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What: Jeff Wright Statement on Flint City Council Approving Resolution to Join KWA.

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Additional Info: Jeff Wright, CEO of the KWA, today praised the Flint City Council for voting to approve a resolution to officially have the City of Flint join the KWA and its' water line.

"I have said from the beginning that this decision must be made by Flint's City Council and Mayor," said Wright. "I appreciate the council voting the way they did, but even more than that, I am glad the residents of Flint were able to have their voices heard via their elected officials." The next step in the process will come with the KWA Board executing the contract for the City.

"The most important aspect from the vote is the fact that we as an Authority can move forward knowing Flint's intentions," said Wright.

Despite Emergency Manager Ed Kurtz publicly supporting the project, Wright had made a vote by council a condition of Flint joining the KWA so the residents would have their say.

"There is a basic tenet that government is best when it has local control. We saw that with the council vote. Nobody, whether they live in Flint, Grand Blanc, Davison, Fenton, or anywhere in Genesee County, should have these types of decisions made by people who live outside of their community," said Wright.

At the next Water and Waste Advisory Board meeting a vote will be taken to award a contract for construction of the intake portion of the water line. All bids were submitted to the board at their last meeting for review.