



**BOARD OF FINANCE
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2026
5:30 PM**

<u>Location</u>	<u>Commissioners</u>	<u>Citizen Members</u>
Board Room	Adil	Al Mannai
District Headquarters	Currey (Ex-Officio)	King-Corbin
555 Main Street, Hartford	Mandyck	Murray
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<u>Meeting Video Link</u>	Quorum: 5	

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. SWEARING IN OF NEW CITIZEN MEMBER KHOLOUD AL MANNAI**
- 3. ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON**
- 4. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRPERSON**
- 5. PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS**
- 6. INDEPENDENT CONSUMER ADVOCATE COMMENTS & QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS**
- 7. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 8, 2025**
- 8. CONSIDERATION AND POTENTIAL ACTION RE: CLOSEOUT OF WATER, SEWER, COMBINED, AND CLEAN WATER CAPITOL PROJECTS**
- 9. CONSIDERATION AND POTENTIAL ACTION RE: SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$900,000 FOR THE DISTRICT'S 2026 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – WOLCOTT HILL ROAD ASSESSABLE SEWER PROJECT**
- 10. DISCUSSION RE: AUDITOR GOVERNANCE COMMUNICATION**
- 11. OPPORTUNITY FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- 12. COMMISSIONER REQUESTS FOR CONSIDERATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**
- 13. ADJOURNMENT**

BOARD OF FINANCE
CLOSEOUT OF WATER, SEWER, COMBINED & CLEAN WATER PROJECTS

To: Board of Finance for consideration on February 23, 2026

The following represents 32 Capital Projects for your review and approval to close. Capital projects listed here have been reviewed and staff has concluded that these projects have been completed, cancelled or had a change of scope to the project. As a result, the remaining funds are no longer required and we are now requesting that the funds be deauthorized.

Sewer projects that are deauthorized with a remaining balance will increase our ability to issue more debt by this balance, while water funded projects that are deauthorized do not affect our debt limit.

Clean Water projects have no remaining balances as any remaining balances have been liquidated and transferred to fund other projects.

A brief summary is below:

	Appropriation	Expended Amount	Remaining Balance (Deauthorize)
Water (7)	25,464,000.00	19,484,489.56	5,979,510.44
Sewer (20)	73,942,000.00	65,511,136.82	8,430,863.18
Combined (10)	34,797,000.00	29,157,899.85	5,639,100.15
Total - Capital (37)	134,203,000.00	114,153,526.23	20,049,473.77

Finance has worked diligently with Procurement, Engineering, Facilities & Maintenance, Water Pollution Control, and Water Treatment to review all of the following projects for closure.

The District has undertaken the task of updating its Capital Improvement Project (CIP) records. The task includes the identification of projects that have been completed, canceled, or had a change of scope. Based upon the review, District staff now recommend that the following projects be closed.

WATER CAPITAL PROJECTS

Project Definition	Year	BA	Project Description	Town	Appropriation	Expended Amount	Remaining Balance (Deauthorize)
C-12009	2012	2120	2012 Dike Penetration and Correction Installations	Various	764,000.00	164,010.08	599,989.92
	2012 Total				764,000.00	164,010.08	599,989.92
C-16014	2016	2120	2016 General Purpose Water Program	Various	3,000,000.00	2,639,220.37	360,779.63
	2016 Total				3,000,000.00	2,639,220.37	360,779.63
C-99P18	2018	2120	2018 Paving Program & Restoration	Various	4,000,000.00	4,000,000.00	

C-18002	2018	2120	2018 Buckingham St. Area WMR, Hartford	Various	7,000,000.00	3,537,803.68	3,462,196.32
	2018 Total				11,000,000.00	7,537,803.68	3,462,196.32
C-20009	2020	2120	2020 Water Main Replacements, Hartford and Wethersfield NOW 3 DIFFERENT WBS'	Various	4,200,000.00	3,820,751.15	379,248.85
C-20042	2020	2120	2020 Water Main Replacements, Hartford and Wethersfield NOW 3 DIFFERENT WBS'	Various	5,700,000.00	5,321,818.57	378,181.43
	2020 Total				9,900,000.00	9,142,569.72	757,430.28
C-22006	2022	2120	2022 Water Storage Tank Rehabilitation and Improvement	Windsor	800,000.00	885.71	799,114.29
	2022 Total				800,000.00	885.71	799,114.29
	Grand Total				25,464,000.00	9,484,489.56	5,979,510.44

