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UTILITIES ADMINISTRATION**

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MEMORANDUM NO. 26-05

DATE: November 25th, 2025

TO: Gregory P. Harrison, City Manager

VIA: Brian Donovan, Assistant City Manager

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CC: Allison Feurtado, Finance Director

SUBJECT: Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs) Violations: FY 2026 Budget Amendment from Utility Renewal & Replacement (R&R) Fund – Fund No. 420: \$600,000

Purpose

The purpose of this memorandum is to request authorization from the City Commission to appropriate funds from the Utilities Fund Balance to support the Utilities Department's proposed in-kind project submitted to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) under Consent Order Case No. 25-0457. The estimated cost of this project is \$600,000.

Background

Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs) are unintentional discharges of untreated or partially treated wastewater from the sanitary sewer system into the environment, typically caused by blockages, mechanical failures, inflow and infiltration, and or material or structural issues within the collection system. These events pose public health risks, impact surface and groundwater quality, and trigger regulatory enforcement actions.

The Utilities Department was cited by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) for a series of SSO violations occurring between 2021 and 2023. While the City was originally cited for twelve (12) violations, ongoing negotiations with FDEP resulted in the City being deemed responsible for six (6) documented events under Consent Order No. 25-0457. These violations occurred at Lift Stations and conveyance points located along S. Federal Highway, S. Cypress Road, SW 15th Street, and N. Ocean Boulevard between September 2022 and October 2023.

The City elected to offset the civil stipulated penalties by implementing an in-kind project, predicated on approval by the Department of Environmental Protection, for the SE 9 Avenue Force Main Pipe Bursting Project. This Project would allow for further investment in hardening the current wastewater pumping and transmission infrastructure, thereby mitigating further SSOs while providing added redundancy to the system. The SE 9 Avenue Force Main Pipe Bursting project was developed because it met the criteria for a non-sewer funded project, and the cost was within the Utilities Fund Balance.

Financial Impact

Per the consent order, the funding source must be non-allocated for wastewater improvements at least eighteen months preceding the order. Funding for this in-kind project was not included in the FY 2026 Utilities operating budget; however, sufficient funds are available in the Utilities Fund Balance to cover the cost. An appropriation from the Utilities Fund Balance is necessary to advance this project.

Supports Strategic Goals, Objectives, Policies (City's Comprehensive Plan)

Strategic Plan: Goal 4 (Item 6): Superior Capacity for Growth through Quality, Sustainable Development - Expand and enhance utility infrastructure - water, wastewater and stormwater.

Comprehensive Plan Goal 6: Sanitary Sewer service shall be provided and maintained in an efficient and cost-effective manner that will ensure public health, safety, and quality of life, while protecting the environment.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of a budget amendment to increase the appropriation authority of the Utility Renewal & Replacement Fund (R&R) Fund – Fund No. 420 by \$600,000. The source of funding for this amendment is the Utilities Fund Balance.

Attachments:

Consent Order SFCO 25-0457

UT Memo Consent Order SFCO 25-0457

In-kind Project Proposal SFCO 25-0457