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**MEMO**

**DATE: April 13, 2021**

**TO: Joint Committee on Ways & Means**

**CC: N/A**

**FROM: Michael S. McGlothlin, City Administrator**

**RE: ARPA 2021 Infrastructure Priorities – Columbia City, Oregon**

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Dear Committee Members,

Thank you for taking the time to gather this written testimony as we are seeking assistance from you in gaining funding for critical infrastructure needs within our community. As well, we would also like to express our sincere appreciation to Representative Brad Witt and his staff for reaching out to us in offering legislative assistance regarding this opportunity.

Since 2008 Columbia City has been addressing the updating of its critical water and sewer infrastructure needs through various projects as they directly affect the health, physical safety, and safety of property for all who reside and work within the community. As most of these project have been loan based through various programs, with a few grant opportunities gained as well, the opportunities provided by the American Relief Plan Act of 2021 will enable the City to address these critical issues while reducing the direct burden upon our citizens. To that effect, your support in this endeavor is greatly appreciated.

In a brief summary, please see the following prioritized projects, narrative statements, and cost estimations for your consideration:

**1. Steel Tank Abandonment and Sewer Main Replacement Project:** Approximately 32 steel septic tanks that were incorporated into the City's Septic Tank Effluent Gravity (STEG) system have reached the end of their life expectancy and must be abandoned with sanitary connection to the sewer system completed. These tanks have been identified for removal/replacement and have been prioritized based upon physical inspection of tank conditions.

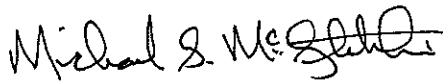
**Cost estimation: \$806,400.00**

**2. Waterline Replacement and Hydrant Installation Project:** Approximately seven (7) city block of waterline replacement, with related fire hydrant protection systems installed, are needed within residential areas of the City. These improvements are needed to both ensure a continued supply of sanitary potable water sources to the community as well as preserve life and property safety.

**Cost estimation:** \$300,000.00

Your assistance in this effort is greatly appreciated. Please do not hesitate to contact me should I be able to be of any assistance, or if I can answer any further questions.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael S. McGlothlin". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized script.

Michael S. McGlothlin  
City Administrator