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To: Honorable Mayor & City Council

From: Public Works Director Herb Doudney

CC: City Administrator Dylan Mulfinger

Reference: Emergency Sewer Repair

We have recently identified a sanitary sewer manhole located at the intersection of 4th Street and 7th Ave SW that is nearly collapsed.

Sewage from the entire Northeast and Northwest portions of town including the downtown pass through this structure. The manhole is a 20 foot deep brick structure nearly 100 years old.

Given the urgency of this situation, I made some phone calls in order to secure a contractor with the proper equipment and availability to repair this manhole. Typically we would get multiple quotes for something like this, given the urgency and the good fortune of finding a contractor willing to handle it as an emergency, I recommend we move forward with the necessary repairs.

We are estimating this repair will be \$80,000 dollars given the extreme depth and complexity of replacing the structure.

This is another example of why we were in desperate need of a focused infrastructure inspection and replacement plan.

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