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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
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SUBJECT: Ordinance Repealing Chapter 14.06 and Amending Chapter 14.08
Related to Public Works Permits and an Ordinance Amending Various
Chapters Related to Insurance Provisions (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

Chapters 14.06 and 14.08 of the City's Municipal Code address the issuance and inspection of permits issued in the public right-of-way for the purposes of excavation, street improvements, and temporary street occupancy permits. The current Code language specifies the issuance of separate permits for each of these activities when, in actual practice, the City only issues one public works permit for all three types of activities, with the only difference being a checked box and the conditions attached. The City even uses a universal application form. The ordinance amending Chapter 14.08 consolidates these sections and the repeal of Chapter 14.06 removes duplications to reflect current practices.

Staff is also updating the Code to allow for enforcement of items recently brought forward as concerns by the City Council. The first is the ability to establish moratoriums on streets that have been recently paved allowing staff to deny permits for excavation of these newly paved streets by utilities except for emergency repairs or new service connections. The second is the required removal of underground service alert markings at the completion of construction work. Staff has been trying to implement these requirements informally, however, having them in the Municipal Code will enhance the City's enforcement efforts.

Finally, staff is introducing an ordinance to amend various parts of the City's Municipal Code related to insurance provisions for permits and contracts issued by the City. Insurance requirements are currently identified in detail in the Municipal Code including types of insurance, minimum ratings, coverage amounts, etc. Because the insurance market, as well as the desired coverage by the City changes frequently, most cities have made the transition to specifying these requirements as administrative regulations rather than through the Municipal Code. The attached ordinance modifies the Municipal Code by removing specific insurance requirements and, instead, requires compliance

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with the City's insurance requirements as specified in the City's administrative regulations.

This matter was reviewed by Senior Deputy City Attorney Donna F. Gwin on May 4, 2004.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action on this item is not time critical.

FISCAL IMPACT

The changes to the Municipal Code that will occur through the adoption of the referenced ordinances are procedural only and will not have any fiscal impact.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

Declare the attached Ordinances read the first time and laid over to the next regular meeting of the City Council for final reading.

Respectfully submitted,

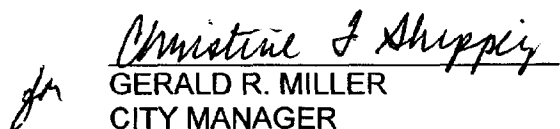


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