

Legislation Text

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A Resolution in support of the City of Lee's Summit Public Works Department's efforts to achieve American Public Works Association Re-accreditation.

Issue/Request:

The City of Lee's Summit Public Works Department (LSPW) is seeking a resolution of support from the City Council in support of its efforts to achieve re-accreditation with the American Public Works Association (APWA).

Key Issues:

This resolution acknowledges that the Lee's Summit City Council has heard an update of LSPW's progress towards APWA re-accreditation, has reviewed the LSPW mission and vision statements, and supports LSPW's efforts to achieve re-accreditation.

Proposed City Council Motion:

I move for approval of a Resolution in support of the City of Lee's Summit Public Works Department's efforts to achieve APWA re-accreditation.

Background:

The American Public Works Association (APWA) is a national association that supports the Public Works profession. Among their many programs is the accreditation program.

The City of Lee's Summit Public Works Department (LSPW) began its initial effort to obtain accreditation in 1997 and was successful in obtaining accreditation in 2004. LSPW is proud that it was the 16th agency in the United States, the 2nd in Missouri, and the first in the Kansas City metropolitan area to achieve APWA accredited status. Since that time, nearly 150 Public Works agencies have become accredited.

In order to maintain accreditation, agencies must undergo a re-accreditation evaluation every four years. LSPW was successful in its first three re-accreditation efforts in 2008, 2012, and 2016, and is now seeking re-accreditation in 2020.

Re-accreditation is an on-going process, with continuous improvement sought by all LSPW staff. It is a department-wide effort that engages staff from all five LSPW divisions. LSPW is directly responsible for 27 Chapters (functional areas) identified in the 9th edition of the *Public Works Management Practices Manual*. LSPW will be evaluated for compliance with the practices outlined in each chapter during a virtual site visit Sept. 21-23, 2020.

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Staff recommends approval of the resolution.

