

Good evening Council members and staff

I am Gretchen Atkinson, President of the Board of Commissioners for the Ronald Wastewater District. I am here to speak to the first item on the workshop agenda on behalf of the Ronald Board

Ronald wishes to support extending the interlocal agreement, the First amendment and the Service Agreement. We are now two years into work on this cooperative agreement and have worked together with the City employees to get the best results for all Shoreline residents and Ronald customers. We have worked with the City to amend a few things where issues proved to be unwieldy.

There are a few more things that need to be changed to make sure the workers have the things they need. For instance, 2 types of cameras have been purchased for viewing the pipes. One was a replacement for viewing the side sewers, the other camera was a request from the Operations Manager to make checking larger pipes easier. Part of the changes already made include raising repair limits on equipment that were in the Service Agreement.

We are also beginning work on a new Comprehensive Plan in which the City was invited to participate. The first meeting, was attended by Public Works Director Randy Witt, Utilities Manager Lance Newkirk and Operations Manager Jesse Peterson. All of whom will be notified of dates of the next meetings when the Engineering and Financial Consultants complete different parts of those State requirements for that work. We also commissioned a Hydraulic Study to be done because of all the up zoning and the need for larger pipes to accommodate those increase flows in the high density and Sound Transit areas.

In another cooperative effort, we met with City Staff on the Storm Creek problem and are looking at how that might possibly be fixed in a collaborative effort within the constraints of the law.

We have also taken the first steps towards working to update the Emergency Preparedness Plan for the Wastewater and a cooperative/coordinated plan, supported by FEMA, with all the service providers of Shoreline. Operations Manager Jesse Peterson is taking an active part.

The Ronald Commissioners take a deep dive, figuratively speaking, into all things wastewater. We look forward to continuing these contracts and providing the Ronald and City rate payers the best possible wastewater system.

Since this is a Work shop meeting, I will stay through your discussion to answer any questions you may have. You also are welcome to contact me or any of the Commissioners.

Thank you