

**CHEHALIS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AGENDA REPORT**

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Jill Anderson, City Manager

DATE: January 10, 2022

SUBJECT: Resolution No. 2-2022, First and Final Reading – Declaring an Emergency Relating to the January 2022 Flooding in the City of Chehalis

ISSUE

An emergency declaration is being brought forth relating to the January 2022 flooding in the City of Chehalis.

DISCUSSION

Declarations of emergency have been declared throughout the county in regard to the devastating flood water damage that occurred between January 5th and continuing past January 9th, 2022.

In response to all of these actions, we are asking that an emergency declaration (Resolution No. 2-2022) be declared on January 10, 2022, that immediate action needs to take place from this City Council meeting on.

The declaration allows the utilization of emergency powers to take necessary measures that are pursuant to the emergency declared at Section 1, City departments and offices, as designated pursuant to the PLAN, are authorized to enter into contract and incur obligations necessary to combat such emergency to protect the health and safety of person, property, and the environment, and provide emergency assistance to the victims of such emergency, consistent with the Comprehensive Emergency Plan. As provided for in the resolution, these may include:

- Authorize, encourage, or direct City employees to follow through with cleanup tasks and manage repairs needing immediate attention
- Develop and implement necessary policies regarding overtime and staffing needs
- Purchase goods and services related to the emergency, and enter into contracts related to the emergency, without advance Council approval

The resolution also authorizes the City Manager to avoid time-consuming procedures and formalities such as:

- Budget law limitations
- Requirements of competitive bidding and publication of notices
- Provisions pertaining to the performance of public work
- Entering into contracts
- The incurring of obligations
- The employment of temporary workers subject to union and city regulations
- The rental of equipment
- The purchase of supplies and materials
- The appropriation and expenditures of public funds

FISCAL IMPACT

All departments are keeping detailed information logs and photographic documentation of the damages. Time sheets are being modified to show time used for flood prevention, overtime, and repairs so as to track labor costs that have occurred.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council **adopt** Resolution No. 2-2022 on first and final reading.

SUGGESTED MOTION

I move that the City Council confirm Resolution No. 2-2022 on first and final reading.