

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) administers the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas (SWIFT) low-interest loan program established by the Texas Legislature in 2013; and

WHEREAS, Austin Water's waterline services replacement program was established to systematically replace water service lines (the small-diameter lines that connect water mains to customer meters) in order to reduce water loss throughout Austin's distribution system; and

WHEREAS, polybutylene pipes tend to fail at a disproportionately high rate compared to other materials, such as copper and high-density polyethylene (HDPE); and

WHEREAS, since 2001, Austin Water has been proactively replacing polybutylene and polyethylene services in areas of high static pressure using both internal forces and contractor resources in multiple phases; and

WHEREAS, Austin Water is seeking a low interest loan, not to exceed \$45,000,000 from the TWDB Board to fund an additional phase, which will replace another 6,000 polybutylene service lines across multiple Council districts; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Council authorizes the City Manager to file an application with the Texas Water Development Board for a low-interest loan from the SWIFT loan program in an amount not to exceed \$45,000,000 to provide for Austin Water's polybutylene pipe replacement project (also known as the Municipal Conservation Project).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Council designates Shay Ralls Roalson, Director of Austin Water, as the authorized representative of the City of Austin for purposes of furnishing such information and executing such documents as may be required in connection with the preparation and filing of such application for financial assistance in compliance and the rules of the TWDB.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Council authorizes the following firms to assist the City in its preparation and submission of the application and if needed, to appear on behalf of and represent the City before any hearing held by the TWDB regarding the application: bond counsel from the firm of McCall, Parkhurst and Horton LLP and financial advisors from the firm of Public Financial Management, Inc.

ADOPTED: _____, 2025

ATTEST: _____

Myrna Rios
City Clerk