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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Waterworks Commission

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

6:00 PM

City Hall, Room 303

ROLL CALL

Let the record show that Commissioner Mason had to excuse himself early for a prior engagement, therefore, Commissioner Sullivan voted in his absence as his alternate.

PRESENT: 7 - John Tate II, Natalia Taft, Jens Jorgensen, Jim Sullivan, Marlo Harmon, Nick Barootian and Rosalind Thomas

EXCUSED: 1 - Cory Mason

[0136-26](#)

Subject: Approval of Minutes for the January 21, 2026, Waterworks Commission Meeting

Staff Recommendation: To Approve

Fiscal Note: N/A

A motion was made by Harmon, seconded by Thomas, that this file be Approved.

[0137-26](#)

Subject: Communication from Utility Director Regarding Progress Update on Filter Bed Rehabilitation Project (CDM Smith to Present)

Staff Recommendation: To Receive and File

Fiscal Note: N/A

The Utility Director presented the item and asked the Commission to recognize Engineering Project Manager, Chris Tippery with CDM Smith, so that he could present a progress update on the Filter Rehabilitation Project to the Commissioners. The Commission was provided with updates on the process, schedule, budget, and technical aspects of the project.

A motion was made by Taft, seconded by Thomas, that this file be Received and Filed.

[0138-26](#)

Subject: Consideration of Change Order No. 3 on Contract W-23-6, Water Treatment Filter Rehab Project, Lee Mechanical (contractor)

Staff Recommendation: To Approve

Fiscal Note: Contract change results in an increase of \$30,739 and will extend the substantial and final completion dates by 40 days.

A motion was made by Harmon, seconded by Taft, that this file be Approved.

[0139-26](#)

Subject: Consideration of Amendment No. 3 for Construction Related Services (CRS) Contract with CDM Smith related to Contract W-23-6, Water Treatment Filter Rehab Project

Staff Recommendation: To Approve

Fiscal Note: Budget increase of \$49,000 and 40 day time extension.

The Utility Director presented the proposed Amendment No. 3 to the Agreement between the Racine Water Utility and CDM Smith, which includes extending the substantial and final completion dates by 40 days in order to accommodate additional tasks and repairs that were included in the change order previously presented to the Commission that increased the cost of the project by \$30,739.00.

A motion was made by Harmon, seconded by Thomas, that this file be Approved.

[0140-26](#)

Subject: Consideration of a Proposal from CDM Smith for Raw Water Treatment Efficiency Study to Control Seasonal Taste and Odor Issues

Staff Recommendation: To Approve

Fiscal Note: Cost of proposal is \$261,800.

The Utility Director presented the proposal from CDM Smith, which is specifically targeted at proactively addressing preventative measures to combat the seasonal taste and odor issues experienced by the Utility last summer. The scope of the project, beginning in the first quarter of 2026, would involve project management and evaluation of current practices, then flow into bench scale testing, and finishing out the year with alternative analysis and recommendations based on the success or failures of trial methods implemented.

A motion was made by Taft, seconded by Thomas, that this file be Approved.

[0141-26](#)

Subject: Consideration of Bid Opening Results on Contract W-26-2, 2026 Water Main Replacement - Phase 2

Staff Recommendation: To Approve

Fiscal Note: Lowest Responsive Bid from Earth X, LLC at \$2,692,875.00. Project to be funded through Safe Drinking Water Loan Program loan and principal forgiveness.

The Executive Director of the Water Utility is authorized and directed to execute the contract on behalf of the Water Utility.

A motion was made by Harmon, seconded by Taft, that this file be Approved.

[0142-26](#)

Subject: Consideration of Bid Opening Results on Contract W-26-4, 2026 Water Main Replacement - Phase 4

Staff Recommendation: To Approve

Fiscal Note: Lowest Responsive Bid from Reesman's Excavating & Grading, LLC, at \$1,049,000.00. Project to be funded through reserve funds.

The Executive Director of the Water Utility is authorized and directed to execute the contract on behalf of the Water Utility.

A motion was made by Taft, seconded by Thomas, that this file be Approved.

Adjournment

There being no further business to address, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.