



## AGENDA ITEM COMMENTARY

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| <b>MEETING NAME:</b>    | City Council   |
| <b>MEETING DATE:</b>    | April 6, 2026  |
| <b>ITEM TITLE:</b>      | Consider and take appropriate action on request for creation of Construction Inspector position and associated budget amendment. |
| <b>STAFF INITIATOR:</b> | Randy Criswell, City Manager   |

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### **BACKGROUND:**

We are currently contracting with Walker RPR for construction inspections on new infrastructure in new developments. This has been a good arrangement for WolfForth for about 5 years and has been our way of ensuring the quality of water, sewer, paving, and drainage improvements in new subdivisions. I've always believed that if we could bring these services in-house, it would be a much better arrangement for WolfForth, and here's why:

- Less expensive. Can eliminate services of Walker RPR for development construction
  - FY 23: \$419,482.
  - FY 24 \$445,908
  - FY 25 \$107,000
  - FY 26 to date: \$53,500 (through 5 months)
- Can recover full cost from developers
- Will perform our own RPR on City's capital projects

We have an opportunity today that addresses this issue. We have a qualified individual interested in coming to work for WolfForth as our Construction Inspector. I see this position as a full-time permanent position. Just in the next two years we will have the Alcove and Donald Preston paving projects to inspect in addition to the daily routine inspections of our ongoing subdivision growth.

I am requesting Council's approval for the creation of this new position and authorization to proceed immediately with hiring.

### **EXHIBITS:**

### **COUNCIL ACTION/STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

Request approval for the creation of a full-time, permanent Construction Inspector.