

**TOPIC OF DISCUSSION: SEWAGE PRE-TREATMENT REQUIREMENTS**

Mayor Fatcher called the meeting to order.

Councilmembers in attendance were: Fatcher, Roberson, Myers, McDaniel, and Schimmel. Councilmember Lefebvre arrived at 6:40 p.m. Councilmember Archer was absent.

**Public Works Director David Sypher** introduced the Three Rivers Regional Wastewater Authority Discharge Pretreatment Policy draft for council's consideration. On April 6, 2007 The Department of Ecology issued a new National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit to the Three Rivers Regional Wastewater Authority. The City of Kelso, the City of Longview, Cowlitz County, and Beacon Hill Water & Sewer District are the owners of the collection systems tributary to the TRRWA plant. The new NPDES permit required the TRRWA to conduct a sampling program and propose local limits for specific pollutants. The NPDES permit also required the TRRWA to conduct an outfall study of its effluent and receiving waters at its point of discharge. Using the calculation formulae provided by the DOE, TRRWA submitted the proposed local limits to the DOE for review and approval. On June 27, 2011, the DOE approved the proposed local limits submitted by the TRRWA. In accordance with the TRRWA's NPDES Permit, each TRRWA member must adopt the local limits within one year of receiving them from TRRWA. Using the DOE approval date, a pretreatment ordinance and local limits for specific pollutants must be adopted by June 27, 2012. Councilmember Schimmel asked if the amounts of the permit fees are based on known costs to the program. Mr. Sypher said the fees are based on the best information we had. We also referred to the Lacey, Olympia Tumwater, and Thurston County Alliance Regional Wastewater Treatment Organization. It is anticipated that after the first of the year, the fees will be adjusted to facilitate any need for coverage of costs. Discussion followed.

No action is required at this time. Staff will bring this back for council consideration in the next few months.

Mayor Fatcher adjourned the special workshop at 6:50 p.m.

  
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