Resolution No. 2022-072

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS FOR PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION, 2022 EDITION

WHEREAS, in 2007 the City of Rapid City adopted the Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction, 2007 Edition, adopting specifications for the construction of City public improvements, including water systems, sewer systems, and streets; and

WHEREAS, for the past four years, Public Works staff from engineering and operations, including subject matter experts, have spent hundreds of hours reviewing, discussing, and drafting proposed amendments to these Standard Specifications; and

WHEREAS, these proposed amendments incorporate industry standards and South Dakota Department of Transportation specifications; update materials and procedures based on new technologies and methods; and reduce inconsistencies among specifications; and

WHEREAS, these proposed amendments also incorporate changes requested by community stakeholders over the past years as well as standard exceptions to specifications granted by the City; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments also include input and lessons learned from Public Works Operations staff, who are responsible for using, maintaining, and repairing the public works infrastructure built under the specifications; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments were submitted to an Oversight Board, consisting of Public Works leadership in Engineering and Operations, as well as division managers from Building Services and the Fire Department, to review, discuss, and deny or approve the proposed changes; and

WHEREAS, the Oversight Board worked with Public Works staff to modify and refine the proposed changes to the Standard Specifications; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works department then submitted the proposed amendments to the Infrastructure Advisory Group, established by the Public Works Director for the purpose of reviewing and giving input into the proposed changes to the Standard Specifications; and

WHEREAS, the Infrastructure Advisory Group was made up of individuals who represented construction contractors, private utilities, engineers/consultants, and homebuilders and who were chosen by those stakeholders (not the City) as their representatives to the Infrastructure Advisory Group; and

WHEREAS, Public Works staff and the Infrastructure Advisory Group collaborated and conferred about the proposed amendments to the specifications; and
WHEREAS, the result of this lengthy process is the Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction, 2022 Edition; and

WHEREAS, the City therefore wishes to phase out the Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction, 2007 Edition and wishes to adopt the Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction, 2022 Edition; and

WHEREAS, the City also wishes to adopt a procedure to regularly review and amend the Standard Specifications in the future; and

WHEREAS, the City believes that the health, safety, and general welfare of the City and its citizens will be served by amending the Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction and by establishing the procedure for future amendments to the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Rapid City that the Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction, 2022 Edition, are hereby adopted to apply to all construction of applicable City infrastructure constructed by any public or private person or entity, as provided in this Resolution. A copy of the complete document may be obtained on the City’s website at www.rcgov.org/departments/public-works/engineering-services.html.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City of Rapid City that Standard Specifications 2007 Edition shall continue to be utilized for applicable construction only until the following implementation dates, after which the Standard Specifications 2022 Edition shall apply:

Contractors and all who perform work requiring a permit which is issued after January 1, 2023 shall utilize the Standard Specifications 2022 Edition;

All City-funded design contracts awarded on or after October 1, 2022 shall utilize the Standard Specifications 2022 Edition; however, the City may, at its discretion, require the use of the Standard Specifications 2022 Edition on design contracts awarded prior to October 1, 2022;

All City-funded construction contracts for public improvements advertised for bids on or after January 1, 2023 shall utilize the 2022 Edition; and

All development engineering plans submitted to the City on or after January 1, 2023 shall utilize the Standard Specifications 2022 Edition.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City of Rapid City that the following procedure will be utilized to regularly amend the Standard Specifications, 2022 Edition:

1. Engineering staff will compile proposed amendments to the specifications submitted by City operations staff, contractors, developers, or other stakeholders.

2. Public Works staff, including subject matter experts, will evaluate the appropriateness of the amendments, review and revise the proposed amendments, and incorporate those proposals into the Standard Specifications that are suitable and necessary to include in the specifications.

3. Public Works staff will convene an Infrastructure Advisory Group made up of community stakeholders designated by private utilities, construction contractors, engineers/consultants, and home builders to seek the Group’s input into the proposed amendments, to solicit their professional expertise about the amendments, and to come to a consensus about the proposed amendments.

4. Those proposed amendments that are agreed upon by Public Works staff and the Infrastructure Advisory Group will be formally adopted by the Public Works Director, the Standard Specifications document will be updated accordingly, and all stakeholders will be timely notified of the changes to the Standard Specifications.

Dated this _____ day of ________________, 2022.

CITY OF RAPID CITY

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Mayor Steve Allender

ATTEST:

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Pauline Sumption, Finance Director

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