

UTILITY COMMITTEE
March 5, 2018

PRESENT: Chairperson Turchi, Members Carroll, Hegy, Kohler

ALSO PRESENT: City Administrator Volkert, Utility Director Rhodes, Plant and Collection Systems
Director Piquett, City Engineer Schall

Call to Order – Chairperson Turchi called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Common Council Chambers of Hartford City Hall, 109 North Main Street.

Public Comment Period – None.

Electric Service Interruptions and Water Main Breaks – Utility Director Rhodes mentioned the electric service interruptions that occurred during the past month. There were no water main breaks to report.

Update on Customer-Side Lead Water Service Laterals – Utility Director Rhodes provided an update on some of the new information relating to the proposed Customer-Side Lead Water Service Laterals Program, and responded to questions. It was suggested that information be obtained from other communities as to what they are doing on this issue and brought back to the Committee for consideration.

Primary Underground Cable – The 2018 CIP identifies the North Bookend Project on State Street as a project that will require the purchase of underground primary cable. This cable was competitively bid through WPPI's joint purchasing program and RESCO was awarded the cable contract for 2018.

MOTION by Alderperson Carroll, and seconded by Alderperson Hegy recommending to the Common Council approving the purchase of 15,000 feet of 300 MCM 28kV primary underground cable from RESCO at a cost not to exceed \$69,900. MOTION CARRIED.

Sewer Lateral Replacement Reimbursement Program – The City of Hartford is interested in creating a Sewer Lateral Replacement Fund Policy for the purpose of implementing measures to establish a voluntary incentive based approach encouraging property owners to replace deteriorating private sewer laterals in order to reduce inflow and infiltration into the City's collection system. It's estimated that over 40% of the City's laterals from 1960 or older are likely to have vitrified clay pipe (VCP) which is fragile pipe material that easily cracks or breaks. Broken clay pipe provides entry points for infiltration that eventually will lead to lateral failure causing major issues of concern for the collection system and treatment plant. The proposed policy would help an eligible property owner applicant by reimbursing sewer lateral replacement costs up to 30%, or a maximum of \$3,500, whichever is less. The City will require that to be eligible for reimbursement, the entire sewer lateral must be replaced, both within the public right-of-way and on private property. The City will reserve the right to limit the number of applications approved each year based on available funds in the budget. Each year there will be budgeted an amount of \$35,000 for the Sewer Lateral Replacement Fund. Plant

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and Collection Systems Director Piquett provided information on the program, and responded to questions.

MOTION by Alderperson Carroll, and seconded by Alderperson Kohler recommending to the Common Council a Resolution approving the City of Hartford Sewer Lateral Replacement Fund Policy. MOTION CARRIED.

Adjournment – MOTION by Alderperson Carroll, and seconded by Alderperson Kohler for adjournment. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Hetzel, City Clerk

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