



**RESOLUTION 22-018**  
**RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE CITY OF GIBRALTAR AND OTHER IMPACTED**  
**GLWA MEMBER COMMUNITIES REIMBURSEMENT FOR PAYMENT OF**  
**HIGHLAND PARK'S WATER AND SEWER DEBT**

**WHEREAS** the City of Gibraltar is a member community of the Downriver Community Conference (DCC), a consortium of twenty Downriver communities in Wayne County whose total population exceeds 500,000, has joined in an effort to improve local government and enhance the quality of life for area residents through municipal cooperation; and

**WHEREAS** the City of Gibraltar and Wayne County receives water services from the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) and the City of Gibraltar and most of the DCC's 20 members are paying members of the GLWA; and

**WHEREAS** the State of Michigan has a direct role in GLWA providing water services to the City of Highland Park; and

**WHEREAS** the State of Michigan requested then Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) provide emergency water services to the City of Highland Park because the State of Michigan determined Highland Park's water treatment plant was creating a public health risk to its residents; and

**WHEREAS** on November 12, 2012 the State of Michigan stated the repairs to the water treatment plant were to be completed in 3-4 days; and

**WHEREAS** neither the State of Michigan or the City of Highland Park repaired the water treatment plant and it remains shuttered to this day; and

**WHEREAS** the City of Highland Park has paid less than 1% of their water services charges since 2012; and

**WHEREAS** since 2012 Highland Park has accumulated \$54,233,700 in debt to GLWA for both water and sewer services; and

**WHEREAS** of the \$54,233,700 debt Highland Park has accumulated since 2012, \$19,882,700 (36%) has been allocated to the paying members in Wayne County including \$5,105,300 to the paying members in the Downriver Community Conference region; and

**WHEREAS** the Michigan Court of Appeals ordered on t August 18, 2022, reinstated the \$21 million judgement against the City of Highland Park, in favor of the Great Lakes Water Authority; now

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Gibraltar herby reiterates its request that the State of Michigan and/or the Great Lakes Water Authority reimburse the DCC member communities (including the City of Gibraltar) for the \$5.1 million that has been paid towards this debt.

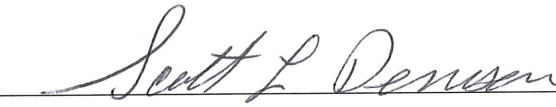
Motion to adopt the resolution by Dill and seconded by Valentine.

Carried unanimously.

### **CERTIFICATION**

I, Katherine Tomasik, the duly elected Clerk of the City of Gibraltar, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council at a regular meeting held on September 12, 2022.

  
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Katherine Tomasik, City Clerk

  
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Scott L. Denison, Mayor