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City Council, Mayor, and City Manager,

I had planned to speak at the 2/9 meeting but a conflict has surfaced for me preventing me from attending. I hope you will take this email as comments that I would have presented during the Public Hearing for Agenda Item 7.E.

The secondary clarifier project is being pulled in 5 years from 2028 to now be executed in 2023. This just raised some questions for me. The grant, principal forgiveness all make it attractive to pull the timeline forward. Keeping in mind this will increase sewer rates my first thought, is there a project that can be pushed out to swap projects to keep sewer rates from rising more than they already will based on other CIP projects. This is probably not likely.

Can the department staff handle adding a large project with relatively short notice, to their existing workload and along with other large planned projects like water tower replacement. While I know city employees will not be performing the actual construction, there is always oversight required for these projects. Just be careful not to stretch staff too thin.

The original project had a price tag of \$4.4 million. Now project cost is \$3 million. Design Engineering was to occur in 2026 for \$300k. Is the design and build all occurring now in 2023? How did \$1.4 million get shaved off project cost? Is there a good solid new estimate that was performed recently with a doable project schedule?

While the project looks like the right thing to bring forward to take advantage of the grant and principal forgiveness we need to make sure the project is not being rushed and is fully funded. The last thing we all would like to see is to run into budget shortfall that will require additional unexpected funding request to complete the project.

Thank you for your time,
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