

**City Council Regular Meeting
AGENDA ITEM**

NUMBER: 25

SUBJECT:

Water Meter Cellular Charges Paid to Metron-Farnier, LLC in the Amount of \$58,800 and Anticipated Costs for Water Meter Cellular Charges from Metron-Farnier in an Amount Not to Exceed of \$26,200 through the End of FY 22/23 Funded by the Utilities Enterprise Fund. (Citywide) (For Possible Action; Recommendation – Ratify and Approve)

REQUESTED BY:

Tom Brady, Director of Utilities

WARD:

(Citywide)

RECOMMENDATION OR RECOMMEND MOTION:

It is recommended that the City Council ratify payments in the amount of \$58,800 to Metron-Farnier for water meter cellular charges and approve anticipated costs in the amount not to exceed \$26,200 to Metron-Farnier for water meter cellular charges through the end of Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$85,000

Explanation: Utilities Enterprise Fund

ACCOUNT NUMBER:

610-600332-430600

STAFF COMMENTS AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On June 21, 2021, the City entered into an agreement with Metron-Farnier, LLC, to purchase water meters and parts. This agreement included the initial cost of maintenance for these cellular-based meters, but it was funded through and only lasted during the AMI Project. With the completion of the Project, the costs of maintenance costs for cellular meter services must be addressed. Cellular service is used to transmit the meter data to the cloud. This allows the Utilities Department to obtain the meter data through a web portal and eliminate the need for a field representative to go and manually read the water meter.

A new maintenance agreement with the vendor is in development for future cellular charges; however, cellular charges had to be paid for a few months after the completion of the AMI Project, and there will be cellular charges for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2022-2023. Staff recommends that the City Council ratify payments in the amount of \$58,800 to Metron-Farnier, LLC for water meter cellular charges and approve anticipated costs in the amount not to exceed \$26,200 through the end of fiscal year 2022-2023.

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Related Item:

LIST CITY COUNCIL GOAL(S): Responsible Fiscal Management, Quality Municipal Services

PREPARED BY:

Tom Brady, Director of Utilities

Respectfully Submitted

Ryann Juden,
City Manager

MEETING DATE:

June 21, 2023

