

August 5, 2024

To: Members of the Budget and Finance Committee

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager ^{ww}

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Subject: **Emergency Ordinance – GCWW: Water Supply Revolving Loan Account, Evaluating Treatment & Compliance Options for PFAS**

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager or her designee to apply for and accept a Water Supply Revolving Loan Account loan funding in the amount of up to \$300,000 from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency and the Ohio Water Development Authority to reimburse costs incurred by the Greater Cincinnati Water Works in evaluating treatment and compliance options for perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in drinking water; and **AUTHORIZING** the Director of Finance to deposit any such loan funds received into Fund No. 101 “Water Works,” revenue account no. 101x8527.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance will authorize the City Manager to apply for and accept Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA) funding in the amount of up to \$300,000, from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) and the Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA), to reimburse costs incurred by the Greater Cincinnati Water Works (GCWW) in evaluating treatment and compliance options for perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in drinking water. This Emergency Ordinance further authorizes the Finance Director to deposit any such loan funding into Water Works Fund 101, revenue account no. 101x8527.

The funding will be provided in the form of a loan with principal forgiveness. In order to meet the loan application deadline of August 1, 2024, the City already applied for the loan, but no funding will be accepted without approval by the City Council. There are no new FTE/full time equivalents or matching funds associated with the loan funding.

Acceptance of loan funding to reimburse costs incurred by GCWW in evaluating treatment and compliance options for PFAS in drinking water is in accordance with the “Sustain” goal to “[b]ecome a healthier Cincinnati” and strategy to “[c]reate a healthy environment and reduce energy consumption,” as described on pages 181-186 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to comply with loan funding guidelines.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Andrew M. Dudas, Budget Director
Karen Alder, Finance Director

Attachment

