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Memorandum

Date: October 6, 2020

To: Mayor Zoppo-Sassu
Board of Public Works

From: Raymond A Rogozinski, P.E., Public Works Director

Re: Tropical Storm Isaias – FEMA Update

As previously reported, the City submitted an initial Damage assessment for Tropical Storm Isaias to Connecticut Division of Emergency Management, which indicated that the City's storm damage cost totaled \$219,000. In addition to the submittal forwarded to the State of Connecticut, DPW also provided information directly to FEMA as part of the process to determine if Storm Isaias met the damage threshold required to qualify as a Federal Emergency Declaration. **As of today the Declaration has been signed by the Governor and is in Washington being reviewed.**

Of the \$219,000 in City damage outlined in the initial damage assessment \$171,160 is cost incurred by the DPW. The cost consist primarily of overtime expenses incurred by the Department as part of debris management. Based on discussions with FEMA, the DPW regular wage cost for debris management are also FEMA reimbursable expenses if a Federal Declaration is signed.

The DPW calculates the regular wage cost for debris management at \$48,300. In accordance with FEMA Public Assistance program reimbursement is provided at 75% of expended cost, therefore The City will receive approximately \$200,475 $((\$219,000 + \$48,300) \times 0.75)$ with DPW portion being \$164,595.

It should be noted that FEMA provides reimbursements of regular wage expenses for debris management only. No other regular wage expenditures are reimbursable in accordance with the Public Assistance Program. In addition, the City established dedicated Isaias account numbers to track DPW overtime, contract services and material expenditures associated with the storm, therefore DPW 2020-21 operating budget has not been impacted. The established Isaias accounts are separate and it is anticipated that any FEMA reimbursements will be directed to the storm accounts.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions/concerns at 860-584-6113.

Raymond Rogozinski

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Subject: RE: Tropical Storm Isaias Initial Damage Assessment - Individual FEMA Program

Good afternoon. The Declaration request has been signed by the Governor and is in Washington D.C. being reviewed. We hope it will be signed soon, but have not been given any timetable by federal officials. Bill Turley.

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John

Can you provide an update on the status of the Emergency Declaration for Isaias? The City provided information to FEMA approximately 2-3 weeks ago and they referred me back to the state.

Thanks for your assistance.

Raymond A Rogozinski, P.E.
Director of Public Works