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THE CHAIR

Resolution authorizing the Milwaukee Water Works to request a water rate adjustment from the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin.

This resolution authorizes and directs the Milwaukee Water Works to begin drafting documents required by the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin to request a water rate adjustment and engage stakeholders with the objective of identifying and resolving potential issues. This resolution further directs the Milwaukee Water Works to develop water rate adjustments and present to the Public Service Commission.

Whereas, The Milwaukee Water Works (MWW) has identified and communicated to the Common Council the need for regular water rate adjustments to support ongoing capital investment and plant quality; and

Whereas, MWW has engaged Trilogy Consulting, LLC, experts in the field of municipal water utility ratemaking, to assess MWW's existing water rates and fees and prepare documentation for rate adjustments for MWW; and

Whereas, MWW has received direction from the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC) that to initiate the rate adjustment process, MWW will be required to submit a complete package consisting of the rate

application, the revenue requirement, the cost of service study, and the proposed rate design; and

Whereas, Preparation of these components will be an iterative process with multiple decision points affecting the outcome, which is a rate design that assures appropriate revenue for the utility with reasonable cost to ratepayers; and

Whereas, MWW has discussed demand data with major customers to resolve potential issues in advance of the rate filing; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, That the Milwaukee Water Works is directed to proceed with the drafting of documents required by the PSC to request a water rate adjustment and to reach out to stakeholders with the objective of identifying and resolving potential issues which could otherwise lengthen the rate case process to the detriment of MWW and; be it

Further Resolved, That the Milwaukee Water Works, in coordination with its consultant and Public Service Commission staff, develop proposed water rate adjustments, including information on rate design and impact to ratepayers and; be it

Further Resolved, That the Milwaukee Water Works shall communicate to the Common Council of the City Milwaukee such information on rate design and impact to ratepayers during the rate adjustment proceeding.

Department of Public Works
Milwaukee Water Works

Administration
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June 29, 2021