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Joint Ways and Means Capital Construction Hearing- HB 3050

Thank you for the time to speak this afternoon. My name is Julia Hajduk and I am the City Manager for the City of Stayton. In your record, you have a letter from Mayor Quigley on behalf of the Council and, frankly, the community. We are all asking for your support for \$2.7 million in capital project funds for our Ida Street sewer upsizing project. The existing line is undersized to properly handle existing sewer capacity and sewer is modeled to surcharge manholes during 5 year storm events. The Ida Street sewer line upsizing is needed now because we are faced with the inability to approve any new development that would increase demand on the system. This impacts housing supply as well as business development.

- There are over 130 dwelling units that would be in the approval process today if the sewer capacity were not an issue.
- There are several mixed use developments in our downtown area that have not submitted applications due to the sewer capacity issues.
- We are currently working with Family Building Blocks as they are facing additional costs and review prior to submitting for a new and exciting planned project in Stayton due to the sewer capacity issue.
- By completing the sewer line upsizing, we would open up the potential for approximately 400 additional dwelling units, 5 acres of greenfield development and 15 acres of re-development.

Due to funding constraints, the project was broken up into phases and we are in construction on the first phase, costing \$1.8 million. This phase was funded with City funds and a grant from Marion County. We have also included funds in the proposed budget to complete design of the entire project so that it is shovel ready as funds become available. The requested \$2.7 will help us complete this sewer line that is so critical for development, as well as to avoid any sewer overflows during significant storm events. Through this project, you will help solve a problem and open up multiple areas within our downtown area to residential, commercial and industrial development and redevelopment.

Thank you for your time and I am happy to answer any questions you may have.