**PROPOSED TRANSITION PLAN**

***Ansonia Sewer Treatment Facility to Aquarion - Milestones and Timeline***

[complete] Purchase Agreement

Following public hearing and approval of the Board of Aldermen, the City and Aquarion sign the purchase and sale agreement on June 21st with a planned closing date of December 2, 2024.

[complete] Purchase Option Payment

Per the terms of the agreement, Aquarion pays the $5 million purchase option payment to the City on June 27th.

[complete] Installation of Transition Coordinator

The City hires a Transition Coordinator to facilitate this Transition Plan and to maintain an open and transparent process between the City, staff and the public. John Tomasella has been retained as the Transition Coordinator as part of his duties as independent contractor for the WPCA.

[incomplete] Board of Aldermen Empowered to Complete Transition Plan

Board of Aldermen amends City ordinances to act as functioning WPCA for the purpose of completing Transition Plan.

[incomplete] Develop Customer Billing Plan

By 8/21 the City needs to approve a final billing plan that funds WPCA operations through the closing and also minimizes the likelihood that any customer will be overcharged for wastewater. Specifically, the City must determine how to handle to forthcoming September billing, which (retroactively) funds WPCA operations from July 2024 forward.

[incomplete] Finalize Rate Schedule Under Aquarion

By 7/21, Aquarion is to provide the City with a rate schedule consistent with the public approvals and the purchase and sale agreement. This date is subject to receiving updated customer data.

[incomplete] Public Hearing and Rate Approval

Before the close, the City will hold a public hearing and approve the updated rate schedule, including use of the rate stabilization fund as set forth in public approvals, term sheet and sales agreement.

[incomplete] Staffing

By August 1, Aquarion will make offers of employment to all employees. Employees will have 30 days to accept or decline those offers.

Simultaneously Aquarion will also start recruiting to have a fully staffed operations department.

[incomplete] Real Estate

30 days after effective date (July 21st) , Ansonia will deliver a legal descriptions and copies of surveys for real property and easements. (Listed in schedule 1.1.1 and in the attachment).

60 days after effective date (Sep 21st), Aquarion will present a list of title defects for the seller to resolve

City to subdivide 1 N. Division St.

* needs to get the survey completed
* Approval by Planning and Zoning

[incomplete] Compliance with CT DEEP

Aquarion and Ansonia need to collaborate on resolutions to DEEP's proposed Consent Order:

* Aquarion and Ansonia would like to separate stormwater and wastewater items on the consent order
* Meeting scheduled for 7/25 with DEEP

Aquarion will prepare the application for the transfer of the NPDES permit application

[incomplete] Community Advisory Board

City to appoint members to the Customer Advisory Board prior to closing.

[incomplete] Resolve Easement Issues

See Attachment A; City and Aquarion will work to resolve easement issues prior to the closing.

[incomplete] Tax Exemption

City to pass tax exemption per public approvals and purchase agreement.

**Attachment A**

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| **POSSIBLE PIPE EASEMENT LOCATIONS** | | |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| **Address** | **Facility Name** | **Owner Name** | **Easement Info** |
|  |  |  |  |
| 15 Church Street | Pine Grove Cemetery | Pine Grove Cemetery | \*no easement found |
| 39 Pershing Drive | Private (Dunkin) | 39 Pershing Associates | 400/787 |
| 420 Main Street | Private (Vacant) | 420 Main, LLC | 353/556 (from Ansonia Tice Properties) |
| 403 Main Street | Private (Big Y) | AGS Ansonia, LLC & Goldblum | 161/628 (from Hershey Metal Products) |
| Division Street | Road ROW | City of Ansonia | N/A |
| 70 Woodlawn Avenue | Housing Authority | City of Ansonia | N/A |
| 19 Keily Lane | Private (Residential) | Maciog, Michael | 108/320 |
| 3 Keily Lane | Private (Residential) | Bernaud, Richard | 108/320 |
| 75 Ford Street | Mead School | City of Ansonia | N/A |