

# SULTAN CITY COUNCIL

## AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

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**ITEM NO:** A - 10

**DATE:** October 22, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Broken sanitary sewer pipe in sewer run from manhole on 4<sup>th</sup> Street westerly to existing manhole behind fire station.

**CONTACT PERSON:** Jon Stack, City Engineer

**SUMMARY:** The Public Works crew spent portions of Wednesday and Thursday locating the reasons for the plugging of the existing sanitary sewer line and back up flows in the manhole on 4<sup>th</sup> Street. This sewer run conveys sewage from the system to the manhole behind the fire station. A pressure vacuum truck was contracted on Wednesday (October 14) to clean the line and relieve the manhole blockage. Then on Thursday (October 15) a pressure vacuum truck and a television truck were used to identify why the line was blocked. It was necessary to clean the line with the pressure vac truck to allow the TV camera access.

An 8" concrete pipe approximately 90LF westerly of the manhole on 4<sup>th</sup> street is broken, which apparently caused the blockage in the line and the filling of the 4<sup>th</sup> Street manhole. This blocked 4<sup>th</sup> Street manhole also apparently caused the sewer service blockage to rental units adjacent to the Coastal Community Bank.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Two options will be considered for repair or replacement of the broken pipe. Additional information regarding the options and their costs will be developed and discussed with contractors experienced in this work and bids will be obtained.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** Since this broken pipe may cause a plug in the manhole again, it is imperative that repair or replacement be initiated immediately. While a permanent solution is being developed, public works will check the manhole condition on a daily basis . Attached are the RCW's regarding emergency expenditures. Staff will provide an update report during the Council meeting.

**RCW 35A.34.140****Emergency expenditures -- Nondebtable emergencies.**

Upon the happening of any emergency caused by violence of nature, casualty, riot, insurrection, war, or other unanticipated occurrence requiring the immediate preservation of order or public health, or for the property which has been damaged or destroyed by accident, or for public relief from calamity, or in settlement of approved claims for personal injuries or property damages, or to meet mandatory expenditures required by law enacted since the last budget was adopted, or to cover expenses incident to preparing for or establishing a new form of government authorized or assumed after adoption of the current budget, including any expenses incident to selection of additional or new officials required thereby, or incident to employee recruitment at any time, the city legislative body, upon the adoption of an ordinance, by the vote of one more than the majority of all members of the legislative body, stating the facts constituting the emergency and the estimated amount required to meet it, may make the expenditures therefor without notice or hearing.

**RCW 35A.34.150****Emergency expenditures -- Other emergencies -- Hearing.**

If a public emergency which could not reasonably have been foreseen at the time of filing the preliminary budget requires the expenditure of money not provided for in the budget, and if it is not one of the emergencies specifically enumerated in RCW [35A.34.140](#), the city legislative body before allowing any expenditure therefor shall adopt an ordinance stating the facts constituting the emergency and the estimated amount required to meet it and declaring that an emergency exists.

The ordinance shall not be voted on until five days have elapsed after its introduction, and for passage shall require the vote of one more than the majority of all members of the legislative body of the city.

Any taxpayer may appear at the meeting at which the emergency ordinance is to be voted on and be heard for or against the adoption thereof.