



Legislation Text

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The proposed resolution terminates the declared public works emergency for the August 20th, 2018 flood event. No appropriation is required. The total of all operating expenditures specifically related to the Public Works emergency flood event reported to Finance as of January 24, 2019 totaled \$1,094,470.28. The total of all capital expenditures specifically related to the flood event reported to Finance as of January 24, 2019 totals \$550,504.66. Please see the schedule of costs by agency in the attached documentation.

Terminating the Declared Public Works Emergency per Section 62.15(1b) of the Wisconsin Statutes for the August 20, 2018 storms and the emergency preparations and repair of public infrastructure damaged by the ongoing high water and flooding that resulted from the aftermath of the storms coupled with the continuing precipitation.

Preamble

On the late afternoon of August 20, 2018, the City Madison was hit with a storm that dumped over 11 inches of rain in parts of Madison, with the heaviest participation occurring in the west side of the City. The rain event caused significant flooding where precipitation amounts were heaviest.

The rain on August 20, 2018 came at a time when the Madison lakes were already high from a wet spring and summer. In the weeks following August 20, 2018 rain continued to fall in the Madison area. Lake Monona and its tributaries reached historic levels in excess of the 100 year flood elevation.

The result was the need to make emergency repairs to roads, bike paths, drainage facilities, sanitary sewers, shorelines and other public infrastructure in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public. In addition, the City undertook a significant effort to protect properties from damage from high lake and river levels.

On September 5, 2018, the Board of Public Works declared a public works emergency in accordance with Wisconsin Statute Section 62.15(1b). The declaration of an emergency enabled the City to quickly obtain construction services from private contractors without the need to go through the more lengthy public bidding process.

All emergency repairs have been made at this time. Additional repairs, not posing a need for immediate action, still must be made. Those repairs can be made using standard public works bidding procedures in accordance with State Statutes and City of Madison Ordinances.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Public Works Emergency declared on September 5, 2018 for the August 20, 2018 storms and the emergency preparations and repair of public infrastructure damaged by the ongoing high water and flooding that resulted from the aftermath of the storms coupled with the continuing precipitation is hereby terminated.