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Date: August 2, 2018
To: Common Council
From: Alderman Thieme
Re: July 28th Commission Meeting Summary

- The Commission authorized staff to submit a Letter of Interest for potential financing through the EPA's Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) program. WIFIA is a federal program for a low interest loan through the federal government. The Letter of Interest will be analyzed based on specific criteria and we will find out if we are selected for funding by the end of the year. Thank you to Senators Baldwin and Johnson, Congressman Sensenbrenner, State Senator Kapenga, State Representatives Allen and Neylon, County Executive Farrow, County Supervisors Crowley, Nelson and Paulson along with the Waukesha County Business Alliance and Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce for writing letters in support of our application.
- Great Lakes Update: Staff updated the commission on the status of the project and permitting. Staff also provided an update on the testing that is being completed to ensure high quality water during the transition from groundwater to Great Lakes water. Water Utility staff has finalized the construction of a pipe loop testing apparatus. Different pipe types within our system will have our current supply run through them, and then Milwaukee water run through them, to determine the best way to transition to the new supply to avoid any water quality concerns. This is being completed in cooperation with the DNR and the EPA. A tour of the apparatus will be available at the next commission meeting before it is moved to a Milwaukee location.
- Impact of FoxConn on the Great Lakes program: The Commission and staff discussed the impact the construction at the FoxConn site in Racine would have on the Great Lakes water program in Waukesha. In order to mitigate potential conflicts, staff and our consultants have met with officials from FoxConn including the engineers and contractors to discuss potential conflicts. We have worked the Foxconn schedule in to our schedule to ensure there will be adequate competition for our project. We have also set up meetings with the Underground Contractors Association to discuss project size and bidding schedules with the group. At this point we do not believe that the construction will have a negative impact on us as long as we stay coordinated with our efforts.

The next commission meeting is scheduled for August 16th.

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