KING COUNTY

## Signature Report

Ordinance 19623

Proposed No. 2023-0172.1
Sponsors McDermott

AN ORDINANCE relating to rates and charges for sewage treatment and disposal; and amending Ordinance 12353, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.670.100, Ordinance 18745, Section 2, and Ordinance 11398, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 28.84.055.

## BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1. Ordinance 12353, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 4A.670.100 are hereby amended to read as follows:
A. Having determined the monetary requirements for the disposal of sewage, the council hereby adopts a ((2023)) $\underline{2024}$ sewer rate of ((fifty-twe))) fifty-five dollars and eleven cents per residential customer equivalent per month. Once a sewer rate ordinance becomes effective, the clerk of the council is directed to deliver a copy of that ordinance to each agency having an agreement for sewage disposal with King County.
B. The King County council approves the application of Statement No. 62 of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB-62) as it pertains to regulatory assets and liabilities to treat pollution remediation obligations and RainWise Program expenditures and strategic planning costs as regulatory assets, recovered ratably over the life of the underlying financing, and to establish a rate stabilization reserve for the purpose of leveling rates between years.
C. As required for GASB-62 application, amounts are to be placed in the rate stabilization reserve from operating revenues and removed from the calculation of debt service coverage. The reserve balance shall be an amount at least sufficient to maintain a level sewer rate between 2023 and 2024, and shall be used solely for the purposes of: maintaining the level sewer rate in 2024 ; and if additional reserve balance is available, moderating future rate increases beyond 2024. The estimated amount of the reserve, as shown in the financial forecast, Attachment A to ((Ordinance 19447)) this ordinance, shall be revised in accordance with the 2023-2024 Biennial Budget Ordinance and financial plan. If the reserve needs to be reduced to meet debt service coverage requirements for ((2022)) $\underline{2023}$, the county executive shall notify the council of the change by providing an updated financial plan.

SECTION 2. Ordinance 18745, Section 2, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Monetary requirements for the disposal of sewage as defined by contract with the component sewer agencies for the fiscal year beginning January 1, ((2023)) 2024, and ending December 31, ((2023)) 2024. The council hereby determines the monetary requirements for the disposal of sewage as follows:

Administration, operating, maintenance repair and replacement (net of other income): ((\$73,541,834)) \$76,762,508.

Establishment and maintenance of necessary working capital reserves: ((\$112,291,106)) \$151,283,097.

Requirements of revenue bond resolutions (not included in above items and net of interest income): ((\$289,269,486)) \$285,003,893.

TOTAL: $((\$ 475,102,427)) \$ 513,049,498$.
SECTION 3. Ordinance 11398, Section 1, as amended, and K.C.C. 28.84 .055 are hereby amended as follows:
A. The amount of the metropolitan sewage facility capacity charge adopted by K.C.C. 28.84.050.O. that is charged monthly for fifteen years per residential customer or residential customer equivalent shall be:

