

CITY COUNCIL

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Subject: **Ordinance 1138 concerning Approving Budget Amendment
2024-06 to Replace Water Distribution Lines on Weber Street
(Public Hearing and 2nd Reading)**

Date: **1/3/2024**

Notice: Any comments made after 5:00 p.m. on the Thursday before the Council Meeting will not be seen in the agenda packet.

- Purpose:
- FYI
 - Read and Comment as Needed**
 - Action Required by January 16, 2024**
 - In Confidential File Drawer

Approve:

Johnny Boker Yes No No Comment
Comment: _____

Casi Boyer Yes No No Comment
Comment: _____

Vicki Jones Yes No No Comment
Comment: _____

Jim Ringsaker Yes No No Comment
Comment: _____

Jason Robertson Yes No No Comment
Comment: _____

Tammy Lynn Schneegas Yes No No Comment
Comment: _____

Note: N/A

CITY COUNCIL
OF
HAVRE DE GRACE, MARYLAND
ORDINANCE NO. 1138
BUDGET AMENDMENT 2024-06

Introduced by _____ Council Member Robertson _____

AN ORDINANCE BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF HAVRE DE GRACE BY THE AUTHORITY OF ARTICLE XI-E OF THE MARYLAND CONSTITUTION, THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND AND SECTION 37 OF THE HAVRE DE GRACE CITY CHARTER FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE CITY BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024, TO ADDRESS ADDITIONAL ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR THE CITY OF HAVRE DE GRACE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024

On: January 2, 2024

at: 7:00 p.m.

Ordinance introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled.

PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing is scheduled for January 16, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

EXPLANATION
Underlining indicates matter added to existing law.
[Bold Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
Amendments proposed prior to final adoption will be noted on a separate page with line references or by handwritten changes on the draft legislation.

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34 **WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council of Havre de Grace, a Maryland municipal
35 corporation, is required to establish an annual projection of anticipated revenues and proposed
36 expenses, known as the budget, for the City of Havre de Grace for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
37 2023 through June 30, 2024, said period known as fiscal year 2024; and

38 **WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council of Havre de Grace passed the Budget Ordinance 1109,
39 establishing the budget for Fiscal Year on June 20, 2023, pursuant to the Havre de Grace Charter Section
40 37 and by the authority of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland; and

41 **WHEREAS**, Section 37 of the Charter states *“No officer or employee of the City shall*
42 *expend money that is not appropriated”*, and the majority of this budget amendment is for time
43 sensitive Capital Project carry-over, to financially sustain and complete those projects; and

44 **WHEREAS**, the City has determined that the upgrade of the Water Transmission Line along
45 Weber Street is important to the continued development of the Water Distribution infrastructure
46 within the City;

47 **NOW THEREFORE**, it is determined, decided, and ordained by the City Council that
48 Budget Amendment 2024-06 (Exhibit A) be included as part of the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget.
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51 ATTEST:

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF HAVRE DE GRACE

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54 _____
55 Stephen J. Gamatoria
56 Director of Administration

William T. Martin
Mayor

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58 Introduced/First Reading: 1/2/2024
59 Public Hearing:
60 Second Reading/Adopted:
61 Effective Date:

Exhibit A



INTER-CITY MEMORANDUM

To: City Council President James E. Ringsaker, Jr.
From: Mayor William T. Martin
Date: 12/26/2023
RE: Proposed Budget Amendment 2024-06

Weber Street has water lines that are approximately 80 years old. The water line has experienced numerous breaks over the past twelve months that has resulted in damage to several properties as well as intermittent loss of water service to the residences. The City also needs to upgrade the existing four inch water line to an eight inch water line.

Additionally, the existing water line is located within a few feet of residential foundation walls in many areas, posing significant threat of structural damage and flooding to properties when failures occur. One resident has experienced flooding in their basement on three separate occasions as a direct result of line failures. The water line location has also posed a challenge to our Public Works employees responsible for the repairs. For instance, a recent water line break occurred under a resident's porch. To resolve issues such as these the replacement water line will be located under the bed of Weber Street which is in keeping with conventional utility practices.

The routine service disruptions, inadequate size, and poor location of the current water lines has made replacing this service a high priority.

The City proposes to replace approximately 1,130 linear feet of a four inch water line with eight inch water line on Weber Street to include: 40 water service connections, 6 – 8" gate valves and appurtenances, replacement of 2 fire hydrants and connections with 2 – 6" gate valves, restoration of road and driveways as needed, and reestablishment of turf. The new water service line shall be connected to the existing water meters and existing utilities shall be abandoned or removed as necessary.

The City recently received \$182,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) proceeds from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD). This payment was to reimburse the City for Water Line repairs on Pennington Avenue last fiscal year. Those funds were not anticipated in the fiscal 2024 budget and I believe they will be sufficient to replace the water lines on Weber Street based on preliminary engineering.

I am therefore requesting that the City establish capital project expenditure account #09-1232-9066 "Weber Street Water Line Replacement" and that we fund the account at \$182,000 and revenue account #09-0001-48-50 "State Grant Proceeds" be increased by the same amount.

Please contact George DeHority, Patrick Sypolt or EJ Millisor if you have any questions or require additional information regarding this budget amendment request.