SEWER CAPITAL PROJECTS

Project Definition	Year	BA	Project Description	Town	Appropriation	Expended Amount	Remaining Balance (Deauthorize)
C-11002	2011	2110	2011 Sewer Pump Station Rehabilitation	Various	2,000,000.00	1,998,441.95	1,558.05
	2011 Total				2,000,000.00	1,998,441.95	1,558.05
C-12006	2012	2110	2012 Sewer Replacement - Montclair Drive, West Hartford	West Hartford	2,642,000.00	1,889,827.07	752,172.93
	2012 Total				2,642,000.00	1,889,827.07	752,172.93
C-14010	2014	2110	2014 Hartford WPCF Sludge Mixing Tank, Sludge Screening, GT & RSRF Upgrades	Hartford	5,000,000.00	4,949,462.20	50,537.80
	2014 Total				5,000,000.00	4,949,462.20	50,537.80
C-15012	2015	2110	2015 Hartford WPCF DAFT 1 & 2 (SPB Solids)	Hartford	4,600,000.00	4,321,578.99	278,421.01
C-15016	2015	2110	2015 East Hartford WPCF Compressor, DO Control & SCADA Upgrades	East Hartford	5,000,000.00	4,894,289.91	105,710.09
	2015 Total				9,600,000.00	9,215,868.90	384,131.10
C-17002	2017	2110	2017 Wastewater Pump Station Upgrades	Various	400,000.00	363,405.12	36,594.88
C-17005	2017	2110	2017 WPC Equipment &	Various	2,700,000.00	2,521,271.27	178,728.73

			Facilities Improvements				
C-17008	2017	2110	2017 Hartford WPCF DAFT	Hartford	10,200,000.00	9,976,303.97	223,696.03
C-17012	2017	2110	2017 Sewer System Gate Replacement - Collection System	Various	4,800,000.00	-	4,800,000.00
C-17019	2017	2110	2017 General Purpose Sewer	Various	3,000,000.00	2,898,937.71	101,062.29
	2017 Total				21,100,000.00	15,759,918.07	5,340,081.93
C-18011	2018	2110	2018 Sewer Rehabilitation Program	Various	4,600,000.00	3,387,637.31	1,212,362.69
C-99P18	2018	2110	2018 Paving Program & Restoration	Various	3,000,000.00	2,999,892.29	107.71
C-20018	2018	2110	2018 CCTV Generated Sewer Construction	Various	3,500,000.00	3,494,291.63	5,708.37
	2018 Total				11,100,000.00	9,881,821.23	1,218,178.77
C-19011	2019	2110	2019 Sewer Rehabilitation Program	Various	3,300,000.00	3,217,865.83	82,134.17
	2019 Total				3,300,000.00	3,217,865.83	82,134.17
C-20004	2020	2110	2020 Various Sewer Pipe Replacement/Rehabilitation Program	Hartford	3,000,000.00	2,999,356.28	643.72
C-20017	2020	2110	2020-Various Sewer Pipe Replcmt/Rehab	Hartford	3,000,000.00	2,887,710.44	112,289.56
	2020 Total				6,000,000.00	5,887,066.72	112,933.28
C-21001	2021	2110	2021 Northern Interceptor Sewer Rehabilitation/Replacement, East Hfd	East Hartford	2,500,000.00	2,117,432.82	382,567.18
	2021 Total				2,500,000.00	2,117,432.82	382,567.18
C-22014	2022	2110	2022 Farmington 11 / Sisson Ave. Area WMR, Hartford	Hartford	1,100,000.00	1,100,000.00	
C-22010	2022	2110	2022 Various Sewer Pipe Replacement/Rehabilitations	Various	7,500,000.00	7,425,724.48	74,275.52
C-99V22	2022	2110	2022 Private Property Inflow Disconnect Program	Various	2,100,000.00	2,067,707.55	32,292.45
	2022 Total				10,700,000.00	10,593,432.03	106,567.97
	Grand Total				73,942,000.00	65,511,136.82	8,430,863.18

COMBINED CAPITAL PROJECTS

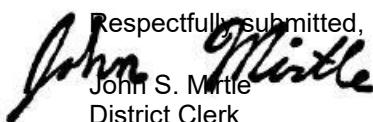
Project Definition	Year	BA	Project Description	Town	Appropriation	Expended Amount	Remaining Balance (Deauthorize)
C-17022	2017	2130	2017 Computerized Management System	Various	1,600,000.00	1,249,000.00	351,000.00
	2017 Total				1,600,000.00	1,249,000.00	351,000.00
C-99F20	2020	2130	2020 Fleet and Equipment Replacement and Upgrades	Various	2,000,000.00	1,995,006.04	4,993.96
	2020 Total				2,000,000.00	1,995,006.04	4,993.96
C-99F21	2021	2130	2021 Fleet and Equipment Replacement and Upgrades	Various	2,100,000.00	2,097,790.10	2,209.90
	2021 Total				2,100,000.00	2,097,790.10	2,209.90
C-99F22	2022	2130	2022 Fleet and Equipment Replacement and Upgrades	Various	2,550,000.00	2,549,869.00	131.00
	2022 Total				2,550,000.00	2,549,869.00	131.00
C-99F23	2023	2130	2023 Fleet and Equipment Replacement and Upgrades	Various	3,040,000.00	3,038,523.71	1,476.29
C1H03	2023	2130	Engineering Services	MDC	3,645,000.00	2,383,185.00	1,261,815.00
C1H04	2023	2130	Construction Services	MDC	3,830,000.00	3,127,572.00	702,428.00
C1H05	2023	2130	Technical Services	MDC	4,360,000.00	2,874,396.00	1,485,604.00
	2023 Total				14,875,000.00	11,423,676.71	3,451,323.29
C1H03	2024	2130	Engineering Services	MDC	7,146,000.00	6,133,501.00	1,012,499.00
C1H04	2024	2130	Construction Services	MDC	4,526,000.00	3,709,057.00	816,943.00
	2024 Total				11,672,000.00	9,842,558.00	1,829,442.00
	Grand Total				34,797,000.00	29,157,899.85	5,639,100.15

After reviewing the information contained herein

It is **RECOMMENDED** that it be

Voted: That the Board of Finance recommends to the District Board passage of the following resolution:

Resolved: That the District Board approves appropriation closeouts for the projects listed above.


