

August 4, 2025

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To: Members of the Budget and Finance Committee

From: Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager

Subject: Emergency Ordinance – SMU: Moral Obligation Payment to Duke Energy Ohio, Inc.

Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING a payment of \$76,237.04 from Stormwater Management Utility Stormwater Management Fund non-personnel operating budget account no. 107x311x6000x7248 as a moral obligation to Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. for outstanding charges related to stormwater electric services provided to the City from March 18, 2025 to June 19, 2025.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance would authorize the payment of \$76,237.04 to Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. for outstanding charges related to stormwater electric services provided to the City, to be paid from non-personnel operating budget account no. 107x311x6000x7248.

In April 2025, the Ohio River reached a peak of 60.9 feet which caused the Barrier Dam to be activated. This activation caused an 180% increase in electricity usage. The Stormwater Management Utility (SMU) did not have sufficient funding appropriated in the FY 2025 Operating Budget to cover the increased electric utility bills for the remainder of the fiscal year. Sufficient resources are now available in the FY 2026 Stormwater Management Utility Stormwater Management Fund non-personnel operating budget to pay for the electric services provided by Duke Energy Ohio, Inc.

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to make payment to Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. in a timely manner for completed services.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

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

Attachment