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## CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA ITEM REPORT

**DATE:** May 27, 2026

**SUBMITTED BY:** David Lindsey, Public Works & Utilities

**ITEM TYPE:** Agreement

**AGENDA SECTION:** CONSENT AGENDA

**SUBJECT:** Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with Manatee County for Installation, Maintenance, and Use of an Alternative Potable Water Supply Line for Blake Hospital

**SUGGESTED ACTION:** Approval

**Is this item Quasi-Judicial?**

No

**Does this item require a public hearing?**

No

**EXPLANATION:**

During Hurricanes Helene and Milton, the City's potable water reservoir was compromised by storm surge, resulting in impaired water quality and service interruptions to HCA Florida Blake Hospital. Because hospitals require a reliable potable water supply during emergencies, Manatee County provided a temporary above-ground alternative water line and now intends to relocate the line underground to create a permanent alternative connection.

The proposed ILA establishes the City's and County's rights and responsibilities for the design, construction, operation, maintenance, and use of the Alternative Water Line. Under the Agreement, Manatee County will design, permit, construct, own, operate, maintain, repair, and replace the line at the County's sole expense. The line may be used to provide potable water to the Hospital during periods when the City's primary water system is unable, or reasonably anticipated to be unable, to provide the required flow or water quality.

The Agreement also grants the County limited access to City rights-of-way and City property as needed for the line, subject to City standards, permitting requirements, and coordination with the City. Activation and deactivation of the line will be coordinated among the City, County, and Hospital during periods of disruption and upon restoration of the City's primary water system.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

There is no direct financial impact to the City for the design, permitting, installation, construction, operation, maintenance, repair, or replacement of the Alternative Water Line, as these responsibilities are assigned to Manatee County at the County's sole expense. The County will own the Alternative Water Line and may directly bill the Hospital for potable water usage provided through the line during periods of disruption, based on County-owned metering equipment and the County's adopted water utility rate schedule.

**ATTORNEY REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION:**

Reviewed and approved by City Attorney Rudacille.

**SUGGESTED MOTION:**

Motion to approve the ILA with Manatee County regarding the installation, maintenance, and use of an alternative potable water supply line for HCA Florida Blake Hospital, and authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreement and any related documents necessary to effectuate the Agreement.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

[ILA with Manatee County](#)