 Respectfully submitted,
 John S. Mittle
 District Clerk

BOARD OF FINANCE

RESOLUTION MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$900,000 FOR THE DISTRICT'S 2026 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – WOLCOTT HILL ROAD ASSESSABLE SEWER PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OR NOTES OF THE DISTRICT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$900,000 TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION

To: Board of Finance for consideration on February 23, 2026

At a meeting of the Bureau of Public Works on January 28, 2026, the Bureau approved the Wolcott Hill Road, Wethersfield sewer project subject to the Board of Finance making a determination on the funding source of the project.

The following is a request to increase the 2026 Capital Improvement Program by \$900,000.

Assessable Sewer Program

New authorizations \$900,000

Wolcott Hill Road Assessable Sewer Project

<u>Amount</u>	<u>Project #</u>	<u>Fund</u>
\$900,000		3110

Description

Extension of existing sanitary sewers resulting from property owner petitions for public sewer service within the Wolcott Hill Road, Wethersfield sewer service area. This project includes design, construction and project administration. District forces may be utilized for this program. District costs may include salary, benefits and overhead.

Purpose

To provide sanitary sewer service to property owners within the District's service area by extending local sewer mains. Property owners to be served have either a specific health concern or a desire for public sanitary sewer service.

Future Appropriations

No additional appropriation requests for this Project are anticipated over the next four years.

Bond Language

The sum of \$900,000 is hereby appropriated to extend existing sanitary sewers resulting from property owner petitions for public sewer service within the Wolcott Hill Road, Wethersfield sewer service area, including design, construction, project administration, legal, administrative and other financing costs related thereto. District forces may be utilized for the project. District costs may include salary, benefits and overhead.

Funding Sources

Assessable Sewer Construction Fund will be used to fund the project. Bonds or notes of the District are authorized to be issued in accordance with applicable General Statutes of Connecticut.

It is **RECOMMENDED** that it be:

Voted: That the Board of Finance recommends to the District Board passage of the following resolutions from Bond Counsel:

**RESOLUTION MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$900,000 FOR
THE DISTRICT'S 2026 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – WOLCOTT HILL
ROAD ASSESSABLE SEWER PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF
BONDS OR NOTES OF THE DISTRICT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$900,000
TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION**

WHEREAS, the District Board has resolved to appropriate funds and issue bonds or notes of the District for the capital improvement program project described in Resolution No. 1 herein; and

WHEREAS, the District Board wishes to determine the form, date or dates, maturities, manner of sale and other details concerning such bonds or notes.

And Voted: That the Board of Finance assign the Assessable Sewer Construction Fund as the funding source for the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 1. \$900,000 is hereby appropriated for the Capital Improvement Program Project set forth herein as the 2026 Capital Improvement Plan Project Resolution No. 1 (the "Resolution") and bonds or notes of the District in an amount not to exceed \$900,000 are authorized to be issued to finance said appropriation. This appropriation is in addition to the appropriation of \$184,918,000 approved on December 8, 2025 by the District's Board of Commissioners. The bonds are authorized to be issued in one or more series in accordance with the applicable General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended to date and as amended from time to time in the future, public acts of the Connecticut General Assembly, as amended to date and as amended

from time to time in the future, and special acts of the Connecticut General Assembly, as amended to date and as amended from time to time in the future (together, "Connecticut laws"), and the District's Charter. The form, date, maturities and other details of such authorized but unissued bonds shall be hereafter determined by the District Board acting in accordance with the District's Charter. Said bonds shall be issued in fully registered form, be executed in the name and on behalf of the District by the manual or facsimile signatures of the Chairman or Vice Chairman and the Treasurer or the Deputy Treasurer, and bear the District seal or a facsimile thereof. The bonds may be secured by the full faith and credit of the District and/or by special revenues of the District pledged thereto by the District Board, in accordance with Connecticut laws and the District's Charter. Each of the bonds shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been duly complied with and that such bond is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law. The aggregate principal amount of the bonds to be issued, the form of issuance as serial, term or discount bonds, the dated date, final maturity, annual installments of principal, whether interest on the bonds will be fixed or variable, the rate or rates of interest, or method of determining interest rates thereon, whether such interest shall be excluded or included in gross income for federal income tax purposes, denominations, terms of redemption, if any, the date, time of issue and sale and all other terms, details and particulars of such bonds shall be determined by the District Board, in accordance with Connecticut laws and the District's Charter, following recommendation of the Board of Finance. It is hereby found and determined that the issuance of any such bonds the interest on which is included in gross income for federal income tax purposes is in the public interest. The bonds may be sold by competitive bid or negotiated sale, as determined by the District Board. If sold by negotiated sale, the Chairman or Vice Chairman and Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer are hereby authorized, on behalf of the District, to enter into a bond purchase agreement for the sale of the bonds.

