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VIA EMAIL:

Honorable Members of the City Council
(Through the Office of the Mayor)
City Hall – 1 Roosevelt Square
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RE: REQUESTING FOR LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING ATTENDANCE TO THE YOUNG PROFESSIONALS SUMMIT

Dear Honorable Council Members:

This letter serves as a formal request for the enactment of legislation authorizing two (2) employees of the Board of Water Supply to attend the 2026 Young Professionals Summit in Charlotte, North Carolina, from March 22 to March 25, 2026.

The Young Professionals (YP) Summit is a premier water and wastewater industry workshop for young professionals to develop their leadership skills and industry knowledge. The Summit aligns directly with our mission and ongoing initiatives, including the Lead Service Line Replacement Program, Cross Connection Control and Backflow Prevention Program, regulatory compliance, infrastructure modernization, operational efficiency, and community engagement.

Attendees will benefit from professional development sessions, discussions with senior leadership on sector trends, risk, and opportunities, gain hands-on experience with water and wastewater tools and collaborate in interactive small-group problem solving to expand practical knowledge. Throughout the Summit, attendees will have ongoing opportunities to network with water sector experts and colleagues, fostering collaboration and professional connections.

The registration fee is \$300 per attendee. Total expenses (including registration fee(s)) for hotel accommodation, travel, and incidentals are not to exceed \$5,000 for both attendees. These costs will be charged to budget code 001-581-581001, Staff Development & Trainings.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,



Carlton Spruill
Commissioner



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