

December 3, 2025

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

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From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – GCWW: Then and Now Payment to Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company, LLC

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the payment of \$19,715.19 from Greater Cincinnati Water Works Water Works Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 101x307x1020x7212, \$34,264.11 from Greater Cincinnati Water Works Water Works Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 101x303x2010x7212, and \$3,558.00 from Stormwater Management Utility Stormwater Management Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 107x311x6000x7212 to Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company, LLC, totaling \$57,537.30, for wireless phone services provided to the City between July 1, 2025, and November 3, 2025, pursuant to the attached then and now certificate from the Director of Finance.

This Emergency Ordinance authorizes the Finance Director to make a total payment of \$57,537.30 from various operating budget accounts to Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company, LLC for wireless phone services provided to the Greater Cincinnati Water Works (GCWW) and the Stormwater Management Utility (SMU) during the period of July 1, 2025 to November 3, 2025, pursuant to the attached then and now certificate from the Director of Finance. The following table provides a list of outstanding charges by City agency, non-personnel operating budget account and amount.

City Agency	Operating Account	Outstanding Invoice
Water Works Information Technology Agency 307	101x307x1020x7212	\$19,715.19
Water Works Water Supply Agency 303	101x303x2010x7212	\$34,264.11
Stormwater Management Utility	107x311x6000x7212	\$3,558.00
Total		\$57,537.30

On February 14, 2023, the City entered into Master Services Agreement (MSA) No. 091 45678 with Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company, LLC for a term of three years for wireless phone services. Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company, LLC provided wireless phone service on a continuous basis through the end of FY 2025 and into FY 2026. Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company, LLC invoiced the City \$57,537.30 for services for the period July 1, 2025, through November 3, 2025, for which no funds were certified before the services were provided. Funding was properly certified for

FY 2025, ending on June 30, 2025. However, funding was not certified for FY 2026, beginning on July 1, 2025. Funding is now properly certified to the contract for the remainder of FY 2026.

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 5705.41(D)(1), the Director of Finance issued a certificate, attached to this ordinance, verifying that a sufficient sum was appropriated and in the City Treasury for the purpose of paying such charges under the contract both at the time the services were authorized and at the time the attached certificate was issued.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to make payment to Cincinnati Bell Telephone Company, LLC, for the outstanding charges in a timely manner.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Andrew Dudas, Budget Director
Steve Webb, Finance Director

Attachments