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To the Honorable, the Common Council

Subject: Review of the Financial Condition of the Sewerage System

Dear Council Members:

The Department of Public Works is submitting a "Statement of Mid-Year Review for Financial Condition" of the Sewer Maintenance Fund as required by the Sewerage System Revenue Bonds Master Resolution, Article VIII, section 8.02, adopted August, 2001, and the second lien resolution, section 11, adopted by the City of Milwaukee on June 20, 2006.

The analysis covers the current year, 2024, and the requested budget for 2025. The data for the current year covers actual revenue and actual expenditures through May, plus an estimate for revenue and expenditures through the end of the current year. The 2025 requested budget was used for the projected year 2025.

The estimated debt service coverage of 3.81 for 2024 and 3.72 for 2025 exceeds the minimum requirement of 1.20 for the senior bonds. The estimated debt service coverage of 1.84 for 2024 and 1.71 for 2025 exceeds the requirement of 1.20 for the second lien debt.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact Dennis Ancevic at (414) 286-3415.

Sincerely,

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City Engineer

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Attachments

c: Bill Christianson, Comptroller, City of Milwaukee  
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SEWER MAINTENANCE FUND  
STATEMENT OF MIDYEAR REVIEW OF FINANCIAL CONDITION  
CURRENT YEAR 2024  
PROJECTED YEAR 2025  
**AS OF JUNE 28, 2024**

	2024 <sup>(A)</sup>	2025 <sup>(D)</sup>
Operating Revenues:		
Sewer Maintenance Fees <sup>(B)</sup>	\$ 32,819,000	\$ 33,473,100
Stormwater Fees <sup>(B)</sup>	40,934,000	40,608,900
Sewer Maint-Non City Service	32,000	31,800
Interest Income	325,000	527,400
Sewer User Penalties	621,000	619,100
Water Sales Penalties	1,047,000	1,030,700
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Total Revenues	\$ 75,778,000	\$ 76,291,000
Operating Expenditures:		
Contractual Expenses	\$ 7,507,700	\$ 7,376,700
Salaries and Wages	6,701,942 <sup>(C)</sup>	7,429,614
Employee Benefits	4,356,236	5,572,210
Equipment	26,000	30,000
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Total Expenses	\$ 18,591,878	\$ 20,408,524
Net Revenues Available for Senior Debt Service	\$ 57,186,122	\$ 55,882,476
Senior Bonds Maximum Annual Debt Service <sup>(E)</sup>	\$ 15,016,675	\$ 15,016,675
Senior Bonds Debt Service Coverage <sup>(F)</sup>	<b>3.81</b>	<b>3.72</b>
Senior Bonds Minimum Required Coverage <sup>(G)</sup>	1.20	1.20
Pass Senior Bonds Debt Service Coverage Test	yes	yes
Second Lien Revenues <sup>(H)</sup>	57,186,122	55,882,476
Second Lien and Senior Lien Debt Service <sup>(I)</sup>	31,092,651	32,736,216
Second Lien Debt Service Coverage <sup>(J)</sup>	<b>1.84</b>	<b>1.71</b>
Second Lien Revenue Requirement <sup>(K)</sup>	1.20	1.20
Pass Second Lien Rate Covenant	yes	yes

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Notes to the Statement of Midyear Review of Financial Condition

(A) Current year 2024

Revenue data includes five months of actual revenue (January - May 2024) and estimated revenue through year-end. Operating Expenditures data includes five months of actual expenses (January - May 2024) and estimated expenses through year-end. Projections are based on current year trends and historical trends.

(B) Operating Revenues – Sewer Maintenance Fee and Storm Water Fee

The 2024 Sewer Fee is calculated at the current rate of \$1.68 per CcF (hundred cubic feet) of sanitary sewer consumption, which is based on the amount of metered tap water. The 2024 Storm Water Fee is based on the amount of impervious surface (areas that do not allow storm water to penetrate into the soil). Each residential property is assumed to be 1 ERU (Equivalent Residential Unit) of 1,610 sq ft. Non-residential properties are assigned ERUs by dividing their actual impervious surface areas by 1,610 sq ft. Each ERU is charged \$24.60 in 2024. The rates for the 2025 Sewer Maintenance Fee and the 2025 Storm Water Fee have not been determined at the time of this report. 2024 rates were used for the 2025 estimates.

(C) Salaries and Wages 2024

Salaries and Fringes are actual cost through pay period 11. The 2024 projection assumes current spending levels through year-end. Employee benefits include an estimate for other post employment benefits. No cost of living increase was included in the calculation.

(D) Budget Year 2025

The expenditure data for 2025 is based on the fund's 2025 requested budget. The 2025 figures are subject to change in the final adopted budget by the Common Council and Mayor in November 2024. The current Salary and Wage Rate Schedule was used for determining the amounts to be included in the 2025 budget request. Two Sewer Operations Supervisor positions were added to better manage field staff including many recently hired laborers. This is offset by eliminating one Sewer Crew Leader and one Sewer Repair Worker 1. Additionally, the Sewer Intern position was reduced from 1.0 FTE each to 0.5 FTE each to more accurately reflect the intern position, resulting in a reduction of one FTE.

(E) Senior Bonds Maximum Annual Debt Service

Includes bonds issued in 2013, 2016, and 2021.

(F) Debt Service Coverage

Net Revenues Available for Debt Service divided by Maximum Annual Debt Service.

(G) Senior Bonds Minimum Required Coverage

Required by the Master Resolution, section 8.02, adopted by the City on August 2, 2001.

(H) Second Lien Revenues

Same as Net Revenues Available for Senior Debt Service.

(I) Second Lien and Senior Lien Debt Service

Debt issued through June 1, 2024. Assumes \$20 million of second lien debt issued by March 1, 2025 at a rate of 3.00%.

(J) Second Lien Debt Service Coverage

Second Lien Revenues divided by Second Lien and Senior Lien Debt Service.

(K) Second Lien Revenue Requirement

Required by the Second Lien Resolution, Section 11, adopted by the City on June 20, 2006.