

**May 26, 2021**

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

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From: Paula Boggs Muething, City Manager

**Subject: Emergency Ordinance – Amending Ordinance 313-2020 and Increasing Ohio EPA Loan Amount**

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Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

AMENDING Ordinance 313-2020 to increase the amount of loan funding the City Manager or her designee is authorized to apply for, accept, and appropriate from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Water Supply Revolving Loan Account from the previously authorized amount of \$8,000,000 to approximately the approximate amount of \$10,000,000.

On September 16, 2020, Council approved Ordinance 313-2020 authorizing the City Manager to apply for, accept, and appropriate loan funding from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) and Ohio Water Development Authority Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (“WSLRA”) in the approximate amount of \$8,000,000 to replace aging water mains as well as planning, design, and construction of drinking water facilities for Greater Cincinnati Water Works (“GCWW”). Following the bidding and subsequent construction, the actual total costs of the projects approved by OEPA for WSLRA loan funding exceeds \$9,846,000. Ordinance 313-2020 must be amended to increase the approximate loan amount in order for OEPA to provide additional low interest WSLRA funding for the full cost of the approved projects. Because the OEPA WSLRA funding year ends June 4, 2021, this ordinance is being requested as an emergency to meet this deadline.

GCWW’s water main replacement program is in accordance with the “Sustain” goal to “Become a healthier Cincinnati” and strategy to “Create a healthy environment and reduce energy consumption,” as described on pages 181 – 186 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Cathy B. Bailey, Executive Director/Greater Cincinnati Water Works   
Christopher A. Biggam, Assistant City Manager  
Karen Alder, Finance Director

Attachment