Section 2. The Treasurer and the Deputy Treasurer are authorized to make temporary borrowings in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of said bonds. Notes or certificates of indebtedness evidencing such borrowings may be sold by competitive bid or negotiated sale, as determined by the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer, in such manner as shall be determined by said officers. Said notes or certificates of indebtedness shall be issued in fully registered form, be executed in the name and on behalf of the District by the manual or facsimile signatures of the Chairman or Vice Chairman and the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer, and bear the District seal or a facsimile thereof. The notes or certificates of indebtedness may be secured by the full faith and credit of the District and/ or by special revenues of the District pledged thereto by the District Board, in accordance with Connecticut laws and the District's Charter. Each of the notes shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been duly complied with and that such note is within every debt and other limit prescribed by

law. The net interest cost on such notes or certificates of indebtedness, including renewals thereof, and the expense of preparing, issuing and marketing them, to the extent paid from the proceeds of such renewals or said bonds, shall be included as a cost of the project. Upon the sale of the bonds, the proceeds thereof, to the extent required, shall be applied forthwith to the payment of the principal of and the interest on such notes or certificates of indebtedness then outstanding or shall be deposited with a bank or trust company in trust for such purpose.

Section 3. In connection with the issuance of the bonds, notes or certificates of indebtedness authorized hereunder and pursuant to the Resolution ("Authorized Obligations"), the District Board is hereby authorized to approve the terms and conditions of, including necessary covenants, limitations and restrictions on, the District necessary to obtain standby bond purchase agreements, letters of credit, lines of credit, financial guaranty insurance policies, guarantees of the District or third parties, surety agreements or any similar agreements ("Credit Facilities") with one or more financial institutions providing Credit Facilities ("Credit Facility Providers") to provide for additional security for and the purchase upon tender of the Authorized Obligations, if any, under circumstances set forth in the Indentures (defined herein). Credit Facilities shall be executed in the name and on behalf of the District by the manual or facsimile signatures of the Chairman or Vice Chairman and the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer.

Section 4. In connection with the issuance of Authorized Obligations, interim funding obligations and project loan obligations under Section 22a-475 et seq. of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, the so-called "Drinking Water Program" ("Drinking Water Obligations") or under Section 22a-475 et seq. of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, the so-called "Clean Water Fund Program" ("Clean Water Fund Obligations"), the District Board is hereby authorized to approve the terms and conditions of indentures of trust or other instruments of trust ("Indentures") with commercial banks or national banking associations with trust powers or trust companies to be appointed by the Chairman or Vice Chairman and the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer ("Trustees"), which provide for, among other things, the rate of rates of interest, or method of determining interest rates thereon, procedures for conducting auctions in an auction rate mode, the denominations, the tender rights of holders, if any, the rights of redemption and redemption prices, the payment of certain fees, the imposition of certain covenants, limitations and restrictions on the District necessary to issue the variable rate bonds, and the execution of various other instruments. Indentures shall be executed in the name and on behalf of the District by the manual or facsimile signatures of the Chairman or Vice Chairman and the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer. The Chairman or Vice Chairman and the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer are authorized to execute and deliver to the State of Connecticut a project loan and project grant agreement and/or

project loan and subsidy agreement under the State's Clean Water Fund Program and the State's Drinking Water Program and apply for and accept or reject any federal, state or other grants-in-aid for the project.

Section 5. In connection with the issuance of Authorized Obligations bearing interest at variable interest rates, the District Board is hereby authorized to approve the terms and conditions of, including necessary covenants, limitations and restrictions on the District necessary to enter into, remarketing agreements, broker-dealer agreements, auction agency agreements and other agreements (the "Reoffering Agreements") with remarketing agents, investment banking firms or other financial institutions to be appointed by the Chairman or Vice Chairman and the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer ("Reoffering Agents"), which provide for, among other things, the terms and conditions for reoffering Authorized Obligations bearing interest at variable interest rates, the Reoffering Agents' compensation and the disclosure of the District's financial condition. Reoffering Agreements shall be executed in the name and on behalf of the District by the manual or facsimile signatures of the Chairman or Vice Chairman and the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer.