1. Seven dollars for sewer connections occurring between and including January 1, 1994, and December 31, 1997;
2. Ten dollars and fifty cents for sewer connections occurring between and including January 1, 1998, and December 31, 2001;
3. Seventeen dollars and twenty cents for sewer connections occurring between and including January 1, 2002, and December 31, 2002;
4. Seventeen dollars and sixty cents for sewer connections occurring between and including January 1, 2003, and December 31, 2003;
5. Eighteen dollars for sewer connections occurring between and including January 1, 2004, and December 31, 2004;
6. Thirty-four dollars and five cents for sewer connections occurring between and including January 1, 2005, and December 31, 2006;
7. Forty-two dollars for sewer connections occurring between and including January 1, 2007, and December 31, 2007;
8. Forty-six dollars and twenty-five cents for sewer connections occurring between and including January 1, 2008, and December 31, 2008;
9. Forty-seven dollars and sixty-four cents for sewer connections occurring between and including January 1, 2009, and December 31, 2009;
10. Forty-nine dollars and seven cents for sewer connections occurring between and including January 1, 2010, and December 31, 2010;
11. Fifty dollars and forty-five cents for sewer connections occurring between and including January 1, 2011, and December 31, 2011;
12. Fifty-one dollars and ninety-five cents for sewer connections occurring between and including January 1, 2012, and December 31, 2012;
13. Fifty-three dollars and fifty cents for sewer connections occurring between and including January 1, 2013, and December 31, 2013;
14. Fifty-five dollars and thirty-five cents for sewer connections occurring between and including January 1, 2014, and December 31, 2014;
15. Fifty-seven dollars for sewer connections occurring between and including January 1, 2015, and December 31, 2015;
16. Fifty-eight dollars and seventy cents for sewer connections occurring between and including January 1, 2016, and December 31, 2016;
17. Sixty dollars and eighty cents for sewer connections occurring between and including January 1, 2017, and December 31, 2017;
18. Sixty-two dollars and sixty cents for sewer connections occurring between and including January 1, 2018, and December 31, 2018;
19. Sixty-four dollars and fifty cents for sewer connections occurring between and including January 1, 2019, and December 31, 2019;
20. Sixty-six dollars and thirty-five cents for sewer connections occurring between and including January 1, 2020, and December 31, 2020;
21. Sixty-eight dollars and thirty-four cents for sewer connections occurring between and including January 1, 2021, and December 31, 2021;
22. Seventy dollars and thirty-nine cents for sewer connections occurring between and including January 1, 2022, and December 31, 2022; ((and))
23. Seventy-two dollars and fifty cents for sewer connections occurring between and including January 1, 2023, and December 31, 2023; and
24. Seventy-four dollars and twenty-three cents for sewer connections occurring between and including January 1, 2024, and December 31, 2024.
B.1. In accordance with adopted policy FP-15.3.d. in the Regional Wastewater Services Plan, K.C.C. 28.86 .160 .C., it is the council's intent to base the capacity charge upon the costs, customer growth and related financial assumptions used in the Regional Wastewater Services Plan.
25. In accordance with adopted policy FP- 6 in the Regional Wastewater Services Plan, K.C.C. 28.86.160.C., the council hereby approves the cash balance and reserves as contained in the attached financial plan for ((2023)) 2024, which is Attachment A to ((Ordinance 19447)) this ordinance.
26. In accordance with adopted policy FP-15.3.c., King County shall pursue changes in state legislation to enable the county to require payment of the capacity charge
in a single payment, while preserving the option for new ratepayers to finance the capacity charge.

Ordinance 19623 was introduced on 5/2/2023 and passed by the Metropolitan King County Council on $6 / 6 / 2023$, by the following vote:

Yes: 8 - Balducci, Dembowski, Kohl-Welles, Perry, McDermott, Upthegrove, von Reichbauer and Zahilay No: 1 - Dunn

KING COUNTY COUNCIL KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON


Dave Upthegrove, Chair
ATTEST:


Melani Pedroza, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this $\qquad$ day of 6/14/2023 $\qquad$ -.


Dow Constantine, County Executive

Attachments: A. Wastewater Treatment Division Financial Forecast

| Wastewater Treatment Division | Actual | Budget |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Attachment A - Financial Forecast | 2022 | 2023 |


