

August 1, 2022

To: Members of the Budget and Finance Committee

From: John P. Curp, Interim City Manager 202201619

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – GCWW: Grant Funding for the Study of Emergent Groundwater Contaminants

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager or his designee to apply for, accept and appropriate grant funds from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency in the amount of up to \$500,000 for the purpose of reimbursing costs incurred by the Greater Cincinnati Water Works in identifying sources of groundwater contamination, monitoring for the compounds, and evaluating treatment options of emerging contaminants, including perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, in drinking water to the Greater Cincinnati Water Works Funds 101 and 756; and **AUTHORIZING** the Finance Director to deposit any such grant funds received into Greater Cincinnati Water Works Fund No. 101, Revenue Account No. 101x8527 and Fund No. 756, Revenue Account No. 756x8527.

The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) plans to administer grant funding through its Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund as part of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, specifically for public water systems, like the Greater Cincinnati Water Works (GCWW), to study the presence of emerging contaminants, including perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in drinking water. GCWW intends to apply for \$500,000 in grant money to reimburse the cost of performing testing and identification of potential contaminant sources for the drinking water processed at the Charles M. Bolton Water Plant. The grant funds would also assist in evaluating any potential treatment options for water processed at the Charles M. Bolton Water Plant.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to apply for and obtain grant funding approval.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Cathy B. Bailey, Executive Director, Greater Cincinnati Water Works
Andrew M. Dudas, Budget Director
Karen Alder, Finance Director

Attachment