

COUNCIL MINUTES

September 19, 2024

The City Council of the City of Mesa met in a Study Session in the lower-level meeting room of the Council Chambers, 57 East 1st Street, on September 19, 2024, at 7:32 a.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT

COUNCIL ABSENT

OFFICERS PRESENT

Francisco Heredia Jennifer Duff Mark Freeman Alicia Goforth Scott Somers Julie Spilsbury John Giles

Christopher Brady Holly Moseley Jim Smith

Vice Mayor Heredia conducted a roll call.

Vice Mayor Heredia excused Mayor Giles from the entire meeting.

1. Review and discuss items on the agenda for the September 23, 2024, Regular Council meeting.

All of the items on the agenda were reviewed among Council and staff and the following was noted:

Conflict of interest: None

Items removed from the consent agenda: None

Responding to a question from Councilmember Somers regarding Item 5-d, (Approving and authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Queen Creek Unified School District for Surveillance System Emergency Access.) (Citywide)), on the Regular Council meeting agenda, Assistant Police Chief Gina Nesbit explained that the proposed agreement is the same agreement that the City has with Mesa Public Schools (MPS) which provides access to the security cameras. She clarified that Mesa Police are partnering with the local schools to access the surveillance cameras when there is an active incident taking place. She confirmed that this is in response to the recent increase in juvenile crimes.

Responding to a question from Councilmember Freeman regarding Item 4-h, (**Use of a Cooperative Contract for the Purchase of One Pierce Tiller Fire Apparatus (Addition) for the Mesa Fire and Medical Department) (Citywide))**, on the Regular Council meeting agenda, Assistant Fire Chief James Johnson introduced Maintenance Administrator Jason Nickelson and clarified that a tiller fire apparatus is essential in a densely populated city like Mesa. He explained

that the apparatus is maneuverable, can get into tight spaces, and has more storage and functionality.

In response to a question from Councilmember Freeman, Mr. Nickleson confirmed that this vendor was selected because they offer the largest and best variety of options.

Responding to a question from Councilmember Spilsbury regarding Item 7-a, (A resolution declaring the document filed with the City Clerk titled "2024 Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance, Title 11 of the Mesa City Code, Pertaining to Detached Accessory Buildings, Accessory Dwelling Units, Public Safety Facilities, and Various Technical Updates and Minor Revisions" to be a public record and providing for the availability of the document for public use and inspection with the City Clerk.) (Citywide)), and 7-b, (An ordinance proposing amendments to the Zoning Ordinance, Title 11 of the Mesa City Code, pertaining to Detached Accessory Buildings, Accessory Dwelling Units, Public Safety Facilities, and Various Technical Updates and Minor Revisions. The amendments to Chapters 2. 5. 6. 7. 8, 10, 30, 31, 32, 34, 86, and 87 include, but are not limited to: repealing and replacing Section 11-30-17: Detached Accessory Buildings; repealing and replacing Section 11-31-3: Accessory Dwelling Unit; changes to Detached Accessory Buildings and Accessory Dwelling Units development standards and technical revisions; addition of Public Safety Facilities as a permitted use in residential districts in certain circumstances; and various technical updates and minor revisions.) (Citywide)), on the Regular Council meeting agenda, Assistant Planning Director Rachel Nettles introduced Senior Planner Sean Pesek and displayed a PowerPoint presentation. (See Attachment 1)

Ms. Nettles explained that the proposed text amendments are related to accessory dwelling units (ADU) and stated that the updated code will reduce the barriers for construction of ADUs. She shared the background of this code amendment which included new state requirements and provided an overview of the requirements mandated by House Bill 2720 that was signed into law in May 2024. (See Pages 2 through 10 of Attachment 1)

In response to a question from Councilmember Spilsbury, Ms. Nettles confirmed that any existing ADU that is over 1,000 square feet in size will be grandfathered in and no action will be required. She verified that all buildings permitted will need to be separate structures.

Responding to a question from Councilmember Freeman, Ms. Nettles confirmed that the ADU approvals are processed through the Permitting Department, which is a fairly quick process.

Discussion ensued related to the idea of considering pre-approved ADU plans and different types of ADU construction that might assist customers.

In response to a question from Councilmember Spilsbury, Ms. Nettles explained that the regulations that the City had proposed align with these amendments.

Responding to a question from Councilmember Freeman, Ms. Nettles stated that the current public safety construction locations were subject to rezoning and that this was a clean-up item.

Additional discussion ensued relative to the placement of public safety buildings and quasi-public uses, affordable housing, and the parameters required to meet the HUD regulations.

Vice Mayor Heredia thanked staff for the presentation.

Responding to a question from Councilmember Goforth regarding Item 10-a, (Public hearing prior to the release of the petition for signatures for the proposed annexation case ANX24-00034, located north of East Southern Avenue and on the west side of South Ellsworth Road (6.5± acres). This request has been initiated by David Richert, for the owner, Generation Church Arizona.) (District 5), on the Regular Council meeting agenda, Principal Planner Evan Balmer confirmed that the proposed annexation is for an existing parking lot owned by the church that is located south of the property. He explained that the church is currently annexed in Maricopa County, and the parking lot is annexed in the City limits. He clarified the annexation requirements stating that both properties need to be in the same jurisdiction.

Mr. Balmer verified that the church will not be required to make any improvements; however, the parking lot will need to be improved to meet the City standards.

In response to a question from Councilmember Duff regarding Item 4-g, (**Dollar Limit Increase** to the Term Contract for Utility Locating Services for the Energy Resources Department.) (Citywide)), on the Regular Council meeting agenda, Assistant to the City Manager Ian Lissen introduced Energy and Sustainability Director Scott Bouchie.

City Manager Christopher Brady pointed out that staff will often obtain inaccurate location maps from the local utility companies, which require additional locating services.

Mr. Bouchie acknowledged that contractors are required to call 811 before digging to request utility locating and marking. He confirmed that the fiber installation project has increased the workload and is the main reason for this request.

Mr. Lissen advised that improvements to the process need to be made regardless of fault. He expressed the importance of the locating services and noted the unprecedented amount of construction happening in Mesa.

