



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: August 6, 2018

COUNCIL APPROVAL: Yes

MEETING DATE: August 28, 2018

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 proposed five-year financial plan was presented to City Council on May 22, 2018. City Council provided approval to bring Chapter 74 Utilities Ordinance Revision before City Council for first and second reading.

The summary of changes are on the next page for your reference. Also, please be advised that we are currently working with the consultant to review and update the wholesale sanitary rate structure, conduct a survey related to water and sewer plant capacity fees in our region, and present recommendations to Council at a later date.

Finally, for your reference attached are Exhibits A, B, and C:

- A) Cross Connection Control Program Proposed Changes presented to Council on March 27, 2018,
- B) Summary of Results and Recommendations for the Utility Rate Study presented to Council on May 22, 2018 and
- C) Final Rate Study Report prepared by Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.

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