Section 6. In connection with the issuance of Authorized Obligations, if permitted by Connecticut laws and the District's Charter, the District Board is hereby authorized to approve the terms and conditions of, including necessary covenants, limitations and restrictions on the District necessary to obtain an interest rate swap agreement, together with applicable annexes, schedules and confirmations thereto, contracts to manage interest rate risk, including interest rate caps, options, puts, calls or similar arrangements, or such other agreements permitted by Connecticut laws and the District's Charter ("Swap Agreements"), with one or more counterparties to be selected by the Chairman or Vice Chairman and Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer, as Swap Provider (the "Swap Providers"), which provides for, among other things, the effective date or dates of the Swap Agreements, the rate of interest to be paid by the District to the Swap Providers on the principal amount of the bonds (which may be a fixed rate or a variable rate based on an index determined by the Chairman or Vice Chairman and Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer), the rate of interest to be received by the District from the Swap Providers (which may be a fixed rate or a variable rate based on an index determined by the Chairman or Vice Chairman and Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer), the payment of certain fees, the imposition of certain covenants, limitations and restrictions on the District and the execution of various other instruments. Swap Agreements shall be executed in the name and on behalf of the District by the manual or facsimile signatures of the Chairman or Vice Chairman and the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer. To the extent provided by Connecticut laws, the full faith and credit of the District may be pledged to any and all payments to be made by the District with respect to the Swap Agreements, including, any termination or netting payments to be made by the District.

Section 7. The Chairman or Vice Chairman and Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer are hereby authorized, on behalf of the District, to enter into agreements or otherwise covenant for the benefit of bondholders to provide information on an annual or other periodic basis to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (the "MSRB") or any other information depository, and to provide notices to the MSRB or such depository of material events as enumerated in the Securities and Exchange Commission Securities Exchange Act Rule 15c2-12, as amended, as may be necessary, appropriate or desirable to effect the sale of the bonds, notes and certificates of indebtedness authorized by this Resolution. Any agreements or representations to provide information to the MSRB made prior hereto are hereby confirmed, ratified and approved.

Section 8. The District hereby expresses its official intent pursuant to Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2 to reimburse expenditures of not more than \$900,000 paid up to 60 days prior to the date of passage of this Resolution in connection with the Resolution with the proceeds of Authorized Obligations, Drinking Water Obligations or Clean Water Fund Obligations. Said obligations shall be issued to reimburse such expenditures not later than 18 months after the later of the date of the expenditure or such later date as such Regulations may authorize. The District hereby certifies that the intention to reimburse as expressed herein is based upon its reasonable expectations as of this date. The Chairman or Vice Chairman and the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer is each individually authorized to pay project expenses in accordance herewith pending the issuance of the Authorized Obligations. This Section is included herein solely for purposes of compliance with Treasury Regulations Section 1.150- 2 and may not be used or relied on for any other purpose.

Section 9. In connection with the issuance of Authorized Obligations, Drinking Water Obligations or Clean Water Fund Obligations, the District Board is hereby authorized to, and if any such action shall heretofore have been taken, such action is hereby ratified and confirmed, (a) publish such notices, hold such hearings, make such representations and agreements, and take such other actions as shall be necessary to enable bond counsel to render its opinions as to the validity of said obligations and the exclusion of the interest thereon, if applicable, from gross income for federal income tax purposes, (b) make, execute and deliver all such additional and supplemental documents, including, but not limited to, any tax compliance agreements, tax certificates, tax forms, investment agreements or assignments, and (c) do and perform such acts and take such actions as may be necessary or required for the consummation of the transactions provided for and contemplated by this Resolution.

Section 10. The provisions contained in Sections 1 through 9 of this Resolution shall apply to the 2026 Supplemental Capital Improvement Program Project Resolution No. 1 herein; and the District Board hereby finds and determines that the project

described in the 2026 Supplemental Capital Improvement Program Project Resolution No. 1 herein is a single item of capital expense not regularly recurring.

2026 SUPPLEMENTAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PROJECT RESOLUTION NO. 1

RESOLUTION MAKING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$900,000 FOR THE DISTRICT'S 2026 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM – WOLCOTT HILL ROAD ASSESSABLE SEWER PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OR NOTES OF THE DISTRICT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$900,000 TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION

Section 1. The sum of \$900,000 is hereby appropriated to extend existing sanitary sewers resulting from property owner petitions for public sewer service within the Wolcott Hill Road, Wethersfield sewer service area, including design, construction, project administration, legal, administrative and other financing costs related thereto. District forces may be utilized for the project. District costs may include salary, benefits and overhead.

Section 2. To finance said appropriation, \$900,000 of bonds or notes of the District are authorized to be issued in accordance with applicable General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended to date and as amended from time to time in the future, public acts of the Connecticut General Assembly, as amended to date and as amended from time to time in the future, and special acts of the Connecticut General Assembly, as amended to date and as amended from time to time in the future (together, "Connecticut laws"), and the District's Charter. The form, date, maturities and other details of such authorized but unissued bonds or notes shall be hereafter determined by the District Board acting in accordance with the District's Charter.