| Operating Financial Forecast - 4611 (\$ '000) |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Monthly Sewer Rate |  | \$49.27 |  | \$52.11 |
| Rate Increase |  | 4.01\% |  | 5.76\% |
| Residential Customer Equivalents (RCEs) |  | 748,808 |  | 764,063 |
| Revenue |  | 10.4\% |  |  |
| Sewer Rate | \$ | 442,908 | \$ | 477,784 |
| Capacity Charge |  | 98,208 |  | 94,799 |
| Industrial Waste |  | 10,485 |  | 10,539 |
| Resource Recovery |  | 11,743 |  | 8,639 |
| Other Income |  | 5,659 |  | 4,509 |
| Investment Income |  | 6,542 |  | 14,015 |
| Use (Transfer to) Rate Stabilization Reserve |  | - |  |  |
| Total-Revenue | \$ | 575,545 | \$ | 610,285 |
| Expenditures \& Transfers |  |  |  |  |
| O\&M Expenses | \$ | $(174,128)$ | \$ | $(193,913)$ |
| Existing Debt Service |  | $(248,013)$ |  | $(258,355)$ |
| New Debt Service |  | - |  | $(8,798)$ |
| Debt Retirement/ Defeasance Use of Cash |  | - |  | - |
| Minimum Operating Reserve Contribution |  | $(1,841)$ |  | $(1,755)$ |
| Total - Expenditures \& Transfers | \$ | $(423,982)$ | \$ | $(462,822)$ |
| Net Cash Flow | \$ | 151,563 | \$ | 147,463 |
| Beginning Balance | \$ | 73,154 | \$ | 42,431 |
| Net Cash Flow |  | 151,563 |  | 147,463 |
| Policy Cash-Funded Capital (Transfer to Capital Fund) ${ }^{1}$ |  | $(166,800)$ |  | $(189,893)$ |
| Ending Balance | \$ | 57,917 | \$ | - |
| Ending Reserve Balances |  |  |  |  |
| Water Quality Operating Liquidity Reserve | \$ | 17,413 | \$ | 19,391 |
| Rate Stabilization Reserve Account | \$ | 46,250 | \$ | 46,250 |
| Debt Service Coverage - Parity Bonds (Senior Lien) |  | 2.84x |  | 2.90x |
| Debt Service Coverage - All-In Debt Service |  | 1.62x |  | 1.56x |
| ${ }^{1}$ Includes target original cost depreciation capital funding from rates, plus excess transfer from the |  |  |  |  |


| Capital Funding Forecast - 3611 \& 3612 (\$ '000) |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Beginning Balance | $\$$ | 233,909 | $\$$ |
| WIFIA Proceeds |  | - | 201,482 |
| State Loan Proceeds | 44,872 | 155,148 |  |
| Variable Rate Debt Proceeds | - | - |  |
| Commercial Paper / Interim Financing | 31,400 | 53,313 |  |
| Retirement of Interim Financing | $(38,500)$ | $(81,615)$ |  |
| Net Bond Proceeds | - | - |  |
| Debt Reserve Contribution/(Requirement) | 460 | 459 |  |
| Grants, Settlements, and Other | 2,612 | - |  |


| Capital Expenditures |  | $\mathbf{( 2 5 8 , 6 1 8 )}$ | $\mathbf{( 3 1 5 , 9 4 9 )}$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Ending Balance Before Transfers | $\$$ | 16,135 | $\$$ |
| Year-end Transfers from Operating Fund | 166,800 | 57,438 |  |
| Ending Balance | $\mathbf{\$}$ | 182,935 | $\$$ |
| Ending Reserve Balances |  | 247,331 |  |
| Capital Liquidity Reserve |  |  |  |
| Emergency Capital Reserve | 15,000 | 5,000 |  |
| Revenue Bonds Reserve Account |  | 128,000 |  |
| State Revolving Fund Reserve Account | 981 | 126,412 |  |
|  |  | 981 |  |

Note: Bond covenants are written to allow that in any given year, use of the Rates Stabilization Re basis for calculating bond coverage. This allows WTD to use reserves to smooth rate increases and