2-a. Hear a presentation, discuss, and provide direction on the Utility Fund forecast and recommended rate and fee adjustments.

Water Resource Deputy Director Christopher Hassert introduced Water Resources Deputy Director Seth Weld and Management Assistant II Erik Hansen and displayed a PowerPoint presentation. (See Attachment 2)

Mr. Hassert announced that the presentation is a continuation of the discussion from the last meeting and reflects the changes that were directed by the Council.

Mr. Weld provided an overview of the residential customer service charges and explained how the fixed component service charge will ease the expense for customers. He identified the revised rate adjustments and gave an example of the typical residential and commercial monthly charges which included the existing and proposed rates. (See Pages 3 through 7 of Attachment 2)

Responding to a question from Councilmember Freeman, Mr. Brady confirmed that the overall impact on the fund balance was minimal.

Office of Management and Budget Director Brian Ritschel advised that the proposed model will not change the financial forecast and explained how the net sources and uses impact the budget.

In response to a request from Vice Mayor Heredia for the percentage of customers within each tier, staff agreed to follow up with that information.

Responding to a question from Councilmember Spilsbury, Mr. Ritschel confirmed that as part of the Notice of Intent, the public will see the residential water usage tiers and the corresponding rates.

Additional discussion ensued regarding how the water utility fee increase will be presented and the possible impact to the citizens.

Vice Mayor Heredia thanked staff for the presentation.

(Vice Mayor Heredia declared a recess at 8:52 a.m. The meeting was reconvened at 8:57 a.m.)

Energy and Sustainability Director Scott Bouchie introduced Energy Resources Program Manager Anthony Cadorin and Senior Fiscal Analyst John Petrof and displayed a PowerPoint presentation. (See Attachment 3)

Mr. Bouchie recalled that this presentation is a continuation of the September 12, 2024, Study Session regarding the electric and natural gas utility rate increases. He provided an overview of the increasing costs and pressures that are being put on the electric utility for the operating budget, as well as the debt service, and explained the reason behind the increased costs. (See Page 31 of Attachment 3)

Mr. Petrof presented a graph depicting the increased operating costs forecasted from 2022 through 2029. He explained that while the electric utility expenses have gone down due to the budget reductions, the operating costs continue to increase. (See Page 32 of Attachment 3)

Mr. Bouchie described the City projects that involve the electric utility and identified the increases for each project. (See Page 33 of Attachment 3)

Mr. Petrof illustrated the increasing debt service costs forecasted from 2022 through 2029. (See Page 34 of Attachment 3)

Mr. Cadorin explained that prior to the market disruption in 2021, City of Mesa (COM) utility customers were charged significantly less than customers with service at utility companies and referenced Salt River Project (SRP). He informed Council that when the supply costs and distribution rates increased, COM utilized the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) subsidy funds which allowed the rates to remain low. He reiterated that the private utility companies had passed the increased costs on to their customers. He stated that the proposed rate restructuring will put the COM utility rates on par with SRP, adding that staff is working to stabilize the costs by bringing on new, less costly resources. (See Page 35 of Attachment 3)

Mr. Petrof compared the COM and SRP residential and commercial monthly rates for an average customer. He pointed out the proposed rates, indicating the increase amount and the approximate adjustment in the monthly utility billing for both. (See Pages 36 through 39 of Attachment 3)

Discussion ensued relative to the commercial utility rates.

Mr. Bouchie provided an overview of the proposed increase for the COM gas utility and explained the increased costs and pressures that the utility is experiencing. He recalled the increases in the operating budget and debt service referencing inflation, the increased population, and aging infrastructure. (See Pages 40 and 41 of Attachment 3)

Mr. Petrof highlighted the increasing operating costs on the gas utility, including the current, actual, and forecasted expenses. (See Page 42 of Attachment 3)

Mr. Bouchie referenced the specific projects that have been impacted by the increased operating costs and provided each project budget increase amount. (See Page 43 of Attachment 3)

Mr. Petrof reviewed the increasing debt service costs on the gas utility, pointing out the prior forecast and the current forecast which indicated a \$5 million increase over the life of the forecast. He confirmed that the average residential gas bill with the proposed rate is expected to be 17% less than the other local gas providers. (See Pages 44 and 45 of Attachment 3)

Responding to a question from Vice Mayor Heredia, Mr. Bouchie stated that the approximate number of gas utility customers is 77,000 and continues to grow.

In response to a question from Vice Mayor Heredia, Mr. Cadorin reported that the gas market costs are down and reiterated the goal to stabilize costs for the customers.

Discussion ensued regarding the increasing gas utility customer base.

Mr. Petrof provided details on the proposed residential and commercial gas rates and explained the adjustment, reporting that the COM rates are still competitive with other local gas providers. He commented that the proposed increase is 2.7%. He gave an overview of the inclining rate structure and pointed out how it will benefit the customers. (See Pages 46 through 48 Attachment 3)

In response to a question from Vice Mayor Heredia, Mr. Bouchie confirmed that the microgrid project is in process and explained that staff is working on determining the feasibility of the project, the cost, and funding source.

Mr. Brady confirmed that the cost of the microgrid project has significantly increased, which has impacted the feasibility of the proposal. He stated that staff will be presenting the findings of the feasibility study to Council soon.

Mr. Cadorin identified two additional low-cost energy resources that are being considered by the City. He advised that these resources take a significant amount of time to develop but they will be presented to Council when they become feasible.

Vice Mayor Heredia thanked staff for the presentation.

Mr. Ritschel introduced the Office of Management and Budget Deputy Director Chris Olvey and Budget Coordinator Jonathan Perkins and displayed a PowerPoint presentation. (See Page 62 of Attachment 3)

Mr. Olvey gave an overview of the proposed adjustments to the terms and conditions to the utility service request fees. He highlighted the proposed language which will allow the City to trim vegetation or remove obstructions on a customer's premises, if needed, to access utility meters and the proposed addition of trip-related charges for utility turn on, termination, and unscheduled trip services. (See Page 63 of Attachment 3)

Additional discussion ensued regarding the removal of vegetation from the customer's property.

