

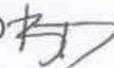
**Park Impact Fees
And
Road and Drainage Impact Fees**



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SUBJECT: City Council February 25, 2013 Work Session – Parks, Road and Drainage Impact Fees

At the February 25, 2013 City Council Work Session, staff will be prepared to discuss both park impact fees and road and drainage impact fees. The purpose of the discussion is to seek direction from the City Council on how to proceed given available options to consider with final action occurring before the end of the fiscal year.

A determination on the status of park impact fees must be formally decided upon prior to July 1, 2014. The Capital Improvement Advisory Committee (CIAC) has made a recommendation to increase the current fee. I will be providing an overview of this subject which will include background information, issues and concerns relative to park impact fees and how to proceed with various options. Mark Johnston, Parks and Recreation Director will present the specific options, including the CIAC's recommendation, with the intent to receive direction from the City Council on how to proceed.

Following the discussion on impact fees, I will continue dialogue with the City Council pertaining to road and drainage impact fees. Again, background information, issues, concerns and options will be presented. Based on previous discussions, staff did meet with the development community including representatives from the Home Builder's Association, to discuss their concerns and possible solutions. Options that will be presented at the work session will include alternatives expressed by both staff as well as the development community to provide the City Council with a breath of options to consider. Loretta Reyes, Public Works Director will also be available to answer detailed questions pertaining to road and drainage impact fees as well as provide an explanation to the consequences of the approved capital improvement program and the adopted impact fees.

Ultimately, staff has concerns pertaining to the CIAC's recommendation as well as adopted road and drainage impact fees that are to go into effect July 1, 2014. These concerns will be outlined at the meeting as well as the possibility of considering other alternatives to solve the concerns of needed infrastructure for the community.

At this point in time, staff anticipates another work session in May to finalize conceptual approval of a plan of action followed by formal final decision in June. Applicable information and documentation will be provided at that time.

If you have any questions, please advise.