



Bend City Council
July 2, 2007 Council Meeting

Issue Summary

Department: Public Works Staff Member: Ken Fuller/Paul Rheault

Consider the second reading of an ordinance to approve a modification to the water service area boundary in the franchise agreement between the City of Bend and Avion Water Company and renew the franchise agreement for a period of twenty years.

Staff Review and Recommendation to Council: Adopt ordinance amending the franchise agreement with Avion Water Company by approving the modification to the water service area boundary between the City of Bend and Avion, and renewing the franchise agreement for a twenty year period.

History: 1st reading – June 20, 2007

Background: The City of Bend has an existing franchise agreement with the Avion Water Company. The existing service area boundary maps split the area now known as Juniper Ridge between the City of Bend and Avion. With the goal of streamlining current and future operational and related planning efforts within the Juniper Ridge proposed development area, City staff and Avion have agreed to a proposed exchange of service areas. This exchange will allow the City of Bend to provide all water service to the proposed Juniper Ridge development area and in exchange, allow Avion to provide service to some of the southern area of Bend that is currently undeveloped. This exchange of service areas is expected to provide long term benefits to the citizens served by both utilities due to ease of coordination related to topics such as financing, fire flow planning, infrastructure development, rate setting, forecasting, conservation and related efforts.

Discussion of the Issue: None

Secondary Issues: Based on agreement, this amendment will extend the franchise agreement with Avion for twenty (20) years from the date of this amendment.

Committee Review and Recommendation to Council: None

Budgetary Considerations: None. Impacts of future water system related costs of the proposed Juniper Ridge are currently included within the water master planning activities associated with the project and will be recovered through SDCs and rates.

Attachments:

Attachment A: New Service Area Map adopted July, 2007