Business Services Department Director Ed Quedens confirmed that in a situation where vegetation needs to be trimmed, City staff always attempt to contact the property owners and do the best they can to communicate what is going to take place ahead of time.

Responding to a question from Councilmember Somers, Mr. Olvey confirmed that there are no additional charges for remote activation of the electric utility and confirmed that, for safety reasons, remote activation is not an option for the gas utility.

Mr. Olvey presented the proposed security deposit increase for hydrant meters, explaining that they are used for construction. He confirmed that the proposed deposit will increase from \$1,500 to \$2,500 due to the increase in meter cost, and the fee for repeat offenders for unauthorized use of the water hydrants will increase based on the type of customer and number of occurrences. (See Page 64 of Attachment 3)

Mr. Ritschel reviewed the revised utility fund forecast and the proposed rate adjustments and explained that the reserve balance is forecasted to be 8.9% by Fiscal Year 2029/2030. (See Pages 9 and 10 of Attachment 2)

In response to a question from Councilmember Goforth, Mr. Ritschel confirmed that the reserve balance will raise over time after the completion of several big projects, as well as a combination of the growth in revenue from the rate increases, cost decreases, and new accounts.

Responding to a question from Vice Mayor Heredia, Mr. Ritschel clarified that it is hard to predict due to many variables; however, the decrease in the federal interest rate may affect the issuance of debt next year.

In response to a question from Councilmember Duff, Mr. Ritschel stated that the bond rating is determined by the reserve balance and other parameters such as the stability of the utility.

Mr. Ritschel highlighted the schedule and the next steps to move forward with the adjustment of the utility rates, stating that if the Council grants approval the rate changes would take effect on February 1, 2025. (See Page 11 of Attachment 2)

Vice Mayor Heredia thanked staff for the presentation.

3. Acknowledge receipt of minutes of various boards and committees.

3-a. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting held on May 8, 2024.

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It was moved by Councilmember Spilsbury, seconded by Councilmember Duff, that receipt of the above-listed minutes be acknowledged.

Upon tabulation of votes, it showed:

AYES – Heredia–Duff–Freeman–Goforth–Somers–Spilsbury NAYS – None ABSENT – Giles

Vice Mayor Heredia declared the motion carried unanimously by those present.

4. Current events summary including meetings and conferences attended.

Vice Mayor Heredia and Councilmembers highlighted the events, meetings and conferences recently attended.

5. Scheduling of meetings.

City Manager Christopher Brady stated that the schedule of meetings is as follows:

Monday, September 23, 2024, 5:15 p.m. – Study Session

Monday, September 23, 2024, 5:45 p.m. - Regular meeting

Thursday, September 26, 2024, 7:30 a.m. - Joint meeting with Mesa Public Schools

6. Adjournment.

Without objection, the Study Session adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

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ATTEST:

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Study Session of the City Council of Mesa, Arizona, held on the 19th day of September 2024. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.



sr (Attachments – 3) **Assistant Planning Director**

Rachel Nettles

ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT (ADU) TEXT TEXT

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BACKGROUND

- Started discussion with Council Nov. 2023
- $_{\circ}$ Mesa allowed ADU since 1939
- $_{\circ}$ What changes could be made to reduce the barriers for constructing ADUs
- Conducted public outreach Spring 2024
- $_{\circ}$ 1 virtual meeting
- 2 in person meetings
- State considered requirements for ADU Spring 2024
- $_{\circ}$ HB 2720 signed into law May 2024



HB 2720 REQUIREMENTS

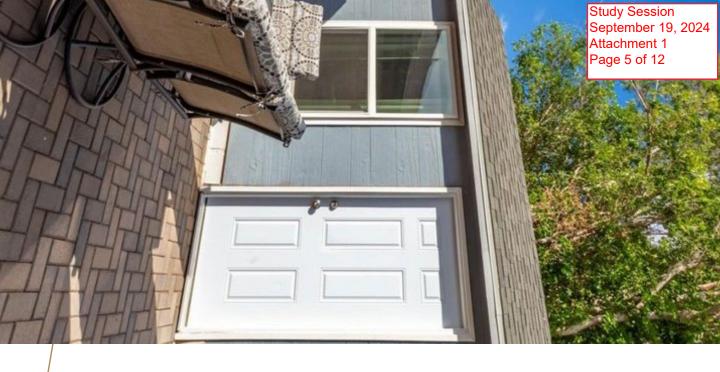
- allowed Allow one attached and one detached ADU - on all lots or parcels where a single-family dwelling is
- Allow a 3rd ADU on a lot or parcel that is:
- $_{\circ}\,$ one acre or more in size
- IF at least one ADU on the lot or parcel is a restricted-affordable dwelling unit

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HB 2720 REQUIREMENTS

- May not require an ADU to match the exterior design, roof pitch or finishing materials of the single-family dwelling
- May not set restrictions for ADUs that are more restrictive than single-family dwellings
 height, setbacks, lot size or coverage or building frontage





HB 2720 REQUIREMENTS

- feet May not establish rear or side setbacks greater than 5
- Size permitted to be 75% of the primary dwelling unit up to 1,000 sq. ft.
- May not require additional parking for an ADU

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PROPOSED TEXT AMENDMENTS

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PROPOSED TEXT AMENDMENTS

Amend Permitted Zoning Districts:

- Allow in RM-5 and RSL Districts
- On any lot/parcel containing an existing single residence

Amend Permitted Number:

- From one ADU permitted per lot
- To one attached and one detached ADU permitted per lot. 3rd ADU permitted on a lot that is:
- $^{\circ}$ one acre or more in size
- $_{\circ}\,$ IF at least one ADU is a restricted-
- affordable dwelling unit



PROPOSED TEXT AMENDMENTS

Amend Floor Area Requirements:

- From 30% of primary dwelling
- To 75% of primary dwelling not to exceed 1,000 sq. ft.

