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Public Utilities
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Authorizing the appropriation and expenditure of an amount not to exceed $480,000 from the Water Replacement Fund and an amount not to exceed $480,000 from the Sanitary Sewer Replacement Fund to provide professional services necessary to continue program management duties related to the AMI Program; authorizing the Mayor to enter into a professional services contract; authorizing the Mayor to waive the competitive bidding provisions of TMC Chapter 187 for said purpose; and declaring an emergency.

SUMMARY & BACKGROUND:
Since 2021, the Department of Public Utilities has utilized DLZ Ohio, Inc (DLZ) to provide professional program management and associated services for the AMI Project. Throughout this 4-year period DLZ's program management team has been instrumental in ensuring these projects have been successfully completed by performing duties that the City did not have the capacity to staff with Department of Public Utilities personnel. There are still approximately 5,500 meters that need installed to completely finish the AMI program, but these meters have more difficult installation issues and were unable to be completed under the AMI project. As an extension of working on the AMI project, DLZ staff has gained extensive detailed knowledge of new software systems, billing, customer service, and meter shop operations that make them uniquely suited to continue with the management of work related to these functions of the Department of Public Utilities. As a result, the department intends to utilize DLZ to complete the meter installations and other tasks as needed that have been associated with the AMI project.

NOW THEREFORE Be it ordained by the Council of the City of Toledo:

SECTION 1. That the appropriation of an amount not to exceed $480,000 is authorized from the unappropriated balance of the Water Replacement Fund into Account Code 6063-31000-4UC3025STDSTD and an amount not to exceed $480,000 is authorized from the unappropriated balance of the Sanitary Sewer Replacement Fund into Account Code 6073-31000-4UC3025STDSTD is authorized for professional services; and the expenditure of the same is authorized.

SECTION 2. That the mayor is authorized to enter into a professional services contract upon such terms and conditions that are acceptable to the Director of Public Utilities and the Director of Law.

SECTION 3. That this Council finds and determines it is in the best interest for the City to waive all competitive bidding provisions of TMC Chapter 187 in order to allow DLZ Ohio, Inc. to continue to provide professional services in order to complete this multi-year AMI Program.

SECTION 4. That the Finance Director is authorized to issue their warrant or warrants against the above listed account codes in an amount not to exceed $960,000 in payment of the obligations authorized above upon presentation of proper voucher or vouchers.

SECTION 5. That the disappropriation of any remaining budget to fund balance is authorized at project closeout.

SECTION 6. That this Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure and shall be in force and effect from and after its passage. The reason for the emergency lies in the fact that same is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and property, and for the further reason that the Ordinance must be immediately effective to allow DLZ to continue working on the project.

Vote on emergency clause: yeas 11, nays 0.

Failed: December 2, 2025: yeas 0, nays 11.