

SUBJECT

BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 24-557

Pertaining to a Lease Agreement with the Public Housing Agency of the City of Saint Paul to install AMI equipment at 727 Front Avenue.

STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS: Infrastructure Strategy & Performance

Staff is seeking approval of a Site Lease Agreement with the Public Housing Agency of the City of Saint Paul (“PHA”) to install Advanced Metering Infrastructure (“AMI”) equipment at its Iowa Hi-Rise site at 727 Front Avenue. AMI is an integrated system of smart meters, communications networks, and data management systems that enables two-way communication between utilities and customers.

At its August 9, 2022 meeting, the Board directed staff to implement a leak audit program using AMI. The program includes the installation of fixed network data collectors that can receive metering data which can identify water-related issues and receive alerts such as leak, reverse flow, and days of no flow to improve operations and customer support.

Board staff has identified PHA property at 727 Front Avenue that would be conducive to efficient data collection and evaluation while serving under-privileged communities.

The lease has the following primary terms and conditions:

1. Leased Premises consists of approximately 15 square feet of rooftop space.
2. Rent for the leased premises is nominal (\$1.00 per annum).
3. The initial term of the lease is until January 1, 2028.
4. The lease automatically renews for three successive periods of five years.
5. The Board’s use will be exclusive.
6. The Board accepts sole responsibility for maintenance of installed equipment.

See attached Site Lease Agreement

RECOMMENDATION

Approval