



CITY OF SAINT PAUL

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MEMORANDUM TO COUNCIL

TO: Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Phillip A. Zavadil, City Manager

CC: Aubrey Wegeleben, City Clerk; Stephanie Mandregan, Finance Director

DATE: June 15, 2023

RE: Resolution 23-16

SUMMARY: Resolution 23-16 supports connecting Trident Seafoods processing plant to the City's electrical grid.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION: City Council has not acted on this topic previously.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION: In 1999 the City was working on connecting Trident Seafoods processing plant to the Utility; however, this project was not completed. There is conduit that is in place from a City owned electrical sectionalizing cabinet down towards West Landing. After the news of no Bering Sea Snow crab season, the City entered discussion with Trident Seafoods regarding connecting their processing plant located on Saint Paul Island to the City's electrical grid. We also discussed with Trident the ability for Trident to power the town in the event of a catastrophic failure of the City's utility. The City contracted Electric Power System (EPS) to provide a plan and engineering drawings to complete the connection of the Plant to the Utility (*see attached drawings*). After several discussions between the City, EPS and Trident we have finalized a plan that will connect Trident to the City electrical grid and also have the ability to provide the City with electricity from the Trident generators if needed.

The City Manager is requesting that the City Council provide funding for this project in the amount of \$200,000. The City Manager will work on finalizing an electrical service agreement that will outline the details of the electrical service.

ALTERNATIVES: Council could choose not to support this project.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: Resolution 23-16 has no effect on City finances.

LEGAL: Legal counsel has not reviewed this resolution.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION: City administration recommends approval of this resolution.

PROPOSED MOTION: I move to approve first reading Resolution 23-16.

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution 23-16, Trident Service Connection Drawing, EPS Project Estimate.