

February 23, 2023

To: Mayor and Members of City Council 202300676
From: Sheryl M.M. Long, City Manager
Subject: Ordinance 2022-2023 Storm Sewer Rehabilitation Lining Project

Attached is an Ordinance captioned:

AUTHORIZING the City Manager and the Director of Greater Cincinnati Water Works to enter into a contract for the 2022-2023 Storm Sewer Rehabilitation Lining project, notwithstanding the provisions of Chapter 320, “Compliance Guidelines for Construction Contracts Issued by Water Works and the Department of Sewers,” of the Cincinnati Municipal Code.

The City needs to enter a contract for the 2022-20223 Storm Sewer Rehabilitation Lining project (No. 233C929030) which would provide for the rehabilitation of approximately 10,400 feet of deteriorating storm sewer mains and inlet covers located in the City’s Central Business District and other City neighborhoods. Failure to complete this project could result diminished capacity of the storm sewers and potential for localized flooding. Despite issuing invitation to bid on the project three separate times, no bids were received for this project due to the potential bidders inability to meet the apprenticeship requirements of Cincinnati Municipal Code Chapter 320 “Compliance Guidelines for Construction Contracts Issued by Water Works and the Department of Sewers”. Additionally, the small capital budget of the Stormwater Management Utility, prevents this project from qualifying for a “Specialized Construction” exemption, despite the highly technical expertise needed and available from only a limited number of specialized contractors. Therefore, the attached ordinance authorizes the City Manager and Director of the Greater Cincinnati Water Works to enter a contract for the 2022-2023 Storm Sewer Rehabilitation Lining project (No. 233C929030) notwithstanding the provisions of Cincinnati Municipal Code Chapter 320.

The Administration recommends passage of this Ordinance.

cc: Verna J. Arnette, GCWW, Interim Executive Director