

**5.01: Receive Overview of Framework for Water Efficiency Grant Program and Consider Recommending Adoption of Resolution #20-018 to Enter into Clean Water Fund Grant Agreement with Metropolitan Council to Receive Grant Funds**

City Planner Anderson reviewed the staff report and the recommendation from the Environmental Policy Board (EPB) to adopt Resolution #20-018 to enter into the Clean Water Fund Agreement with the Metropolitan Council to accept the \$28,000 grant to implement a water efficiency rebate program.

Chairperson Kuzma commented that it seems like a good program. He noted that he is a bit disappointed that only residents on City sewer/water will be eligible but acknowledged that this will still be open to half the residents.

City Planner Anderson noted that the EPB had a similar comment and discussion and had suggested that perhaps this be used as a pilot program and the City could eventually continue with its own program that could be open to all residents.

Councilmember Menth asked how the program would work in terms of the resident purchasing the device and receiving a rebate.

City Planner Anderson explained the process that residents would follow to receive a rebate from the City.

Councilmember Riley asked if the City would have a list of preferred vendors.

City Planner Anderson explained that some cities choose to purchase certain devices and sell to residents at a discount, but the City opted not do that with this program. He explained how residents would receive the rebate for the eligible water sense labeled devices. He explained that the rebate funds are available on a first come, first serve basis.

Councilmember Menth asked for additional information on how new construction is defined.

City Planner Anderson explained that only replacement devices are eligible.

Motion by Councilmember Menth, seconded by Councilmember Riley, to recommend the City Council adopt Resolution #20-018 to enter into the Clean Water Fund Grant Agreement with the Metropolitan Council and to accept the \$28,000 grant to implement a water efficiency rebate program.

Motion carried. Voting Yes: Chairperson Kuzma, Councilmembers Menth and Riley. Voting No: None.