one local entity. Specifically related to 29th Avenue, acceptance of this agreement does not lock the City into completing the proposed work on 29th but rather opens additional doors to the City for resources not currently at the City's disposal.