Section 3. The Chairman or the Vice Chairman and the Treasurer or the Deputy Treasurer are authorized in the name and on behalf of the District to apply for and accept any and all federal and state loans and/or grants-in-aid for the Project and are further authorized to expend said funds in accordance with the terms thereof. To meet any portion of the costs of the Project determined by the State of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to be eligible for funding under Section 22a-475 et seq. of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended (the "Clean Water Fund Program"), the District may issue bonds, notes or certificates of indebtedness authorized hereby in the form of interim funding obligations in anticipation of project loan

obligations ("Clean Water Fund Obligations") as the District Board shall determine, in accordance with Connecticut laws and the District's Charter, following recommendation of the Board of Finance. Clean Water Fund Obligations, project loan and project grant agreements and any other instruments, agreements or certificates under the Clean Water Fund Program shall be executed in the name and on behalf of the District by the manual or facsimile signatures of the Chairman or the Vice Chairman and the Treasurer or the Deputy Treasurer, and bear the District seal or a facsimile thereof. The aggregate principal amount of the Clean Water Fund Obligations to be issued, the dated date, final maturity, rate or rates of interest, the date, time of issue and sale and all other terms, details and particulars of such Clean Water Fund Obligations, subject to the provisions of the Clean Water Fund Program, shall be determined by the District Board, following recommendation of the Board of Finance. Clean Water Fund Obligations may be secured by the full faith and credit of the District and/or by special revenues of the District pledged thereto by the District Board in accordance with Connecticut laws and the District's Charter. Each of the Clean Water Fund Obligations shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been duly complied with and that such obligation is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Mirtle".

John S. Mirtle, Esq.

District Clerk



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December 22, 2025

Board of Finance
The Metropolitan District
Hartford, Connecticut

We are engaged to audit the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of The Metropolitan District as of and for the year ended December 31, 2025. Professional standards require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit. We will contact you to schedule a meeting to discuss this information since a two-way dialogue can provide valuable information for the audit process.

Our responsibility under Auditing Standards Generally Accepted in the United States of America, *Government Auditing Standards*, and Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*

Financial statements, internal control, and compliance

We will conduct our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAS); the standards for financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Those standards require us to be independent of the entity and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. Those standards also require that we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the planning and performance of the audit. As part of our audit, we will:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements and material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinions. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement or a material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. However, we will communicate to you in writing any significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal control relevant to the audit of the financial statements that we identify during the audit that are required to be communicated under U.S. GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements, including the amounts and disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

- Conclude, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the entity's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.
- Form and express opinions about whether the financial statements prepared by management with your oversight are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- Plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with U.S. GAAS and the standards for financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements, including omissions, can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.
- Perform, as part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, tests of the entity's compliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements that have a material effect on the financial statements. However, the objective of our tests is not to provide an opinion on compliance with such provisions and we will not express such an opinion in our report on compliance issued pursuant to *Government Auditing Standards*.
- Provide a report (which does not include an opinion) on internal control over financial reporting and on compliance with the provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a material effect on the financial statements, as required by *Government Auditing Standards*.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control over compliance. However, we will communicate to you in writing any significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identify during the audit that are required to be communicated.
- Plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the applicable compliance requirements occurred. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with U.S. GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. Material noncompliance can arise from fraud or error and is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report.

- Perform tests of controls over compliance to evaluate the effectiveness of the design and operation of controls that we consider relevant to preventing or detecting material noncompliance with the direct and material compliance requirements applicable to each major federal award program. However, our tests will be less in scope than would be necessary to render an opinion on those controls and, accordingly, no opinion will be expressed in our report on internal control issued pursuant to the Uniform Guidance.
- Consider internal control over compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance.
- Perform tests of transactions and other applicable procedures described in the “OMB Compliance Supplement” for the types of compliance requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each of the entity’s major programs. The purpose of these procedures will be to express an opinion on the entity’s compliance with requirements applicable to each of its major programs in our report on compliance issued pursuant to the Uniform Guidance. While our audit will provide a reasonable basis for our opinion, it will not provide a legal determination on the entity’s compliance with those requirements.
- Provide a report on internal control over compliance related to major programs and express an opinion (or disclaimer of opinion) on compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of federal awards that could have a direct and material effect on each major program in accordance with the Uniform Guidance.
- Communicate significant matters related to the financial statement audit that are, in our professional judgment, relevant to your responsibilities in overseeing the financial reporting process. However, we are not required to design procedures specifically to identify such matters.
- Communicate matters required by law, regulation, agreement, or other external requirements.
- Communicate circumstances that affect the form and content of the auditors’ report.

Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve you or management of your responsibilities.

Supplementary information in relation to the financial statements as a whole

Our responsibility for the schedule of expenditures of federal awards (SEFA) and the Schedule of Expenditures of State Financial Assistance (SESFA) accompanying the financial statements, as described by professional standards, is to evaluate the presentation of the SEFA and the SESFA in relation to the financial statements as a whole and to report on whether the SEFA and the SESFA are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole. We will make certain inquiries of management and evaluate the form, content, and methods of preparing the SEFA and the SESFA to determine whether the SEFA and the SESFA complies with the requirements of the Uniform Guidance and the State Single Audit, respectively, the method of preparing the schedules has not changed from the prior period, and the SEFA and the SESFA is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We will compare and reconcile the SEFA and the