|  | Rate Proposal |  | Projected |  | Projected |  | Projected |  | Projected |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2024 |  | 2025 |  | 2026 |  | 2027 |  | 2028 |
|  | \$55.11 |  | \$58.28 |  | \$61.64 |  | \$65.65 |  | \$69.92 |
|  | 5.75\% |  | 5.75\% |  | 5.75\% |  | 6.50\% |  | 6.50\% |
|  | 775,796 |  | 784,843 |  | 789,766 |  | 794,697 |  | 799,637 |
| \$ | 513,049 | \$ | 548,888 | \$ | 584,174 | \$ | 626,062 | \$ | 670,928 |
|  | 97,643 |  | 102,525 |  | 107,651 |  | 113,034 |  | 118,686 |
|  | 10,594 |  | 10,649 |  | 10,704 |  | 10,759 |  | 10,815 |
|  | 8,689 |  | 2,769 |  | 2,852 |  | 2,938 |  | 3,026 |
|  | 4,520 |  | 4,531 |  | 4,543 |  | 4,556 |  | 4,568 |
|  | 15,843 |  | 15,412 |  | 15,937 |  | 16,172 |  | 17,063 |
|  | - |  | - |  | - |  | - |  | - |
| \$ | 650,337 | \$ | 684,774 | \$ | 725,862 | \$ | 773,521 | \$ | 825,086 |
| \$ | $(198,208)$ | \$ | $(210,585)$ | \$ | $(220,869)$ | \$ | $(231,399)$ | \$ | $(242,439)$ |
|  | $(250,513)$ |  | $(247,854)$ |  | $(258,357)$ |  | $(254,791)$ |  | $(255,483)$ |
|  | $(11,093)$ |  | $(26,442)$ |  | $(44,855)$ |  | $(67,493)$ |  | $(97,099)$ |
|  | - |  | - |  | - |  | - |  | - |
|  | (429) |  | $(1,238)$ |  | $(1,028)$ |  | $(1,053)$ |  | $(1,104)$ |
| \$ | $(460,243)$ | \$ | $(486,120)$ | \$ | $(525,110)$ | \$ | $(554,736)$ | \$ | $(596,125)$ |
| \$ | 190,094 | \$ | 198,654 | \$ | 200,752 | \$ | 218,785 | \$ | 228,961 |
| \$ |  | \$ |  | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | - |
|  | $190,094$ |  | $198,654$ |  | $200,752$ |  | $218,785$ |  | $228,961$ |
| \$ | $(190,094)$ | \$ | $(198,654)$ | \$ | $(200,752)$ | \$ | $(218,785)$ | \$ | $(228,961)$ |
| \$ | 19,821 | \$ | 21,059 | \$ | 22,087 | \$ | 23,140 | \$ | 24,244 |
| \$ | 46,250 | \$ | 46,250 | \$ | 46,250 | \$ | 46,250 | \$ | 46,250 |
|  | 3.07x |  | $3.16 x$ |  | $2.84 x$ |  | $2.75 x$ |  | 2.55x |
|  | 1.73x |  | 1.73x |  | 1.67x |  | 1.68x |  | 1.65x |

2 operating reserve in 2022

| $\$ 247,331$ | $\$$ | 190,094 | $\$$ | 198,654 | $\$$ | 200,752 | $\$$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| - | - | 96,845 | - | 218,785 |  |  |  |
| 34,747 | - | - | - | - |  |  |  |
|  | - | 15,974 | 25,690 | 37,495 | 51,594 |  |  |
| 27,162 | 19,122 | 12,595 | - | - |  |  |  |
| $(8,747)$ | - | $(93,931)$ | - | - |  |  |  |
| 24,827 | 181,158 | 229,124 | 295,683 | 385,666 |  |  |  |
| 2,352 | - | - | - | - |  |  |  |


| $(327,672)$ |  |  | $(406,350)$ |  | $(468,977)$ |  | $(533,930)$ |  | $(656,046)$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | - |
|  | 190,094 |  | 198,654 |  | 200,752 |  | 218,785 |  | 228,961 |
| \$ | 190,094 | \$ | 198,654 | \$ | 200,752 | \$ | 218,785 | \$ | 228,961 |
|  | 5,000 |  | 5,000 |  | 5,000 |  | 5,000 |  | 5,000 |
|  | 15,000 |  | 15,000 |  | 15,000 |  | 15,000 |  | 15,000 |
|  | 128,043 |  | 140,004 |  | 159,995 |  | 180,735 |  | 207,437 |
|  | 219 |  | 219 |  | 176 |  | 133 |  | 133 |

serve can be recognized as revenue eligible for inclusion in the bond coverage calculation. In ye: I otherwise manage rate levels without compromising the ability to meet annual bond coverage

