



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council

From: Kent Collins, P.E., Director of Public Works

Date: May 29, 2018

Reference: Resolution supporting water rights applications for North Lake

2030: Sustainable City Government, Goal 3
Excellent and Well-maintained City Infrastructure and Facilities

General Information:

- The City was assigned certain water rights related to the purchase of North Lake from Luminant.
- The City is preparing to formally transfer ownership of those rights through the State.
- The allowed use of North Lake water also needs to be changed through the State.
- The City is also pursuing temporary water use rights.
- The associated applications require a designated signatory for the City.

Introduction:

The resolution presented for approval supports filing the applications necessary to formally change the water rights ownership, allowable use, temporary water use rights, and designates the City Manager as the signatory on the applications.

History:

North Lake was built in 1957 by Dallas Power and Light (later known as Luminant) as a cooling pond for a steam electric generating plant. In 2010, the power plant was decommissioned and by 2012, ownership was transferred to the City of Coppel. As part of the purchase from Luminant, water rights to North Lake were included.

Analysis:

The City is currently preparing to formally change water rights ownership and water rights use through the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). In addition, to allow use during the processing of the required applications, the City is applying for temporary water rights to North Lake. The applications require a resolution of the governing body authorizing the applications and designating a signatory.

Legal Review:

The City Attorney prepared the resolution.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact with this item.

Recommendation:

The Public Works Department recommends approval of this resolution.