Council Meeting Date: September 24, 2001 Agenda Item: 7(d)

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE: Authorize The City Manager To Execute Written Approval Of The

Transfer Of The Seattle Public Utilities Franchise To The Ronald

Wastewater District

DEPARTMENT: City Manager's Office

PRESENTED BY: Kristoff T. Bauer, Assistant to the City Manager

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT: In accordance with the City's interlocal agreement with the Ronald Wastewater District ("District"), the District is in the final stages of acquiring Seattle Public Utilities' (SPU's) wastewater service area within the City of Shoreline. The District needs to acquire bond financing to make this happen. The bonding agency has requested written authorization from the City for the transfer of SPU's franchise to the District.

ALTERNATIVES ANALYZED: Staff has considered the following alternatives:

- Authorize the City Manager to sign the franchise transfer agreement between SPU and the District. This will appease the bonding agent and remove a potential hurdle to the District gaining financing for the acquisition of the SPU service area. (Recommended)
- Take no action. This could delay the unification of wastewater services under one
 provider and may be inconsistent with the City's commitment articulated in the
 interlocal agreement to support the District's effort to acquire SPU's service area.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: None

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the City Manager to execute written approval of the transfer of SPU's franchise to the Ronald Wastewater District in a form approved by the City Attorney.

Approved By:

City Manager City Attorney