|  | Projected |  | Projected |  | Projected |  | Projected |  | Projected |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2029 |  | 2030 |  | 2031 |  | 2032 |  | 2033 |
|  | \$74.47 |  | \$79.69 |  | \$85.27 |  | \$91.24 |  | \$97.63 |
|  | 6.50\% |  | 7.00\% |  | 7.00\% |  | 7.00\% |  | 7.00\% |
|  | 804,586 |  | 809,543 |  | 814,509 |  | 819,485 |  | 824,468 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 4.8\% |
| \$ | 719,010 | \$ | 774,150 | \$ | 833,439 | \$ | 897,237 | \$ | 965,914 |
|  | 124,620 |  | 130,851 |  | 137,393 |  | 144,263 |  | 151,476 |
|  | 10,871 |  | 10,928 |  | 10,984 |  | 11,042 |  | 11,099 |
|  | 3,117 |  | 3,210 |  | 3,307 |  | 3,406 |  | 3,508 |
|  | 4,581 |  | 4,595 |  | 4,609 |  | 4,623 |  | 4,638 |
|  | 18,007 |  | 19,157 |  | 20,190 |  | 21,596 |  | 22,914 |
| \$ | 880,206 | \$ | 942,891 | \$ | 1,009,922 | \$ | 1,082,166 | \$ | 1,159,550 |
| \$ | $(254,016)$ | \$ | $(266,155)$ | \$ | $(278,885)$ | \$ | $(292,234)$ | \$ | $(306,330)$ |
|  | $(252,286)$ |  | $(260,636)$ |  | $(259,775)$ |  | $(266,450)$ |  | $(255,740)$ |
|  | $(136,574)$ |  | $(182,436)$ |  | $(228,691)$ |  | $(269,904)$ |  | $(308,639)$ |
|  | - |  | - |  | - |  | - |  | - |
|  | $(1,158)$ |  | $(1,214)$ |  | $(1,273)$ |  | $(1,335)$ |  | $(1,410)$ |
| \$ | $(644,033)$ | \$ | $(710,442)$ | \$ | $(768,625)$ | \$ | $(829,922)$ | \$ | $(872,119)$ |
| \$ | 236,173 | \$ | 232,449 | \$ | 241,297 | \$ | 252,244 | \$ | 287,430 |
| \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ |  |
|  | $\begin{gathered} 236,173 \\ (236,173) \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} 232,449 \\ (232,449) \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} 241,297 \\ (241,297) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} 252,244 \\ (252,244) \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} 287,430 \\ (287,430) \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |
| \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | - |
| \$ | 25,402 | \$ | 26,616 | \$ | 27,889 | \$ | 29,223 | \$ | 30,633 |
|  | 46,250 | \$ | 46,250 | \$ | 46,250 | \$ | 46,250 | \$ | 46,250 |
|  | 2.62x |  | 2.29x |  | 2.12x |  | 2.03x |  | 2.01x |
|  | 1.61x |  | 1.53x |  | 1.50x |  | 1.47x |  | 1.51x |
| \$ | 228,961 | \$ | 236,173 | \$ | 232,449 | \$ | 241,297 | \$ | 252,244 |
|  | - |  | - |  | - |  | - |  | - |
|  | 67,370 |  | 90,548 |  | 106,231 |  | 110,163 |  | 106,730 |
|  | - |  | - |  | - |  | - |  | - |
|  | - |  | - |  | - |  | - |  | - |
|  | 508,943 |  | 584,996 |  | 585,100 |  | 502,747 |  | 496,941 |
|  | - |  |  |  | - |  | - |  | - |
|  | - |  | - |  | - |  | - |  | - |


| $(805,273)$ |  |  | $(911,717)$ |  | $(923,780)$ |  | $(854,208)$ |  | $(855,914)$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | - | \$ | - |
|  | 236,173 |  | 232,449 |  | 241,297 |  | 252,244 |  | 287,430 |
| \$ | 236,173 | \$ | 232,449 | \$ | 241,297 | \$ | 252,244 | \$ | 287,430 |
|  | 5,000 |  | 5,000 |  | 5,000 |  | 5,000 |  | 5,000 |
|  | 15,000 |  | 15,000 |  | 15,000 |  | 15,000 |  | 15,000 |
|  | 242,633 |  | 283,385 |  | 324,504 |  | 360,237 |  | 395,238 |
|  | 133 |  | 68 |  | - |  | - |  | - |

ars that WTD contributes to this reserve, that portion of revenue is deducted from the revenue targets.

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