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SIGNED ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL.**

ORDINANCE

**APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO AND SAN ANTONIO
WATER SYSTEM FOR COORDINATION AND MANAGEMENT OF
BOND PROGRAM PROJECTS**

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WHEREAS, the City of San Antonio (“City”) and the San Antonio Water System (“SAWS”) have historically collaborated to align the City’s Public Works Bond projects with SAWS capital infrastructure projects to incorporate relevant SAWS utility work where appropriate; and

WHEREAS, both the City and SAWS understand the public benefits of coordinating their projects, which include reducing overall costs, minimizing street closures and public disruptions, and accelerating project completion; and

WHEREAS, this proposed Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) clearly outlines the roles and responsibilities of both the City and SAWS during the design and construction phases of joint projects, particularly focusing on ongoing construction efforts, and establishes a framework for cooperation and coordination, ensuring that city projects can move forward in a timely and cost-effective manner for the benefit of both city residents and SAWS customers; and

WHEREAS, this proposed agreement creates a framework for collaboration and coordination, ensuring that city projects can proceed in a timely and cost-effective manner for the benefit of city residents and SAWS customers; and

WHEREAS, the framework of the proposed agreement includes guiding principles that promote consistent communication and coordination throughout the entire lifecycle of bond projects, emphasizing pre-planning and scheduling, and ensures accurate, consistent, and effective messaging with contractors, stakeholders, affected property owners, the press, and the public, and facilitates the timely resolution of issues and the clear communication of project objectives and expectations; and

WHEREAS, this proposed agreement also specifies the roles and responsibilities of both the City and SAWS in identifying existing infrastructure, managing joint bid and high-risk projects, reimbursing costs, and resolving disputes; and

WHEREAS, approval of this ordinance will reinforce the City’s commitment to maintaining and improving existing infrastructure in collaboration with other partner agencies; and

WHEREAS, The SAWS Board of Trustees approved the MOU at their meeting on January 14, 2025; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance approves this proposed MOU between the City of San Antonio and the San Antonio Water System to coordinate and manage bond program projects; **NOW THEREFORE**:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The City Manager or designee, or the Director of the Public Works Department or designee, is authorized to approve this proposed MOU between the City of San Antonio and the San Antonio Water System.

SECTION 2. The City Manager or designee, or the Director of the Public Works Department or designee, is authorized to approve amendments to this MOU in order to extend the rights and obligations of the Parties to apply to additional projects.

SECTION 3. The City Manager or designee, or the Director of the Public Works Department or designee, is authorized to approve amendments to this MOU in order to extend the length of the Term of the agreement.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance is effective immediately upon the receipt of eight affirmative votes; otherwise, it is effective ten days after passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 30th day of January, 2025.

M A Y O R
Ron Nirenberg

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk

Andrew Segovia, City Attorney