



AGENDA ITEM COMMENTARY

MEETING NAME: City Council Meeting

MEETING DATE: January 22, 2024

ITEM TITLE: Consider and take appropriate action on updated agreement with Walker RPR Services, Inc.

INITIATOR/STAFF INFORMATION SOURCE: Tara Tomlinson, Director of Development Services

BACKGROUND:

In 2021, the City of Wolfforth contracted with Walker RPR Services, Inc., to conduct full-time inspection services for infrastructure being installed by our local developers. RPR stands for “Residential Project Representation”, which means that any time the contractor is working, Walker is performing inspections. This provides the highest level of assurance that the work and materials used comply with the approved plans and specifications.

This arrangement has served Wolfforth well and has resulted in the best product reasonably possible from our developers and contractors working for them. However, no funding mechanism was ever set up for this service. In 2023, the City paid Walker over \$320,000 in inspection fees with no cost recovery from the developers at all. As we discussed in budget workshops this past summer, this is an unsustainable practice, as communicated by the City Manager to Council at that time. The approved budget was created with the intention of no longer absorbing these costs but reducing them to a reasonable level and recovering those costs from the developers.

The attached amendment reflects this reduction. In addition to this change, we are also working on a revision to how we pass this inspection cost to the developers, which we anticipate to bring to you at a later date.

EXHIBITS:

1. Proposal

COUNCIL ACTION/STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the amendment as presented.