TO: Mayor and Council

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SUBJECT: April 15, 2024 Council Agenda Response Memo

DATE: April 11, 2024

CA-3 – Resolution to Approve a Cooperative Agreement with the County of Washtenaw and Grant $200,000.00 to the County to Expand Weatherization Assistance Programs in the City

Question: Will the weatherization pilot be for households citywide? Will OSI be accepting applications for participants for the pilot or will it be run by the County? (Councilmember Disch)

Response: Yes, applications for the pilot will be accepted from income qualified households from across the city. The intent, however, is to grow the program throughout the entire County. In terms of administration and application evaluation, that will be handled by the County through their existing weatherization intake process.

C-1 – An Ordinance to Amend Section 2:63 of Chapter 29 (Water Rates) of Title II of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor

Question: What is the percentage increase for water rates? (Councilmember Disch)

Response: The percentage increase for Water Rates is 6%.

C-2 - **An Ordinance to Amend Section 2:69 of Chapter 29 (Stormwater Rates) of Title II of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor**

Question: What is the percentage increase for stormwater fees? (Councilmember Disch)

Response: The percentage increase for the Stormwater Rates is 3% of the stormwater discharge fee based on impervious surface and 2% for the customer charge.

Question: The rationale for this increase notes that, "the cost to operate, maintain, repair and replace the system has increased over time due to the increase in precipitation, *as well as increased development and impervious surface in the Cit*y." Typically, new commercial and residential (both single and muti-family) development results in upgrading stormwater management to meet new, stricter standards and/or building stormwater infrastructure where none previously existed. Should the second half of the previous sentence (in italics) be interpreted to mean that these stormwater improvements are not sufficient to offset the effects of new development on the system? Please explain further. (Councilmember Disch)

Response: No, the City's Unified Development Code contains on-site stormwater requirements for new development, but even when those requirements are met, most properties discharge stormwater to the City's system and are charged quarterly for their use of the system based on their impervious area. The City regularly reviews and adjusts its rates to ensure they are sufficient to satisfy the projected cost of providing the desired level of stormwater utility service and that those costs are allocated equitably to customers. The City's stormwater rates are set based on many projected costs and other factors including operations and maintenance costs, capital improvement costs, regulatory compliance costs, customer growth through increased impervious surface, green infrastructure needs, improving and ensuring system resiliency, climate change impacts, and other factors.

C-3 – **An Ordinance to Amend Section 2:64 of Chapter 29 (Sewer Rates) of Title II of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor**

Question: What is the percentage increase for sewer fees? (Councilmember Disch)

Response: The percentage increase for Sewer Rates 3%.

C-4 – **An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 55 (Zoning), Rezoning of 0.65 Acre from TWP (Township District) to R1D (Single-Family District), 3701-3713 Riverside Drive, (CPC Recommendation: Approval - 9 Yeas and 0 Nays)**

Question: Is it known whether existing water and sewer services are adequate to support R1D zoning on this .75 acre parcel? (Councilmember Disch)

Response: There is no water or storm sewer service provided to this area. Sanitary sewer service is provided to the area.