



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: As per the recommendations of the Water Beyond 2000 project, the Division of Water is undertaking the task of increasing the safe yield of its surface water supply. To projects that address this need are the South Wellfield Expansion and the Upground Reservoir project. This ordinance will provide the City Attorney with funding for real estate acquisition services for the following Division of Water capital improvement projects:

A. South Wellfield Expansion: Provide \$30,000.00 for the estimated cost of title search and appraisal services. This project is located south of I-270 and east of the Scioto River.

B. Upground Reservoirs: Provide \$1,520,000.00 for the estimated cost of title search; appraisal services; negotiation/staff costs and the projected easement costs. The Division of Water anticipates submitting additional legislation for funding projected costs of additional easements in 2006. This project is located in northern Delaware County, west of the Scioto River.

EMERGENCY PROVISION: Emergency legislation is being requested to allow the appraisal and acquisition of these parcels necessary for these projects to proceed without delay in order to continue engineering design services for these two projects critical to providing increased water supply to the greater Columbus area.

FISCAL IMPACT: These projects are included in the 2004 CIB, \$1,797,674 is budgeted for the South Wellfield Expansion and \$5,697,834 is budgeted for the Upground Reservoir project.

CONTRACT COMPLIANCE NUMBER: N/A

To authorize the City Attorney to acquire fee simple title and lesser interests; to contract for professional services; to authorize the transfer and expenditure of \$1,550,000.00 from within the Waterworks Enlargement Voted 1991 Bonds Fund in connection with two water supply capital improvement projects; to amend the 2004 Capital Improvement Budget for the Division of Water; and to declare an emergency. (\$1,550,000.00)

WHEREAS, As per the recommendations of the Water Beyond 2000 project, the Division of Water is undertaking the task of increasing the safe yield of its surface water supply. Two projects that address this need are the South Wellfield Expansion and the Upground Reservoir project; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Water, Department of Public Utilities, is performing engineering design and evaluation work in preparation for developing construction plans and specifications for the water supply projects known as the South Wellfield Expansion and the Upground Reservoirs; and

WHEREAS, in order to continue with the engineering design and to construct the aforementioned water supply improvements and associated facilities, it has been determined necessary for this City Council to authorize the City Attorney to perform title search and appraisal services, and to acquire fee simple title and lesser interests in and to certain parcels of real estate and to contract for the professional services necessary to complete said acquisition; and

WHEREAS: An emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Division of Water, Department of Public Utilities, in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the transfer and expenditure of funds within the Waterworks Enlargement Voted 1991 Bonds Fund; to authorize the City Attorney to procure the required easements necessary to design and construct the aforementioned vital

water supply improvements; and to amend the 2004 Capital Improvements Budget; and so as to allow the financial transaction to be posted in the City's accounting system as soon as possible, therefore emergency legislation is being requested, for the preservation of public health, peace, property and safety now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS

Section 1. That the City Attorney be, and hereby is, authorized to acquire fee simple title and lesser interests in and to certain parcels of real estate and to contract for the professional services necessary in connection with the South Wellfield Expansion and the Upground Reservoirs.

Section 2. That the City Attorney be, and hereby is, authorized to expend \$1,550,000.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, in order to acquire fee simple title and lesser interests in and to certain parcels of real estate and to contract for the professional services necessary, from Waterworks Enlargement Voted 1991 Bonds Fund, Fund No. 606, Department of Public Utilities, Division of Water, Dept./Division No. 60-09, Object Level Three 6601; within the following projects:

Project No. 690370| Upground Reservoirs| OCA Code 642900| \$1,520,000.00
Project No. 690359| South Wellfield Expansion| OCA Code 642900| \$30,000.00

Section 3. That the City Auditor is hereby authorized to transfer the unencumbered balance in a project account to the unallocated balance account within the same fund upon receipt of certification by the Director of the Department administering said project; that the project has been completed and the monies are no longer required for said project except that no transfer shall be so made from a project account funded by monies from more than one source.

Section 4. The City Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to transfer funds from within the Waterworks Enlargement Voted 1991 Bonds Fund, Fund No. 606, Department of Public Utilities, Division of Water, as follows:

FROM:

690436 Fisher Booster Station Discharge Line
OCA Code 690436 \$1,519,999.36

TO:

690370 Upground Reservoirs
OCA Code 642900 \$1,519,999.36

Section 5. That Section 1, Public Utilities/Water 60-09 of Ordinance 1059-2004 is hereby amended as follows:

690370	Upground Reservoirs	\$7,524,611*(1)*	
690436	Fisher Booster Station Discharge Line	\$280,323	*(2)*

Section 6. That for the reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.

	2004 Original Budget	2004 Amended Budget	Comments
(1)	\$6,004,611	\$7,524,611	Authority Increased
(2)	\$1,800,323	\$280,323	Authority Reduced