



Memorandum

April 4, 2017

TO: Longview City Council

FROM: David M. Campbell, City Manager

SUBJECT: Declaration of Emergency to Waive Public Bidding Requirements for
Sewer Repairs on Hemlock and Hudson Streets and Washington Way

On Tuesday, March 28, 2017, city staff discovered a sink hole at the intersection of Hemlock Street and 17th Avenue due to displaced concrete street panels. While investigating the cause of the sinkhole, staff discovered that deteriorating joints in the 1920's era 24-inch diameter concrete sewer main was allowing significant ground water infiltration that was also carrying soil into the main. This loss of soil around the pipe is the likely cause of the sinkhole above the pipe. Once cleared of the sediment, the sewer main was inspected upstream of the sinkhole location and additional sections of sewer main were found to be in a similar condition continuing west along Hemlock and Hudson Streets and across Washington Way. Urgent measures are needed to protect the sewer main and roadways from further damage and potential collapse.

In my judgment, immediate action is needed to protect the public safety and welfare. 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 and expedite the sewer main repair work. 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 "David M. Campbell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

David M. Campbell
City Manager

cc: Kurt Sacha, Assistant City Manager
Jeff Cameron, Public Works Director