Amend Height Requirements:

- From standards based on location in the backyard
- To maximum building height per the underlying zoning district



PROPOSED TEXT AMENDMENTS

Amend Setback Requirements:

- From standards based on the size and height of the ADU
- To minimum 5-foot rear and interior side setback
- Allow non-conforming structures that do not meet setbacks to be converted or expanded to include ADUs without requiring a Special Use Permit



PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES PROPOSED TEXT AMENDMENTS

Amend Permitted Zoning Districts:

- Not currently permitted within any Residential District
- Add Public Safety Facilities as a permitted use in RS, RSL, and RM zones
- Add a new footnote specifying city owned and operated facilities
- General Purpose of Residential Districts: Provide for appropriate public and quasi-public uses

where they are compatible with residential neighborhoods

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DETACHED ACCESSORY STRUCTURES PROPOSED TEXT AMENDMENTS

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Simplify Setback and Height Requirements:

- Less than or equal to 200 square feet (≤8 feet in height)
- Can encroach into side and rear yards (no min. setback)
- Greater than 200 square feet (>8 feet and ≤15 feet in height)
- 0 Can encroach into side and rear yards (min. 5 feet setback)
- Greater than 200 square feet (>15 feet in height)
- Cannot exceed maximum building height of the underlying zoning district, or the height of the

primary building, whichever is less

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Comply with underlying zoning's setback requirements

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FY 2024/25 City of Mesa Water Rate Recommendations Revised I

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Water Resources Department

Christopher Hassert – Water Resources Director Seth Weld – Water Resources Deputy Director Erik Hansen – Management Assistant II Presented by:

Service Charge

- Fixed amount, based on meter size
- Larger meter's associated infrastructure more expensive to maintain
- Covers fixed costs associated with running the utility. This includes such things as:
- Personnel
- Maintenance of water infrastructure
- Repayment of debt to build infrastructure
- Includes 3,000 gallons

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		Residential (3/4" Meter)	Typical Customer		
		\$30.93/mo	2024		
	Usage Charge	\$32.63/mo (+\$1.70/mo)	2025 – Recommendation (9/12) (5.50% Increase)	Service Charge	
)))		\$32.17/mo (+\$1.24/mo)	2025 – Revised (4.00% Increase)		

		Usage Charge	
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Residential	60 E1 /km		62 72 /km 1 1.60 21 /km 1
(Tier 1: 4-6kgals)	ралиссс	אפמו (דאָט.בא/ kgai)	22.72/Kgai (+20.21/Kgai)

Revised – Typical Customer – Residential

	2024	2025 – Recommendation (9/12)		2025 - Revised
Residential - Small (3kgal/mo)	\$30.93/mo	Service Charge 5.50% Usage Charge 5.50% Effective Increase 5.50% \$32.63/mo (\$1.70/mo)	0% Service Charge 0% Usage Charge 0% Effective Increase \$32.17/mo (\$1.24/mo	4.00% 6.00% se 4.00% 4/mo)
Residential - Typical (6kgal/mo)	\$41.70/mo	Service Charge 5.50% Usage Charge 5.50% Effective Increase 5.50% \$43.98/mo (\$2.28/mo)	0% Service Charge 0% Usage Charge 0% Effective Increase \$43.57/mo (\$1.87/mo	4.00% 6.00% i se 4.48% 7/mo)

Revised – Typical Customer – Commercial

Large	Commercial	Commercial	
Commercial	Landscape	General	
(7,500kgal/mo)	(29kgal/mo)	(9kgal/mo)	
\$20,849.00/mo	\$162.64/mo	\$73.82/mo	2024
Service Charge	Service Charge	Service Charge	2025 – Recommendation (9/12)
Usage Charge	Usage Charge	Usage Charge	
Effective Increase	Effective Increase	Effective Increase	
\$24,446.09/mo (\$3,597.09/mo)	\$176.51/mo (\$13.87/mo)	\$78.47/mo (\$4.65/mo)	
5.50%	5.50%	5.50%	(9/12)
18.00%	10.00%	8.00%	
17.25%	8.53%	6.31%	
Service Charge	Service Charge	Service Charge	2025 - Revised
Usage Charge	Usage Charge	Usage Charge	
Effective Increase	Effective Increase	Effective Increase	
\$24,768.46/mo (\$3,919.46/mo)	\$177.01/mo (\$14.37/mo)	\$78.59/mo (\$4.77/mo)	
5.50%	5.50%	5.50%	
19.50%	10.50%	8.50%	
18.80%	8.84%	6.46%	

Revised – Water Conservation

	 Tier 4 (>24kgals): 	 Tier 3 (14-24kgals): 	 Tier 2 (7-14kgals): 		Residential		
	+8.50%	+7.50%	+6.50%	<u>9/12 Rec.</u>			
	+9.00%	+8.00%	+7.00%	<u>Revised</u>			
 General: 		Water Average	Surcharge for Use Above Winter		 General: 		Non-residential
+9.50%	<u>9/12 Rec.</u>	ige (Non-residential)	Jse Above V		+9.00%	<u>9/12 Rec.</u>	_
+10.00%	Revised	ntial)	Vinter		+10.00%	Revised	

Landscape: +10.00% +10.00%

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Revised Utility Fund Forecast Review

FY 24/25 Revised Rate Adjustments Utility Fund Forecast:

\$3.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	GAS Non-Residential - svc charge
\$0.00	\$0.75	\$0.75	GAS Residential - svc charge
\$5.00	\$2.50	\$5.00	ELECTRIC Non-Residential - svc charge
\$2.75	\$2.50	\$2.25	ELECTRIC Residential - svc charge
6.50%	3.00%	6.50%	SOLID WASTE Rolloff
10.00%	3.00%	7.50%	SOLID WASTE Commercial
5.50%	3.00%	3.00%	SOLID WASTE Residential
8.50%	5.00%	5.00%	WASTEWATER Non-Residential
7.50%	4.75%	4.75%	WASTEWATER Residential
8.50%	5.50%	5.00%	WATER Commercial (usage)
6.00%	3.50%	3.00%	WATER Residential (Tier 1 usage)
			*As a % of Next Fiscal Year's Expenditures
17.8%	16.0%	23.2%	Ending Reserve Balance Percent*
\$100,403,202	\$87,546,160	\$122,370,012	Ending Reserve Balance
\$122,370,012	\$114,759,072	\$144,413,643	Beginning Reserve Balance
(\$21,966,810)	(\$22,043,631) (\$27,212,912)	(\$22,043,631)	TOTAL NET SOURCES AND USES
FY 24/25 Projected	FY 24/25 Budget	FY 23/24 Estimate	As of 09/16/2024

