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TO: Susan Como, City Manager

FROM: James Kowalski, Director of Public Services *J.K.*

DATE: February 17, 2026

SUBJECT: Recommendation – Additional Water Main and Sewer Repairs and Water Service Line Replacements

Earlier this fiscal year, the City of Grosse Pointe Woods had seven residential water samples test above the allowable lead action levels. As a result, the City was placed into an exceedance as a community. In order to immediately mitigate the situation, the City contracted with Fontana Construction to replace the lead service lines at all seven addresses.

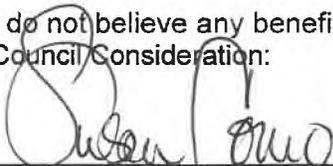
Following public notification of the exceedance, the department received a significant number of calls from residents with known or suspected lead lines requesting replacement as soon as possible. In response to these concerns and in an effort to remain proactive in reducing the City's overall lead exposure risk, I authorized the additional replacements.

As of this fiscal year, Fontana Construction has completed a total of 20 lead service replacements. This work has utilized the majority of our current budget approved for this program and there are still several outstanding invoices to come from emergency work on several large water main breaks that were beyond our ability to repair by DPW.

Therefore, we are respectfully requesting the additional emergency water main and sewer repairs and the water service line replacements be completed by Fontana Construction, Inc., 6340 Sims Drive, Sterling Heights, Michigan 48313 in the amount not to exceed \$50,000.00.

This is not a budgeted item included in 2026/2027 fiscal year budget and will require a budget amendment and transfer from account no. 592-000-692.000, Transfer from prior year Reserve Fund Balance into the water/sewer contractual services account no. 592-537-818.000.

I do not believe any benefit will accrue to the City by seeking further bids. Approved for Council Consideration:

  
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 Susan Como, City Manager

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 Date

Fund Certification:

Account numbers and amounts have been verified as presented.

  
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 Steven Schmidt, Treasurer/Comptroller

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