



MEMORANDUM

City of Venice

Utilities Department

TO: Ed Lavallee, ICMA-CM, MPA, City Manager

FROM: Javier A. Vargas, MPA, Utilities Director

Linda Senne, CPA, Finance Director

DATE: April 30, 2019

COUNCIL APPROVAL: Yes

MEETING DATE: May 14, 2019

STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL: Upgrade and Maintain City Infrastructure and Facilities

Ensure a Financially Sound City

SUBJECT: Chapter 74 Utilities Ordinance Revision

Background: Establishing an adequate financial plan is an important component in a well-managed and operated water and sewer utility. A well-designed financial plan provides sufficient funding to allow communities to build, operate, maintain, and reinvest in their utility systems. Properly and adequately funded utility systems also allow for the economic development and sustainability of the local community.

The capacity fees that are imposed on new connections have become an important part of the comprehensive financing plans of many utilities. The City of Venice's water plant capacity fees were last updated in 1990 and the sewer plant capacity fees in 1983. Therefore, the department secured the services of Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. to perform professional services related to the capacity charges currently in place.

The only changes to the ordinance is in Chapter 74, Sections 74-72 and 74-162, which lists the plant capacity charges.

For your reference attached are Exhibits A and B:

- A) Plant Capacity Charge Study as presented by Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. on April 23, 2019
- B) Plant Capacity Charge Final Report prepared by Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.
- C) Code of Ordinance Revisions, Chapter 74, Sections 74-72 and 74-162

Requested Action: The Utilities Department requests Council's approval of the revised Chapter 74 Utilities Ordinance.

City Attorney Review/Approved: Yes
Risk Management Review: N/A
Finance Department Review/Approved: Yes
Funds Availability (account number): N/A

ORIGINAL(S) ATTACHED: n/a
Cc: Joseph Welch, Finance Controller