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FY 24/25 Revised Rate Adjustments Utility Fund Forecast:

8.9%	6.4%	6.6%	9.2%	12.3%	17.8%	23.2%	Ending Reserve Balance Percent*
\$63,585,097	\$44,099,936	\$43,572,919	\$58,191,590	\$77,456,923	\$100,403,202	\$122,370,012	Ending Reserve Balance
\$44,099,936	\$43,572,919	\$58,191,590	\$77,456,923	\$100,403,202	\$122,370,012	\$144,413,643	Beginning Reserve Balance
\$19,485,161	\$527,016	(\$14,618,671)	(\$19,265,333)	(\$22,946,279)	(\$21,966,810)	(\$22,043,631)	TOTAL NET SOURCES AND USES
(\$52,668)	(\$51,153)	(\$57,903)	(\$49,999)	(\$77,190)	(\$154,613)	(\$364,841)	DISTRICT COOLING
\$865,154	\$1,496,589	(\$1,962,375)	(\$2,323,860)	(\$2,334,058)	(\$1,935,219)	(\$4,888,484)	NATURAL GAS
(\$1,993,115)	(\$1,225,376)	(\$817,186)	(\$729,993)	(\$1,012,864)	(\$907,913)	\$289,913	ELECTRIC
\$9,474,694	\$6,300,262	\$1,505,566	\$1,673,155	(\$1,273,786)	(\$5,389,701)	(\$5,223,675)	SOLID WASTE
\$12,189,109	\$3,249,395	(\$1,423,833)	(\$5,358,502)	(\$8,456,620)	(\$11,256,668)	(\$11,719,217)	WASTEWATER
(\$998,014)	(\$9,242,700)	(\$11,862,940)	(\$12,476,135)	(\$9,791,761)	(\$2,322,696)	(\$137,327)	WATER
FY 29/30 Forecast	FY 28/29 Forecast	FY 27/28 Forecast	FY 26/27 Forecast	FY 25/26 Forecast	FY 24/25 Projected	FY 23/24 Estimate	As of 9/16/2024

Schedule for FY 2024/25 Utility Rate Adjustment Recommendation

Sept 23 Nov 18	 City Council Action on Notice of Intent Introduce Utility Rate Ordinances
Nov 18	 Introduce Utility Rate Ordinances
Dec 2	 City Council Action on Utility Rates
Feb 1	 Effective date for Utility Rate changes

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FY 2024/25 City of Mesa Utility Fund Forecast & Rates Recommendation

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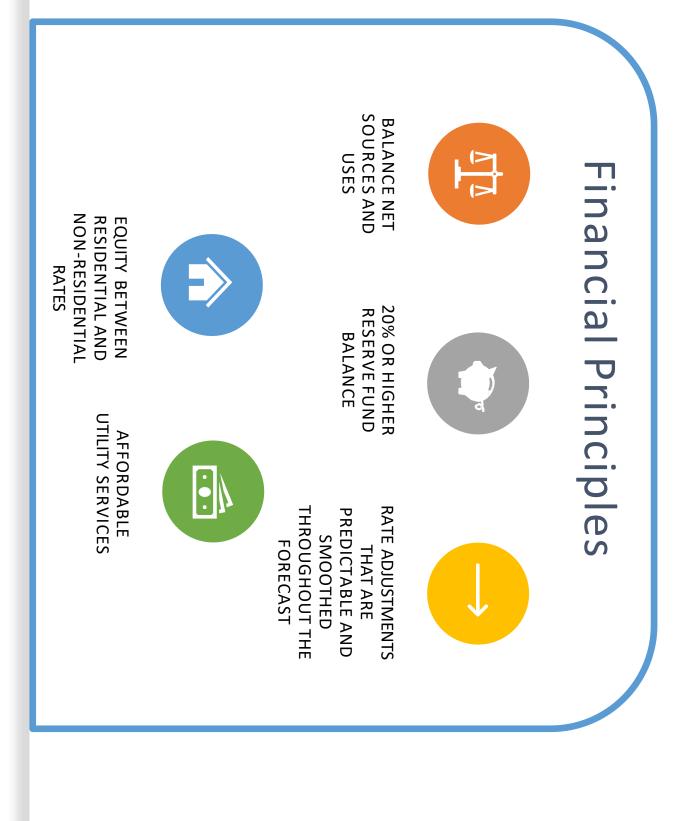
Presented by:

Brian A. Ritschel – Management & Budget Director Christopher Hassert – Water Resources Director Scott Bouchie – Energy Resources Director Sheri Collins – Solid Waste Director

Utility Operations

- Each utility is operated as a separate business center but treated as one fund
- Reserve balance provides a safety net for unforeseen conditions
- Reserve balance can be used to smooth rate adjustments year to year

