



CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
January 10, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.
City Hall Council Chambers

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
Roll Call
- 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 3. NEW BUSINESS**
 - a. Horse Heaven Clean Energy Center Letter
- 4. ADJOURNMENT**

The regularly scheduled Kennewick City Council Workshop will begin following the conclusion of the Special Meeting.

Council Agenda Coversheet



Agenda Item Number	3.a.	Council Date	01/10/2023
Agenda Item Type	General Business Item		
Subject	Horse Heaven Wind Farm Project Letter		
Ordinance/Reso #		Contract #	
Project #		Permit #	
Department	City Manager		

Consent Agenda	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ordinance/Reso	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public Mtg / Hrg	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Quasi-Judicial	<input type="checkbox"/>

Recommendation

Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter to Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council regarding the inability for the City to provide water to the Scout Clean Energy Horse Heaven Wind Farm Project.

Motion for Consideration

I move to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter to Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council.

Summary

The Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC) is in the process of receiving comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Scout Clean Energy Horse Heaven Wind Farm Project. The original Application for Site Certification (ASC) was submitted by Scout Clean Energy on February 8, 2021. Section 2.6.2 of the application titled "Water Supply and Usage Alternatives" describes that the City of Kennewick Public Works will supply construction water as well as water used during the operation.

City staff have been in contact with Scout Clean Energy and let them know that our code prohibits the use of water for projects outside the City limits or City Urban Growth Area (UGA) boundaries. The Kennewick Municipal Code (section 14.13.090 - Miscellaneous Water Rates) states "Water shall be available from the City to miscellaneous water users for use only on property located within either the City limits or the City's Urban Growth Boundary....".

City Council asked that staff draft a letter to Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council (EFSEC) informing them that the City of Kennewick cannot provide water for this project since it is located outside the City limits and outside the City's UGA.

Alternatives

Modify the letter or not send the letter.

Fiscal Impact

N/A.

Through

Dept Head Approval

City Mgr Approval

Marie Mosley
Jan 06, 07:19:16 GMT-0800 2023

Attachments:

Letter

Recording Required?



Leading the Way

Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council
621 Woodland Square Loop SE
Lacey, WA 98504

January 10, 2023

The City of Kennewick would like to clarify section 2.6.2 of the Scout Clean Energy Horse Heaven Wind Farm Project application for site certification (ASC) submitted on February 8, 2021. The below information is included in the application and states that the City of Kennewick Public Works will be providing construction and operational water for this project.

2.6.2 Water Supply and Usage Alternatives

2.6.2.1 Construction Water Supply

Construction water would be supplied by the City of Kennewick Public Works. Water conservation will be implemented to the extent practicable by use of less water-intensive methods of dust suppression, including use of soil stabilizers, tightly phasing construction activities, staging grading and other dust-creating activities, and/or compressing the entire construction schedule to reduce the time period over which dust suppression measures would be required.

2.6.2.2 Operational Water Supply

Water used during operation would be trucked to the site and stored in a water storage tank for use at the O&M facilities. A contractor such as Wing Air would be used to supply water during operations. Wing Air, which has experience working in the region on other wind and solar projects, has submitted a letter to the Applicant indicating that if they are selected to provide water during operations, they would obtain this water from the City of Kennewick (Appendix J). Horse Heaven Wind Farm EFSEC Application for Site Certification Horse Heaven Wind Farm, LLC 2-87 Water for panel washing would be trucked to the site from a municipal or private source. Water cooling is not a part of operations for wind and solar facilities. During operations, water use would be minimized by using solar panel wash methods that reduce the required amount of water, such as robotic panel washing equipment. No new water rights or water right changes are anticipated to be required for the Project.

Below is verbiage from a portion of Kennewick Municipal Code (KMC) section 14.13.090, which clearly prohibits the City of Kennewick from providing water outside the City of Kennewick City limits or City of Kennewick's Urban Growth Area (UGA) Boundary. The Horse Heaven Wind Farm project is outside the City of Kennewick City limits and the City of Kennewick's UGA.

Office of the Mayor



Leading the Way

14.13.090: - Miscellaneous Water Rates.

“Water shall be available from the City to miscellaneous water users for use only on property located within either the City limits or the City's Urban Growth Boundary...”

The City of Kennewick wanted to clarify our ability to provide water for the Horse Heaven Wind Farm project. The City is prohibited from providing water for the construction or ongoing operations of the Scout Clean Energy Horse Heaven Wind Farm Project.

Sincerely,

W.D. McKay
Mayor

Office of the Mayor