

**TUMWATER PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
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CONVENE: 8:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Chair Eileen Swarthout and Councilmember Michael Althausen.

Excused: Councilmember Angela Jefferson.

Staff: City Administrator Lisa Parks, City Attorney Karen Kirkpatrick, Assistant City Administrator Kelly Adams, Finance Department Director Troy Niemeyer, Transportation and Engineering Department Director Brandon Hicks, Engineering Services Manager Bill Lindauer, Engineer III Ryan Blaser, and Administrative Assistant Kelly Quiroz.

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES: PUBLIC
WORKS
COMMITTEE,
MARCH 20, 2025:**

MOTION: Councilmember Althausen moved, seconded by Chair Swarthout, to approve the minutes of March 20, 2025 as presented. A voice vote approved the motion.

**GRANT
AGREEMENT
AMENDMENT NO. 1
WITH
WASHINGTON
RECREATION &
CONSERVATION
OFFICE FOR THE
PERCIVAL CREEK
PROJECT:**

Engineer Blaser reported the project is to replace a fish barrier culvert with a large box culvert to return the stream to more natural conditions benefitting spawning and rearing habitat upstream of the crossing. The project includes improvements to the roadway and the addition of bike lanes and sidewalk in the area of the crossing. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2026.

The Washington Recreation and Conservation Office (RCO) recommended the proposed amendment for the project. The original agreement was approved by the City Council. The grant provides \$257,550 from the Salmon Recovery Funding Board. The original agreement reimbursed the City 15% for each \$1 spent on the project construction not to exceed the grant amount. The proposed amendment changes the reimbursement rate to 85% of each \$1 spent on project construction not to exceed the grant amount. The amendment enables the City to utilize the grant quickly. The proposed amendment does not affect the timing of the project or the amount of the project.

Councilmember Althausen remarked that the proposal is an administrative matter and serves as a good example of why the

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Council should review other various administrative efficiencies that should not require Councilmatic approval where the total amount of a project is not affected.

Chair Swarthout reviewed the recommended action.

MOTION: Councilmember Althaus moved, seconded by Chair Swarthout, to place the Grant Agreement Amendment No. 1 for the Percival Creek Project, with Washington Recreation & Conservation Office (RCO) on the May 6, 2025, City Council consent calendar with a recommendation to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign. A voice vote approved the motion.

ADJOURNMENT: With there being no further business, Chair Swarthout adjourned the meeting at 8:07 a.m.

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