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Utility Fund Forecast

As of 5/13/2024	FY 22/23 Actuals	FY 23/24 Projected	FY 24/25 Budget	FY 25/26 Forecast	FY 26/27 Forecast	FY 27/28 Forecast	FY 28/29 Forecast
WATER	\$664,297	(\$2,031,906)	(\$1,110,998)	(\$4,235,954)	(\$5,341,202)	(\$4,604,501)	(\$4,038,374)
WASTEWATER	(\$4,836,241)	(\$14,547,656)	(\$10,795,466)	(\$6,526,562)	(\$2,908,668)	\$2,284,669	\$1,232,638
SOLID WASTE	(\$628,592)	(\$5,607,363)	(\$8,455,942)	(\$4,383,083)	(\$3,079,692)	(\$5,057,071)	(\$2,239,761)
ELECTRIC	\$1,271,958	(\$727,886)	(\$1,146,977)	(\$367,901)	(\$121,376)	(\$279,617)	(\$981,062)
NATURAL GAS	\$3,351,380	(\$6,488,067)	(\$5,548,916)	(\$3,999,018)	(\$3,131,134)	(\$2,906,907)	\$533,632
DISTRICT COOLING	\$19,154	(\$251,692)	(\$154,613)	(\$77,190)	(\$49,999)	(\$57,903)	(\$51,153)
TOTAL NET SOURCES AND USES	(\$158,043)	(\$29,654,570)	(\$27,212,912)	(\$19,589,708)	(\$14,632,071)	(\$10,621,329)	(\$5,544,081)
Beginning Reserve Balance	\$144,571,686	\$144,413,643	\$114,759,072	\$87,546,160	\$67,956,452	\$53,324,381	\$42,703,052
Ending Reserve Balance	\$144,413,643	\$114,759,072	\$87,546,160	\$67,956,452	\$53,324,381	\$42,703,052	\$37,158,971
Ending Reserve Balance Percent* *As a % of Next Fiscal Year's Expenditures	29.2%	21.7%	16.0%	11.5%	9.1%	7.1%	6.0%

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> Utility Fund Forecast: FY 24/25 Adopted Budget

K * Affordable Services Smoothed Adjustments Equity Res. & Non-Res. 20% Fund Balance Balanced Net S&U DISTRICT COOLING SOLID WASTE Ending Reserve Balance Percent* **Beginning Reserve Balance** TOTAL NET SOURCES AND USES ELECTRIC *As a % of Next Fiscal Year's Expenditures Ending Reserve Balance NATURAL GAS WASTEWATER WATER As of 8/22/2024 \$144,413,643 \$122,370,012 (\$22,043,631) (\$11,719,217) (\$4,888,484) (\$5,223,675 (\$364,841) \$289,913 (\$137,327) FY 23/24 Estimate 23.2% \$122,370,012 \$100,428,526 (\$11,256,668 (\$21,941,486) (\$1,935,219) (\$5,389,701) (\$2,297,373) (\$154,613) (\$907,913) FY 24/25 Projected 17.9% \$100,428,526 \$77,528,561 (\$22,899,965) (\$2,334,058) (\$1,012,864) (\$1,273,786) (\$8,456,620) (\$9,745,447) FY 25/26 Forecast (\$77,190) 12.3% \$77,528,561 (\$19,439,119) (\$12,649,920) \$58,089,442 (\$5,358,502) (\$2,323,860) \$1,673,155 (\$729,993) FY 26/27 Forecast (\$49,999) 9.2% (\$12,282,263) (\$15,037,993) \$43,051,449 \$58,089,442 (\$1,423,833) (\$1,962,375) \$1,505,566 (\$817,186) FY 27/28 Forecast (\$57,903) 6.5% \$43,051,449 \$42,882,672 (\$1,225,376) (\$9,938,493) \$1,496,589 \$3,249,395 \$6,300,262 (\$168,777) FY 28/29 Forecast (\$51,153) 6.2% \$18,475,335 \$12,189,109 \$61,358,007 \$42,882,672 (\$1,993,115) (\$2,007,840) \$9,474,694 \$865,154 (\$52,668) 8.6% Forecast FY 29/30

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> FY 24/25 Recommended Rate Adjustments Utility Fund Forecast:

Water Resources Department

Christopher Hassert – Water Resources Director Seth Weld – Water Resources Deputy Director Erik Hansen – Management Assistant II Presented by:

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Wastewater

Increasing Operating Costs on the Wastewater Utility



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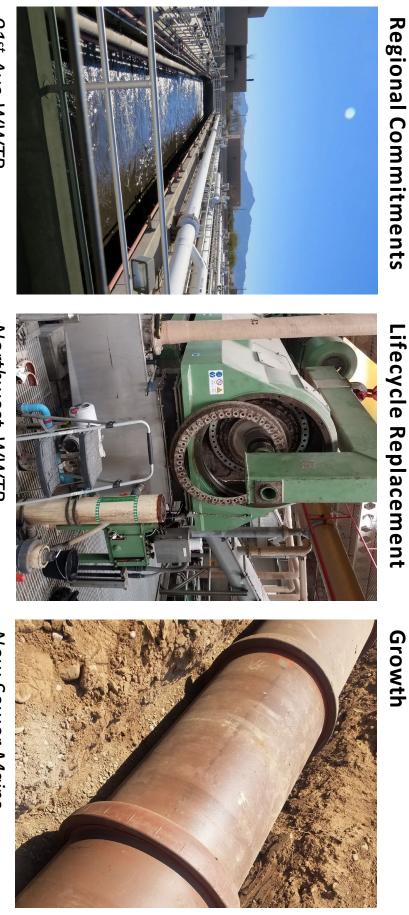
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ncreasing Project Costs on the Wastewater Utility

Over the next five (5) years:

 Growth \$45M New Large Diameter Sewer Lines \$8M Pumps at TS1 & TS2 \$7M Lift Station & Force Main \$2M GWRP Phase IV Expansion & Misc 	 Regional Commitments \$78M 91st Ave WWTP \$5M Joint w/ Tempe Sewer Lines
 Joint with Transportation Val Vista: Southern to University Broadway Road Phase I: Lesueur to Spur 	 Lifecycle Replacement \$82M Sewer Collection System \$28M NWWRP \$26M GWRP (Mesa Share) \$16M SEWRP

ncreasing Costs on the Wastewater Utility



91st Ave WWTP

Northwest WWTP

New Sewer Mains

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ncreasing Project Costs on the Wastewater Utility

