

RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE ACTIONS OF THE GENERAL MANAGER IN DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING, AND SOLICITING INFORMAL COMPETITIVE BIDS; AND AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO RECEIVE AND OPEN BIDS AND TO AWARD AND APPROVE CONTRACTS WITH THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDERS, NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000,000 PER CONTRACT, FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF EMERGENCY WATERLINE AND WATER SERVICE REPAIRS TO ADDRESS THE ONGOING DISCOVERY OF AN EXTRAORDINARILY HIGH NUMBER OF LEAKS AND BREAKS FROM THE EXTREME WINTER WEATHER; AND DIRECTING THE GENERAL MANAGER OR DESIGNEE TO PREPARE SPECIFICATIONS TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR ANNUAL ON-CALL CONTRACTS FOR WATERLINE AND WATER SERVICE REPAIRS.

WHEREAS, The City of Oklahoma City (City) owns and operates, and the Oklahoma City Water Utilities Trust (OCWUT) leases and finances the Oklahoma City water and wastewater systems; and

WHEREAS, this past winter, central Oklahoma had an extended stretch of extreme cold dry weather; and

WHEREAS, the extreme weather caused a surge in the number of waterline and water service leaks and breaks; and

WHEREAS, waterline leaks and breaks cause damage to City and OCWUT assets, private and public property, waste of water resources, loss of water pressure, and reduced firefighting capacity and protection; and

WHEREAS, on January 14, 2025, OCWUT ratified the actions of the General Manager in declaring an emergency and approving bidding documents to award Pricing Agreements with Cimarron Construction Company, LLC (OCWUT00091) and Southwest Water Works, LLC (OCWUT00092) to perform repair services on approximately 200 waterline leaks in the Oklahoma City water system which required immediate repair to stop or reduce water loss and damage to City and/or private property for an estimated cost of \$1,000,000; and

WHEREAS, due to the extensive nature of the waterline breaks, additional funding was necessary to address the remaining 200 waterline leaks; and

WHEREAS, on February 11, 2025, OCWUT approved an increase in funding from \$1,000,000 to \$2,500,000; and

WHEREAS, over the past several months, Utilities staff has had an additional 300 reported waterline leaks and breaks in the Oklahoma City water system; and

WHEREAS, the ongoing discovery of additional waterline leaks and breaks continues to rise at a rate that is beyond the resources of the Utilities staff, thereby creating an emergency need for additional waterline repair services; and

WHEREAS, the General Manager declared an emergency to exist; and

WHEREAS, the General Manager waived competitive bidding and solicited informal competitive bids from prequalified bidders for waterline and water service repair contracts, each with a not to exceed amount of \$2,000,000; and

WHEREAS, this amount is estimated to be sufficient for performing 200 work orders addressing the emergency, pending the formal competitive bidding of an annual on-call contract for future waterline and water service repairs, as needed; and

WHEREAS, staff has begun drafting specifications for the solicitation of annual on-call waterline repair contracts, which will be formally competitively bid and awarded.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Trustees of the Oklahoma City Water Utilities Trust that they do hereby ratify the actions of the General Manager in declaring an emergency, waiving competitive bidding, and soliciting informal competitive bids; and authorize the General Manager or designee to receive and open bids and to award and approve contracts with the lowest responsible bidders, not to exceed \$2,000,000 per contract, for the performance of emergency waterline and water service repairs to address the ongoing discovery of an extraordinarily high number of leaks and breaks from the extreme winter weather; and direct the General Manager or designee to prepare specifications to advertise for bids for annual on-call contracts for waterline and water service repairs.

ADOPTED by the Trustees and signed by the Chairman of the Oklahoma City Water Utilities Trust this 8TH day of APRIL, 2025.

ATTEST:

**OKLAHOMA CITY WATER
UTILITIES TRUST**

Amy K. Simpson
SECRETARY



Joe C. Cook
CHAIRMAN

CONCURRED by the City Council and signed by the Mayor of The City of Oklahoma City this 22ND day of APRIL, 2025.

ATTEST:

THE CITY OF OKLAHOMA CITY

Amy K. Simpson
CITY CLERK



Daniel Holt
MAYOR

REVIEWED for form and legality.

Frank Green
ASSISTANT MUNICIPAL COUNSELOR