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**MEMO**

**TO:** Finance Committee

**FROM:** Ross Buetow, Deputy Director/City Engineer

**SUBJECT:** Request to approve budget transfer of \$2,900,000 from Second Raw Water Line Improvements to 2022 Watermain Program

**DATE:** July 11, 2022

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Included in the 2022 Water Utility budget (funds carried over from 2021) is \$8,280,000 for the construction of a second/redundant raw water line between the Lake Winnebago pumping station and the City's water filtration plant. Bids for this construction project were opened in May of 2022 and a construction contract with PTS Contractors in the total amount of \$5,375,000 was approved by the Common Council on June 1, 2022. As a result of the favorable bids, there is approximately \$2.9 million of available budget within the Water CIP Second Raw Water Line Improvements project.

Department of Public Works staff sees this as an excellent opportunity to utilize the excess budget amount to supplement our current 2022 water main replacement program. The 2019 Water System Master Plan prepared by AECOM provided a lengthy list of recommended system improvements, some of which could be addressed through the utilization of these funds. These recommended improvements include replacement of mains due to inadequate size/pressure/flow, poor condition, high break history or lack of redundancy/looping.

If the use of these funds is approved by Committee and Council, DPW staff will immediately begin to review and prioritize potential water main relay projects. Many factors beyond just pipe size and condition will need to be considered throughout the prioritization process. Our goal would be to prepare a final project list by fall of 2022 and develop a bid package to be awarded in late 2022 for construction in 2023.

Therefore, the Department of Public Works requests the following budget amendment and subsequent spending authority for additions to our 2022 water main replacement program:

Second Raw Water Line Improvements	-\$2,900,000
Watermain Program	+\$2,900,000

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this request. Thank you for your consideration.

c: Jeri Ohman, Finance Director  
Danielle Block, Director of Public Works