

# Talking Points on Sanitary Sewer Upgrade 10.08.2020

- Facility Plan Approval Complete
  - City Council – Res 20-0509 on 5-14-20
  - WDNR – on 09-29-2020
  - Includes expanded capacity predictions for region
- At the end of Final Design stage
  - Major equipment bids are back and being incorporated into design
  - On-site phosphorus filter test went well
  - Had a 2-day (all day) design review workshop Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Project is on time and in budget
  - \$65 Million is the “not expected to exceed” number (Res 20-0509 on 05-19-2020)
  - Current estimate just under \$65 Million (includes contingency)
    - Basis of Final Rate Study
  - Schedule attached
    - Dates to highlight
      - *Technical Workshop* - Oct 21<sup>st</sup>
      - *Rate public Hearing at F&P* - Nov 5<sup>th</sup>
      - *Council Approval* - Nov 12<sup>th</sup>
      - *Award of Bid* - March 11<sup>th</sup>
      - *Approval of Loan financing* - April 8<sup>th</sup>
- Clean Water Loan Application submitted on 09-30-2020
  - Asking for more than then the \$65 Million in loan application- just in case
  - March 11<sup>th</sup> you will asked to approve the bid amount
  - April 8<sup>th</sup> you will be asked to approve the financing
- Rate Study Report
  - Final numbers from latest estimate and loan being added
    - Consultant has until October 8<sup>th</sup> for final report – on schedule
    - Includes “Rate of Return”
    - We expect to still be one of the lowest rates in the State after the project
  - Proposing new rate increases on Jan 1, 2022 and Jan 1, 2023
    - Delayed the Jan 1 2021 planned increase due to COVID
  - Continuing our efforts for full transparency
    - Invited Partner Communities to Oct 21<sup>st</sup> Technical Workshop #3
      - Invites sent October 2<sup>nd</sup>
      - They will have the new rate study on Oct 9<sup>th</sup>
      - Donohue and Trilogy to present, answer questions, and address concerns.
    - Notified Rates will be in the November council cycle
      - Donohue and Trilogy to present at Public Hear at J&A on November 5th
      - I will send community partners the Rate Resolution and F&P public hearing announcements when released by Clerks office