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MOTION

WE MOVE that, the Administration provide an initial report within sixty (60) days outlining the specific expenses associated the GCWW rate increase pursuant to ordinance number 248-2021 authorized by Council on June 23, 2021;

WE FURTHER MOVE that, in that initial report it outline the plan to apply for applicable federal dollars associated with lead pipe replacement including but not limited to federal dollars that may be available through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law passed by Congress on November 15, 2021;

WE FURTHER MOVE that, in that initial report the Administration include information on the feasibility and legality of reducing the corresponding rate increase as well as providing rate payers with a credit for any fees that have already been paid based on the potential receipt of those federal dollars received;

WE FURTHER MOVE that, the Administration report back within sixty (60) days of the federal funds being secured to Council with specific plans for giving rate payers a credit for the fees already paid associated with lead pipe reduction and a plan for adjusting their future rate based on the receipt of these federal funds.

STATEMENT

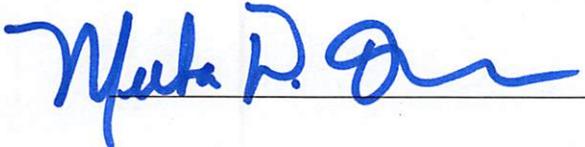
Cincinnati City Council passed a water rate increase on June 23, 2021 to cover the cost of replacing the remaining lead pipes throughout the city among other expenses for GCWW. Subsequently, President Biden signed the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill into law on November 15, 2021.¹ This bill allocates \$2.9 billion for lead pipe replacement in States, Tribes, and Territories.² If the City were to be awarded federal dollars to replace lead pipes throughout the

¹ <https://www.npr.org/2021/11/15/1055841358/biden-signs-1t-bipartisan-infrastructure-bill-into-law>

² <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/12/16/fact-sheet-the-biden-harris-lead-pipe-and-paint-action-plan/>

city then the portion of the previous rate increase dedicated to lead pipe replacement would be rendered redundant. It would be prudent to pursue this funding and give rate payers credit for the previously passed rate increase that corresponds with the lead pipe replacement program.


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