SESFA to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

Because we were engaged to report on the supplementary information accompanying the financial statements, our responsibility for other supplementary information accompanying the financial statements, as described by professional standards, is to evaluate the presentation of the supplementary information in relation to the financial statements as a whole and to report on whether the supplementary information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole. We will make certain inquiries of management and evaluate the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine whether the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We will compare and reconcile the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

Required supplementary information

With respect to the required supplementary information (RSI) accompanying the financial statements, we will make certain inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the RSI, including whether the RSI has been measured and presented in accordance with prescribed guidelines, whether the methods of measurement and preparation have been changed from the prior period and the reasons for any such changes, and whether there were any significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement or presentation of the RSI. We will compare the RSI for consistency with management's responses to the foregoing inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge obtained during the audit of the basic financial statements. Because these limited procedures do not provide sufficient evidence, we will not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

Other information included in annual reports

It is our understanding that our auditors' report will be included in your annual report which is comprised of Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and that your annual report will be issued with the financial statements. Management is responsible for the preparation of other information included in your annual report and for providing such information to us in a timely manner, and if possible, prior to the date of our auditors' report. Our responsibility for other information included in your annual report does not extend beyond the financial information identified in our opinions on the financial statements. We have no responsibility for determining whether such other information is properly stated and do not have an obligation to perform any procedures to corroborate other information contained in your annual report. We are required by professional standards to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the financial statements because the credibility of the financial statements and our auditors' report thereon may be undermined by material inconsistencies between the audited financial statements and other information. If management refuses to correct a material misstatement of the other information, professional standards require us to communicate the matter to you. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

Planned scope and timing of the audit

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements; therefore, our audit will involve judgment about the number of transactions to be examined and the areas to be tested.

Our audit of the financial statements will include obtaining an understanding of the entity and its environment, including the system of internal control, sufficient to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements and to design the nature, timing, and extent of further audit procedures. Material misstatements may result from (1) errors, (2) fraudulent financial reporting, (3) misappropriation of assets, or (4) violations of laws or governmental regulations that are attributable to the entity or to acts by management or employees acting on behalf of the entity. We will generally communicate our significant findings at the conclusion of the audit. However, some matters may be communicated sooner, particularly if significant difficulties are encountered during the audit where assistance is needed to overcome the difficulties or if the difficulties may lead to a modified opinion. We will also communicate any internal control related matters that are required to be communicated under professional standards.

Although our audit planning has not been concluded and modifications may be made, we have identified the following significant risk(s) of material misstatement as part of our audit planning:

- Management override of controls

As a result of unexpected events, changes in conditions, or the audit evidence obtained from the results of audit procedures performed, we may need to modify the overall audit strategy and audit plan and, thereby, the resulting planned nature, timing, and extent of further audit procedures, based on the revised consideration of assessed risks.

We expect to begin our audit in January 2026 and issue our report by May 31, 2026.

Other planning matters

Recognizing the importance of two-way communication, we encourage you to provide us with information you consider relevant to the audit. This may include, but is not limited to, the following items:

- Your views about the following matters:
 - The appropriate person(s) in the entity's governance structure with whom we should communicate.
 - The allocation of responsibilities between those charged with governance and management.
 - The entity's objectives and strategies and the related business risks that may result in material misstatements.
 - Matters you believe warrant particular attention during the audit and any areas for which you request additional procedures to be undertaken.

- Significant communications between the entity and regulators.
- Other matters you believe are relevant to the audit of the financial statements.
- The attitudes, awareness, and actions of those charged with governance concerning (a) the entity's internal control and its importance in the entity, including how those charged with governance oversee the effectiveness of internal control, and (b) the detection or the possibility of fraud.
- The actions of those charged with governance in response to developments in law, accounting standards, corporate governance practices, and other related matters, and the effects of such developments on, for example, the overall presentation, structure, and content of the financial statements, including the following:
 - The relevance, reliability, comparability, and understandability of the information presented in the financial statements.
 - Whether all required information has been included in the financial statements, and whether such information has been appropriately classified, aggregated or disaggregated, and presented.
- The actions of those charged with governance in response to previous communications with the auditor.
- Your understanding of the risks of fraud and the controls in place to prevent and detect fraud, including your views on the following matters:
 - The “tone at the top” conveyed by management.
 - The risk that the entity’s financial statements or schedule of expenditures of federal awards might be materially misstated due to fraud.
 - Programs and controls that the entity has established to mitigate identified fraud risks or that otherwise help to prevent, deter, and detect fraud.
 - How and how often you review the entity’s policies on fraud prevention and detection.
 - If a fraud hotline is in place, how it is monitored and how you are notified of allegations or concerns.
 - How you exercise oversight of management’s processes for identifying and responding to the risks of fraud and the programs and controls management has established to mitigate those risks.
 - The risks of fraud at the entity, including any specific fraud risks the entity has identified or account balances, classes of transactions, or disclosures for which a risk of fraud may be likely to exist.
 - Examples of fraud-related discussions management has had with you.

