

## **CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS City Council Agenda Communication**

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Agenda Item: Workers Compensation Renewal – Consent Agenda

**Explanation**: The City is in receipt of the Workers Compensation Insurance renewal proposal from

Illinois Public Risk Fund (IPRF) for 2022. IPRF has provided the insurance since 2018 and Staff has been impressed with the safety program offered by IPRF and the support and resources available. In accordance with IPRF protocol, a Safety Committee has been created, led by Public Works Director Kevin Schone and HR Manager Maureen Lyons, which has been charged with creating a City-wide Safety Manual as well as providing and monitoring training. Workers Compensation cases have reduced

dramatically in recent years.

Another benefit provided by IPRF is a safety grant program. The City has been awarded grants totaling \$18,642 for the past four years, including \$5,752 for 2021. The 2022 grant that we have been awarded as part of the renewal is in the amount of \$7,800 which includes \$4,211 as a Preferred Loss Ratio Grant due to our favorable loss experience. These grants are for safety equipment which can be included in the FY22-23 budget.

Fiscal Impact: The renewal proposal is for a total of \$92,162 compared to the 2021 premium of

\$92,013, for a virtually no increase renewal despite projected payroll increasing by

8.5%. The budget for Workers Compensation is \$106,400 for FY2021-22.

Recommendation/Committee Discussion Summary: N/A

Action Requested: Approval of renewal with Illinois Public Risk Fund.

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