



Memorandum

May 1, 2018

TO: Longview City Council

FROM: Kurt Sacha, City Manager

SUBJECT: Declaration of Emergency for Ocean Beach No. 3 Sewer Pump Station

On February 12, 2018, Public Works Department staff removed Pump #1 at the Ocean Beach No. 3 sewer pump station at 48th Avenue and Ocean Beach Highway because it had failed, and sent it to a pump shop for repair. Examination of the pump revealed bolts had failed allowing a wear plate to be drawn into the pump impeller, destroying it and rendering the pump inoperative. This pump had been repaired one year earlier for the same problem, and based on staff's evaluation, they believe this is a design flaw of the pumps. Although the pumps are several years out of warranty, staff has been trying to get the manufacturer to develop a repair method to correct the defective design rather than just replace the parts, and to participate in the cost of repairing the pump.

On April 24, Pump #3 also failed and was removed for inspection. It was determined to have failed in the same manner as Pump #1. Due the failure trend, Pump #2 was removed and inspected and found to be in the initial phase of failing in the same manner. It was temporarily adjusted and reinstalled to maintain service at the station; there are only three pumps at this station. Due to these failures, urgent measures are needed to restore pump station capacity and reliability. Staff has researched options and determined the best action is to replace all three pumps with pumps from a different manufacturer.

In my judgment, immediate action is needed to protect the public safety and welfare, and urgent action is needed to restore this sewer pump station. Consequently, I am declaring an emergency in accordance with RCW 39.04.280 (1)(e) and the City of Longview Purchasing Manual, to waive competitive bidding requirements to install new pumps at this pump station. In addition, I am requesting the City Council adopt findings of fact and ratify this emergency declaration at its next regularly scheduled City Council meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kurt Sacha". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kurt Sacha
City Manager

cc: Jeff Cameron, Public Works Director