- Any actual or suspected fraud affecting the entity or its federal award programs that you are aware of, including measures taken to address the fraud.
- Any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud (e.g., received in communications from employees, former employees, grantors, regulators, or others) that you are aware of.
- Any knowledge of possible or actual policy violations or abuses of broad programs and controls occurring during the period being audited or the subsequent period.
- Any accounting policies or procedures applied to smooth earnings, meet debt covenants, minimize taxes, or achieve budget, bonus, or other financial targets that you are aware of; and whether you are aware of any accounting policies that you consider aggressive.
- How you oversee the entity's (1) compliance with laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements, (2) policies relative to the prevention of noncompliance and illegal acts, and (3) use of directives (for example, a code of ethics) and periodic representations obtained from management-level employees about compliance with laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements.
- Whether you are aware of any noncompliance with laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, including measures taken to address the noncompliance.
- If the entity uses a service organization, your knowledge of any fraud, noncompliance, or uncorrected misstatements affecting the entity's financial statements or federal award programs reported by the service organization or otherwise known to you.

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This communication is intended solely for the information and use of Board of Finance and management of The Metropolitan District and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Sincerely,
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**BOARD OF FINANCE
SPECIAL MEETING
The Metropolitan District
555 Main Street, Hartford
Monday, December 8, 2025**

PRESENT: Commissioners Andrew Adil, Allen Hoffman; Citizen Members Awet Tsegai, Edwin Vargas and District Chairman Donald Currey (5)

REMOTE ATTENDANCE: Commissioner Pasquale Salemi; Citizen Member Linda Russo (2)

ABSENT: Citizen Members Linda King-Corbin and Drew Iacovazzi (2)

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioner John Avedisian
Commissioner William DiBella
Commissioner Dominic Pane
Commissioner Richard Bush (Remote Attendance)
Commissioner Byron Lester (Remote Attendance)
Scott W. Jellison, Chief Executive Officer
Christopher Stone, District Counsel (Remote Attendance)
John S. Mirtle, District Clerk
Christopher Levesque, Chief Operating Officer (Remote Attendance)
Kelly Shane, Chief Administrative Officer
Jonathan Perugini, Director of Finance / Chief Financial Officer
Thomas Tyler, Director of Facilities
Sue Negrelli, Director of Engineering
Kim Cummings, Financial Analyst
Shereese Rodgers, Assistant Manager of Budget and Analysis
JP Avenoso, Accounting Administrator
Retina Smith, Administrative Assistant
Carrie Blardo, Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer
Victoria Escoriza, Assistant Administrative Officer and Special Assistant
Kevin Sullivan, IT Consultant (Remote Attendance)
Matt McAuliffe, IT Consultant (Remote Attendance)
Elizabeth Tavelli, Independent Consumer Advocate

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairman Hoffman called the meeting to order at 4:36 PM

PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS

No one from the public appeared to be heard.

**INDEPENDENT CONSUMER ADVOCATE COMMENTS & QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO
AGENDA ITEMS**

Independent Consumer Advocate Elizabeth Tavelli spoke regarding Riverfront Recapture funding, and raised interest in taking some of the funding currently set for Riverfront Recapture, and instead shift it to Generation Power CT. She also stated that it would be logical to move Riverfront Recapture funding to ad valorem.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

On motion made by Citizen Member Russo and duly seconded, the meeting minutes of the Board of Finance meeting of November 17, 2025 were approved.

At a meeting of the Board of Finance held on November 17, 2025, the agenda item related to “Riverfront Recapture Funding” was tabled. Commissioner Salemi made a motion to remove “Riverfront Recapture Funding” from the table. The motion to remove from the table was seconded, and approved by unanimous vote of those present.

RIVERFRONT RECAPTURE FUNDING

Be it Hereby Resolved:

That the Board of Finance recommends to the District Board that an Agreement describing the MDC's authority to expend District Funds generated through the sale of water (the water rate) to fund the operations of Riverfront Recapture, Inc. a 501C-3 corporation and the direction of the District Board with respect to the funding if any be developed and approved by the District Board and that the agreement when approved be executed by the MDC Chairman and CEO along with Riverfront Recapture. Agreement shall set out the terms and schedule of any payments etc.;

and Further Resolved:

That the Board of Finance recommends to the District Board that \$600,000 of the \$1,200,000 funding for Riverfront Recapture in the 2026 proposed budget (page C-208) be allocated to the sewer ad valorem tax.

On motion made by Commissioner Salemi and duly seconded, the resolution failed by majority vote of those present. Commissioner Salemi voted in favor; Commissioners Adil, Currey, Hoffman and Citizen Members Russo, Tsegai and Vargas voted no.

OPPORTUNITY FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mike Zaleski of Riverfront Recapture thanked the MDC for their continued support.

COMMISSIONER REQUESTS FOR CONSIDERATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Salemi thanked Commissioner Hoffman for being the long-term Vice Chairperson of Board of Finance, and for working together to support the District Board. He stated they worked together for many years with no issues and thanked him for his ability to identify items of interest for the Board of Finance.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:57 PM

ATTEST:

John S. Mirtle, Esq.
District Clerk

Date of Approval