

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-008

A RESOLUTION TO IMPROVE THE TOWN OF EDGEWOOD'S DRINKING WATER QUALITY AND SEWER TREATMENT PLANT EFFICACY VIA WATER TREATMENT

WHEREAS, the Town of Edgewood's PREVIOUS Administration was exploring condemnation of EPCOR Water, through eminent domain, at a cost estimated to be no less than \$14.5M; and

WHEREAS, the Public has clearly expressed complaints about the area's hard water which will not be solved through hostile takeover of EPCOR; and

WHEREAS, the Town has limited debt capacity; and

WHEREAS, a decision to move forward on eminent domain should not be undertaken without researching all available options and opportunity costs to spend taxpayer dollars on the communities' water supply; and

WHEREAS, the Town's Final Preliminary Engineering Report (PER), by Wilson & Company dated December 27, 2018, priced a central water treatment plant ranging from \$7M to \$10M; and

WHEREAS, the PER evaluated three treatment technologies, Lime Softening, Reverse Osmosis (RO), and Ion Exchange (IX); and

WHEREAS, the Town may establish water quality treatment goals; and

WHEREAS, Public Private Partnerships (P3) are used globally to fill infrastructure funding gaps, leverage private capital and expertise to meet community needs while saving taxpayer dollars over traditional project delivery; and

WHEREAS, the Town's water quality technical, financial, operational, and compliance risks and life-cycle costs decrease significantly with a P3 agreement; and

WHEREAS, there are upcoming opportunities through the federal Infrastructure Bill and other capital outlay sources for funding; and

WHEREAS, the Town could accomplish providing softer water to the Public, significantly decreasing household costs for water softener systems, supplies, salt/potassium, plumbing leaks, faucet replacement, bottled water, environmental impacts, and other costs; and

WHEREAS, the Town would improve its Sewer Treatment Plant operations which currently is costing the Town extreme amounts for maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the Town's Sewer Treatment Plant's current capacity would be increased to allow for economic development if the inputs were improved;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Governing Body, the Inaugural Commission, of the Municipality of the Town of Edgewood, State of New Mexico, hereby commits to pursuing water quality improvements.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED by the governing body at its meeting of January 12th, 2022.


Audrey Jaramillo, Mayor

ATTEST:


Estefanie Muller, Clerk-Treasurer