



Public Works Agenda Item

Meeting Date:	July 11, 2023
Agenda Item:	4c. Northside Water Main Special Assessment
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BACKGROUND

(Enter the who, what when, where, why)

Johns Disposal has made a request for water main to be extended to their property. The request is based on an order from the DNR due to arsenic contamination and also the need for fire protection. When water main is extended, property owners typically pay for the extension through a special assessment. The project consists of approximately 2,050 feet of 12 inch water main. Assessments are based on an 8" main. To serve Johns Disposal, water main needs to be installed across WE Energies property. After discussions with City Attorney (at the time) Wally McDonell, we don't believe it is "fair" to assess WE Energies. They paid 100% for the prior extension to their facility. Also, we don't believe it is "fair" to assess Johns Disposal or the Wastewater Facility for the extension across WE Energies property. Therefore, the Water Utility would pay for that portion of the extension. Johns Disposal and the Wastewater Facility will each pay 50% of the remaining costs, based on an 8 inch water main.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS – COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

(Dates, committees, action taken)

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT

(If none, state N/A)

The estimated breakdown is as follows:

Water Utility: responsible for the water across WE Energies. Estimated at \$170,210

Johns: responsible for 50% of the remaining extension. Estimated, using an 8" cost factor, at \$83,285

Wastewater: responsible for 50% of the remaining extension. Estimated, using an 8" cost factor, at \$83,285

Water Utility: responsible for the difference between 8" and 12". Estimated at \$23,220.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends moving forward with the above cost allocations and to obtain waivers for the special assessments from Johns Disposal and the Wastewater Facility. Additionally, staff is recommending that payments be allowed in equal installments over five years with no interest.

ATTACHMENT(S) INCLUDED

(If none, state N/A)

1. Waiver
