

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 09/27/22

M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 22-0755

LOG NAME: 60EMERWATER REPAIR-CONATSER-REYES-TEJASC-JACKSON

SUBJECT

(ALL) Adopt Appropriation Ordinance in the Amount of \$4,000,000.00 for Emergency Water Main Repair Work for the Summer 2022 Heat Wave to Effect a Portion of Water’s Contribution to the Fiscal Years 2022-2026 Capital Improvement Program

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Water and Sewer Capital Projects Fund in the amount of \$4,000,000.00, transferred from available funds within the Water and Sewer Fund, for the purpose of funding the Emergency Water Main Repair Work for the Summer 2022 Heat Wave projects (City Project Nos. 104270, 104271, 104272, and 104273) and effect a portion of Water’s contribution to the Fiscal Years 2022-2026 Capital Improvement Program.

DISCUSSION:

The emergency work provides for the repair of multiple water main breaks that can be attributed to the months of June and July with unseasonably high temperatures exceeding 100°F. The water main breaks are causing disruption in water delivery reliability. Water is critical to the citizen’s health and well-being during a heat wave such as this. It is beyond the ability of Water Department Field Operation Crews to handle the volume of breaks that are occurring. Using emergency contracting procedures, the Water Department engaged Conatser Construction, TX, LP (City Secretary Contract No. 57923), Reyes Group, LTD (City Secretary No. 57888), Tejas Commercial Construction, LLC (City Secretary Contract No. 57887), and Jackson Construction, Ltd. (City Secretary Contract No. 57870) each in an amount up to \$1,000,000.00 to assist with repairing the main breaks.

Section 252.022 of the Local Government Code exempts from normal bidding requirements that are necessary to preserve or protect public health or safety of the municipality’s residents and procurements that are necessary because of unforeseen damage to public machinery, equipment or property.

The purpose of this Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is to secure funding to compensate all four contractors after final projects have been established and to speed up the project closeout process.

It is the practice of the Water Department to appropriate its CIP plan throughout the fiscal year, instead of within the annual budget ordinance, as projects commence, additional funding needs are identified, and to comply with bond covenants. The actions in the M&C will appropriate funds in support of the Water’s portion of the City of Fort Worth’s Fiscal Years 2022-2026 Capital Improvement Program, as follows:

Capital Fund Name	Project Name	FY2022 CIP Appropriations	Authority	Budget Change (Increase/Decrease)	Revised FY2022 Budget
56002 - W&S Capital Projects Fund	104270/104271/104272/104273 – Emer. W Main Repairs	\$0.00	This M&C	\$4,000,000.00	\$4,000,000.00

Funding is budgeted in the Transfer to Water/Sewer account of the Water and Sewer operating budget for the purpose of funding the Emergency Water Main Repair project within the Water & Sewer Capital Projects Fund.

Appropriations for Emergency Water Main Repair projects are as depicted below:

Fund	Existing Appropriations	Additional Appropriations	Project Total*
W&S Capital Projects – Fund 56002	\$0.00	\$4,000,000.00	\$4,000,000.00
Project Total	\$0.00	\$4,000,000.00	\$4,000,000.00

*Numbers rounded for presentation purposes.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that funds are currently available in the Water & Sewer Fund and upon approval of the above recommendation and adoption of the attached appropriation ordinance, funds will be available in the W&S Capital Projects Fund for the Emer WM Repair Ratify projects. Prior to any expenditure being incurred, the Water Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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