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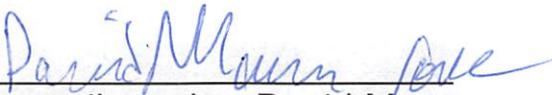
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David S. Mann
Councilmember

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I move that the City implement the Greater Cincinnati Water Works plan for rate increases for the first year only, pending further analysis and discussion.


Councilmember David Mann

Statement:

Water bills have become a bigger item in everyone's budget. We should move with caution in approving annual increases of 5.55% per year for four years into the future – 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025. We must make sure we are satisfied with the case advanced by the administration in support of this proposed increases.

Obviously, we should proceed with the proposed program to eliminate lead service lines throughout the system. Lead poisoning creates permanent damage to our children.

But the analysis given to council does not lay out what part of the proposed rate increase is for the lead service line replacement program and what part is for other needs. These other needs may create the opportunity for a more reasonable level of rate increases if we proceed with a little less speed.