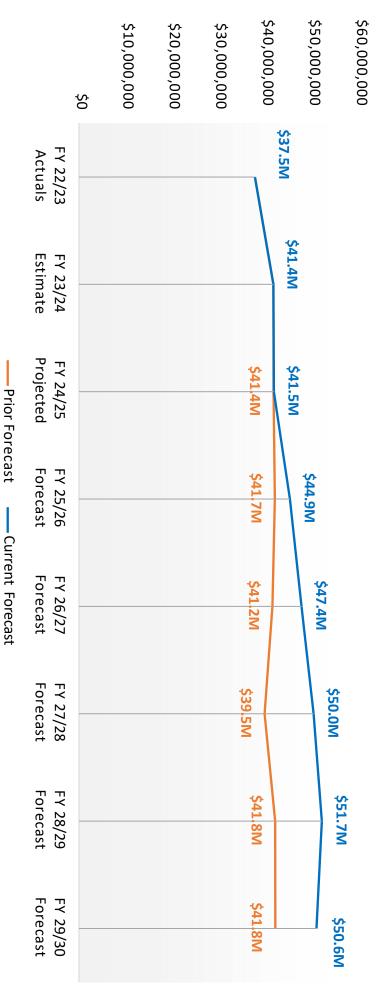
Prior forecast used a base amount of \$15M per year for the Department, determined pre-inflation

\$10 M \$20 M \$30 M \$40 M \$50 M \$60 M \$70 M \$ N Current forecast uses a base amount of \$33M for FY 24/25 for the Department and includes inflation FY24/25 FY25/26 FY26/27 FY27/28 FY28/29

Regional Commitments Lifecycle Replacement Growth

Joint with Transportation — — Prior Forecast — — Current Forecast

Increasing Costs on the Wastewater Utility – Debt Service



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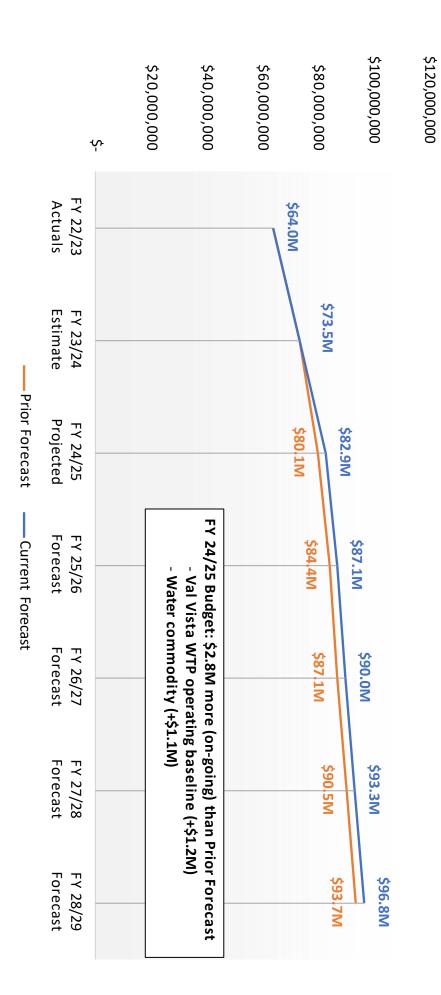
Proposed Rate Adjustments – Typical Customer

Commercial	Residential	
\$52.38/mo	\$26.11/mo	2024
Service Charge Usage Charge \$55.00/mo (\$2.62/mo)	Service Charge Usage Charge \$27.35/mo (\$1.24/mo)	2025 - Prior Forecast
5.00% 5.00%	4.75% 4.75%	ecast
Service Charge Usage Charge \$56.83/mo (<u>\$4.45/mo</u>)	Service Charge Usage Charge \$28.07/mo (<u>\$1.96/mo</u>)	2025 - Current Forecast
8.50% 8.50%	7.50% 7.50%	ecast

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Water





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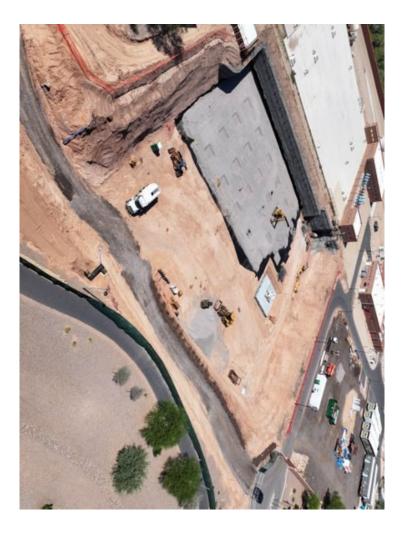
Increasing Costs on the Water Utility – Central Mesa Reuse Pipeline (CMRP)



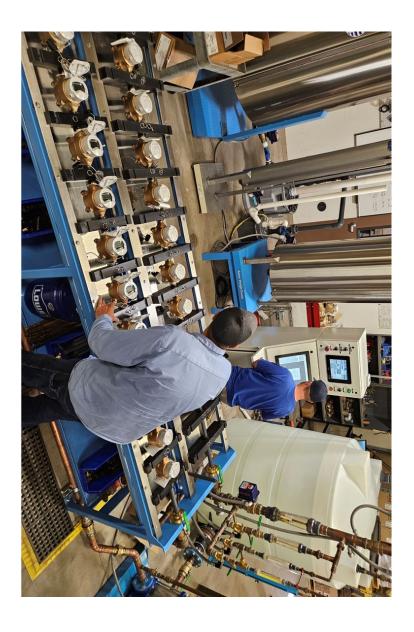
- 10.5 miles of 36" Pipeline Designed to deliver 12 MGD average flow with a peak flow rate of 18 MGD from NWWRP to GRIC turnout
- New pipe initial deliveries to the Gila River Indian Community will be about 9,000 AF/year

Increasing Costs on the Water Utility – Signal Butte Expansion

- Current Max Day demand is 30 MGD
- The plant is currently rated for 24 MGD and there is 10 MGD of firm well water connected to SBWTP for a total of 34 MGD



Increasing Costs on the Water Utility – AMI



- Phase II started Sept 2023
- 24,000 Water Meters Installed through Aug 2024
- Expected Completion end of 2026

Increasing Project Costs on the Water Utility – **Big 3 Projects**

Current forecast includes additional \$125M for Big 3 Projects based on latest cost estimates and contract costs:

