

AGENDA



Thursday, July 26, 2007

Item(s) to Set Public Hearing(s)
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 90

Subject: Approve a resolution setting a public hearing to receive public comment regarding the update of the City of Austin Water and Wastewater Impact Fee Land Use Assumptions and Capital Improvement Plan. This update contains the calculation of the maximum allowable water and wastewater impact fees, amends the water and wastewater impact fee service area, and recommends water and wastewater impact fees to be charged by the City (Suggested date and time: August 30, 2007 at 6:00 p.m., Austin City Hall, Council Chambers, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, Texas).

Amount and Source of Funding: No fiscal impact.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is not required.

For More Information: David Anders, 972-0323; David Juarez, P.E., 972-0191; Teresa Lutes, P.E., 972-0179; Denise Avery, 972-0104

Boards and Commission Action: To be reviewed by the Water and Wastewater Commission on August 15, 2007. Impact Fee Advisory Committee meeting(s) are in process of being scheduled. (Suggested date and time: August 30, 2007 at 6:00 p.m., Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Austin, TX)

Prior Council Action: The most recent updates to the Impact Fee Land Use Assumptions and Capital Improvement Plan were adopted by City Council on November 29, 2001. Prior adoption dates are February 13, 1997 and February 15, 1999. The most recent ordinance amending the fee schedule for water and wastewater impact fees was adopted on August 5, 1999 (varying the collected fees by Smart Growth zone). Since then, the fees have been re-adopted each year as part of the City's annual Fee Ordinance.

Under the Texas Impact Fee Act (Local Government Code, Chapter 395), the City is required to update its Impact Fee Land Use Assumptions, the Impact Fee Capital Improvement Plan, and Maximum Allowable Water and Wastewater Impact Fees (capital recovery fees) every five years and to conduct a public hearing on each update prior to its adoption.

The Impact Fee Advisory Committee must file its comments on the proposed update before the fifth business day prior to the public hearing on the proposed amendments. The Water and Wastewater Commission is also scheduled to review the updates. Under the law, the Council must approve or reject the proposed update on or before the expiration of thirty (30) days from the date of the public hearing on the amendments.

The projected date of public hearing notification in the Austin American-Statesman is July 30, 2007.

Recommended Subsequent City Council Adoption Date:

The recommended subsequent City Council adoption date is September 10-12, 2007 for the Year 2006 Update of the City of Austin Water and Wastewater Impact Fee Land Use Assumptions and Capital Improvement Plan, which are to be considered for approval in conjunction with the adoption of the FY 07/08 City Budget.