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MEMORANDUM

To: Council Legislation Viewer
From: Bernard Lenz - Utility Manage
Date: 08/21/2019
Subject: WWTP Facility Plan and Sanitary Sewer Utility Rate Increase

The Sanitary Sewer Utility has been working on and planning for improvements at the WWTP for several years. These improvements have been driven by State mandates for enhanced phosphorus treatment, capacity needs related to bio-solids, timing (the facility plan is updated every 10 years), age of the plant, and the desire to add sustainability through methane to energy cogeneration with heat recovery/re-use.

A draft Facility Plan and draft Rate Study are completed. The next steps are to implement the first phase of rate increase to ensure the Utility is in sound financial shape for the State Clean Water Fund Grant program (File #19-1269) and to do preliminary engineering to ensure all needs to implement the recommendations in the draft Facility Plan are accounted for (File #19-1268).

The plan is to have a special Common Council meeting on September 18, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. where our engineering consulting firm Donahue and Associates will present the draft Facility Plan and the work needed to make it a Final Facility Plan. Trilogy Consulting LLC will present the Rate Study and phased in rate increase recommended in the plan.

Thus, the Utility is requesting that both resolutions be referred out of F&P on September 5th to the special Common Council meeting on September 18th.

Thank You.