

MAYOR AND COUNCIL

COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2021-05

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR A COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING GRANT FOR THE DOVER WATER QUALITY AND EXPANSION INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, Everyday cities across the country utilize water to operate and provide services to the people to live and work. Of all municipal services, provision of potable water is perhaps the most vital. People depend on water for drinking, cooking, washing, carrying away wastes, and other domestic needs. Commercial and industrial customers rely on water to perform necessary processes for their businesses. Water supply systems must also meet state, local and federal requirements for potable water; and

WHEREAS, The City of Dover Department of Water & Wastewater works diligently to maintain a safe and abundant water supply by meeting the state, local and federal treatment requirements for potable water. The staff completes daily water samples to verify said requirements are met. Staff works with the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control to assure our water allocation levels are sufficient for our customers and future growth; and

WHEREAS, The City of Dover is applying for a Community Project Funding Grant for the Dover Water Quality and Expansion Initiative as this Community Project Funding is made available through the House Committee on Appropriations for community-based projects of genuine need across the United States; and

WHEREAS, The Dover Water Quality and Expansion Initiative is planned for three phases; this important and critical project will improve the current water distribution and increase the capacity of the water system; and

WHEREAS, The first phase will improve the aesthetic quality of its potable water. Due to the combination of the required treatment and the material of the existing water mains, the City occasionally experiences discolored water when delivered to its customers. This project would increase consumer confidence and increase the flow rate of the main, which would increase fire protection capabilities; and

WHEREAS, The second phase pertains to the current water production levels. The City of Dover operates a total of twenty wells for their customers. Each well produces a valuable service to the citizens. This request would be to install a new water production well in Silver Lake Park in the City of Dover. This will provide redundancy with our distribution system, provide increased fire protection if needed and potentially allow economic growth to the capital of the First State; and

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WHEREAS, The third phase relates to current water storage. The City of Dover operates a water distribution system with seven existing elevated water storage tanks throughout the service territory. Unfortunately, there is not an existing tank in the northwest section of the City. This area of the City has lower water pressure than the remainder of Dover. Adding a tank in this area will increase the water pressure and increase fire protection for the citizens of Dover. Additionally, this could potentially allow economic growth to the capital of the First State; and

WHEREAS, Completion of these important projects will improve the water infrastructure for the city of Dover and could generate economic growth in the City in these areas. This project will impact the entire population as well as visitors to the City of Dover; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Dover, Delaware, that the City Manager or his designee be authorized to apply for a Community Project Funding Grant for the Dover Water Quality and Expansion Initiative.

ADOPTED: APRIL 12, 2021

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