

CITY OF BETHLEHEM

DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND SEWER RESOURCES INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Adam Waldron, City Council President

FROM: Edward J. Boscola, P.E., Director of Water and Sewer Resources

RE: Request for Council Resolution
H2O PA Grant Application – Revision

DATE: February 27, 2020

On November 19, 2019, City Council passed Resolution No. 2019-248 in support of a H2O PA Grant application for a project to replace 4,300 ft. of sanitary sewer main along Broadway, Brodhead Avenue, and West Third Street in the City. The grant amount requested was for \$1,750,000. The application is currently under review by PA DCED with a decision expected by July 2020.

DCED's review has identified two items that warrant a revised resolution from City Council: a) an adjustment is needed in the cost estimate to reduce contingency; and b) a larger state match may be available for this project. The matching formula is two-thirds state – one-third city.


As a result of these recalculations, the total revised project cost is estimated to be \$3,214,709 (down from \$3,500,000), however the grant request will now be two-thirds of this new total or \$2,143,246. The attached draft resolution reflects this new grant request amount.

I respectfully ask that the resolution be placed on an upcoming Council meeting agenda in order to meet the filing deadline of March 23, 2020.

Thank you.

Attached – Resolution

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By: 

City of Bethlehem
Resolution 2020-

Be it RESOLVED, that the City of Bethlehem of Lehigh and Northampton Counties hereby requests a H2O PA grant of \$2,143,246 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for replacement of 4,300 feet of sanitary sewer main located in Broadway, Brodhead Avenue, and West Third Street in the City of Bethlehem.

Be it FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Applicant does hereby designate Robert J. Donchez, Mayor, Edward J. Boscola, Director of Water and Sewer Resources, and George Yasso, City Controller, as the officials to execute all documents and agreements between the City of Bethlehem and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant.

I, the duly qualified Clerk of Council of the City of Bethlehem of Lehigh and Northampton Counties, PA, hereby certify that the forgoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of the Council of the City of Bethlehem at a regular meeting held on _____, 2020 and said Resolution has been recorded in the Minutes of the Council of the City of Bethlehem and remains in effect as of this date.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I affix my hand and attach the seal of the City of Bethlehem, this ____ day of _____, 2020.

Sponsored by /s/ _____

/s/ _____

ADOPTED by Council this the _____ day of _____, 2020.

/s/ _____

President of Council

ATTEST:

/s/ _____

City Clerk