



AGENDA BRIEFING MEMORANDUM

COMMITTEE: Finance & Personnel

AGENDA DATE: July 12, 2021

PREPARED BY: Cara Pratt, Sustainability and Conservation Coordinator

SUBJECT:

Communication sponsored by Alder Taft submitting a Resolution regarding Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse the Lead Service Lateral Replacement Project.

Staff Recommendation to the Finance and Personnel Committee on 07-12-2021: To approve, and that Mayor Mason and the City Clerk be authorized to sign the Resolution regarding Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse the Lead Service Lateral Replacement Project.

Fiscal Note: The Racine Water Utility applied for a Safe Drinking Water Loan through the State of Wisconsin. It may expend up to \$1,610,120 in internal funds through December 10th, 2021 that would be reimbursed by loan funds by the end of 2021.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The City of Racine has received Safe Drinking Water Loans through the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources in the past. This year, the Department of Natural Resources will issue a Financial Assistance Agreement that will make available up to \$1,610,120 in a principal forgiveness loan for lead service lateral replacements, to be used through this year. Current best practice is that the City Finance Department uses funds on hand as needed in order to pay the plumbers for private lead service line replacement until the Safe Drinking Water Loan proceeds become available.

The attached Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse Lead Service Lateral Replacement Project Resolution allows the City to continue this established best practice.

ATTACHMENT: Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse Lead Service Lateral Replacement Project Resolution