

RESOLUTION

NO. R-26-315

CITY HALL: August 6, 2026

BY: COUNCILMEMBERS MCCARRON, HUGHES, AND MORRELL

WHEREAS, Mayor Helena Moreno, on June 1, 2026, signed Executive Order HM 26-04A to establish a standing working group of the Infrastructure Coordinating Council (“ICC”) to be known as the Public Utility Modernization Process Subgroup (“PUMPS”); and

WHEREAS, PUMPS was charged with the responsibility to assist the Infrastructure Coordinating Council, the mayor, and the city council in matters related to the evaluation and immediate implementation of Act 938 of the 2026 Regular Legislative Session; and

WHEREAS, PUMPS, comprised of members of the city council, the administration, and subject matter experts, has over the course of four meetings assisted in drafting an ordinance that empowers the city council to exercise regulatory authority and oversight over SWBNO, thereby implementing Act 938; and

WHEREAS, PUMPS shall also “evaluate and develop recommendations concerning a governance and operational model under which the functions, assets, responsibilities, and operations of SWBNO may be transferred to, consolidated with, or become more fully integrated into the City of New Orleans”; **NOW THEREFORE**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS, That the Council hereby supports the pursuit, development, and implementation of a local-control governance model for SWBNO which carries out the transfer, consolidation, or integration of the utility into the City of New Orleans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Council commits to maintaining its engagement with PUMPS and to supporting the coordination and staffing necessary to develop and implement recommendations for a local-control governance model.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Council encourages PUMPS to create a roadmap which provides a timeline and list of topics for review over the longer term.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Council encourages PUMPS to assess, among the list of topics to review topics that are essential to preserve operational integrity, accountability, and functionality of the city's critical infrastructure, including debt issuance and the bond-related impacts of transferring or consolidating SWBNO functions within City government, the process for the City Council to assess requests to update rates and fees, opportunities for operational efficiency and synergy with existing city services, and reviewing the effects of merge on employee benefits and pension obligations.

THE FOREGOING WAS READ IN FULL, THE ROLL WAS CALLED ON THE ADOPTION THEREOF, AND RESULTED AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

AND THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.