- Central Mesa Reuse Pipeline: +\$55M
- Signal Butte WTP Expansion: +\$55M
- AMI: +\$15M

Cost increases driven by:

- Commodity costs (steel, concrete)
- Electrical gear
- Lack of qualified bidders for many trades

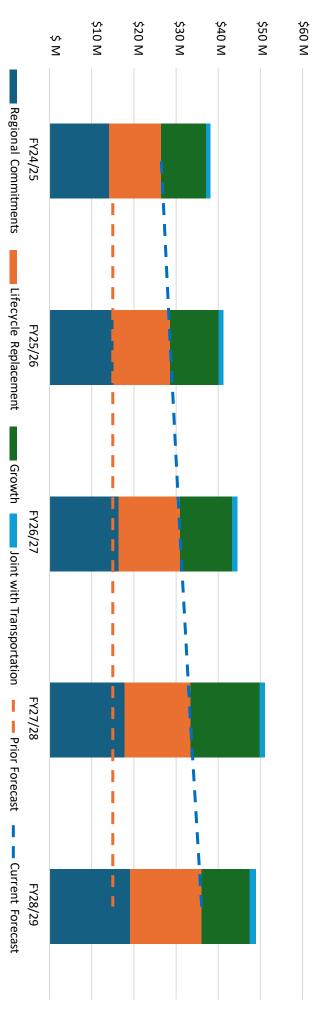
Increasing Project Costs on the Water Utility

Over the next five (5) years:

 Growth \$37M New Groundwater Wells & Lines \$11M PMGA Water and Sewer Lines 	 Regional Commitments \$57M Val Vista WTP \$7M White Mtn Apache Water Settlement \$5M SRP/CAP Interconnect Facility \$5M Bartlett Dam Expansion
 Joint with Transportation Val Vista: Southern to University Broadway Road Phase I: Lesueur to Spur 	 Lifecycle Replacement \$107M Water Distribution System \$32M Groundwater Well Re-drill and Equip \$2M BRWTP \$2M Reservoir Rehab

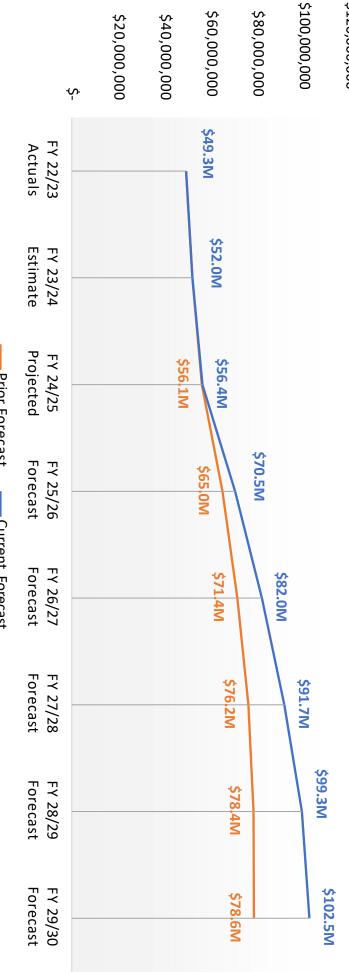
Increasing Project Costs on the Water Utility

- Prior forecast used a base amount of \$15M per year, determined pre-inflation
- Current forecast uses a base amount of \$27M for FY 24/25 and includes inflation



Increasing Costs on the Water Utility – Debt Service

\$120,000,000



Prior Forecast — Current Forecast

	2024	2025 - Prior Forecast		2025 - Current Forecast	cast
Residential (6kgal/mo)	\$41.70/mo	Service Charge Usage Charge Effective Increase \$43.00/mo (\$1.30/mo)	3.00% 3.50% 3.11%	Service Charge Usage Charge Effective Increase \$43.98/mo (<u>\$2.28/mo</u>)	5.50% 5.50% 5.50%
Commercial General (9kgal/mo)	\$73.82/mo	Service Charge Usage Charge Effective Increase \$76.64/mo (\$2.82/mo)	3.00% 5.50% 3.82%	Service Charge Usage Charge Effective Increase \$78.47/mo (<u>\$4.65/mo</u>)	5.50% 8.00% 6.31%
Commercial Landscape (29kgal/mo)	\$162.64/mo	Service Charge Usage Charge Effective Increase \$172.50/mo (\$9.86/mo)	3.00% 7.50% 6.06%	Service Charge Usage Charge Effective Increase \$176.51/mo (<u>\$13.87/mo</u>)	5.50% 10.00% 8.53%
Large Commercial (7,500kgal/mo)	\$20,849.00/mo	Service Charge Usage Charge Effective Increase \$23,244.51/mo (\$2,395.51/mo)	3.00% 12.00% 11.49%	Service Charge Usage Charge Effective Increase \$24,446.09/mo (<u>\$3,597.09/mo</u>)	5.50% 18.00% 17.25%

Proposed Rate Adjustments – Typica Customer

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Water Conservation

Residential

Tier 2: +3.50% **Previous** +6.50% Current

- Tier 3: +4.00% +7.50%
- Tier 4: +4.50% +8.50%

Non-residential

- Previous Current
- General: +6.00% +9.00%

Surcharge for Use Above Winter Water Average (Non-residential)

- Previous Current
- General: +6.50% +9.50%
- Landscape:+7.50% +10.00%

Other Rates

Interdepartmental Usage Rate

Previous Current

+10.00% +10.00%

PMGA Fire Protection Demand

Charge

- Fire pump station constructed in 2004
- Currently serving eleven (11) customers
- Rate has not been updated in ten (10) years
- Being updated to bring in line with cost recovery



Financing Future Growth

Capacity Fee

- New fee
- Charged to project developer
- Recover costs associated with new development in the City:
- Treatment/Reclamation Plant Expansion
- New Pipelines
- Prevent new growth from being financed by existing ratepayers
- Based on meter size; pricing being determined

Energy Resources Department

Anthony Cadorin – Energy Resources Program Manager Scott Bouchie – Energy Resources Director John Petrof – Senior Fiscal Analyst Presented by:

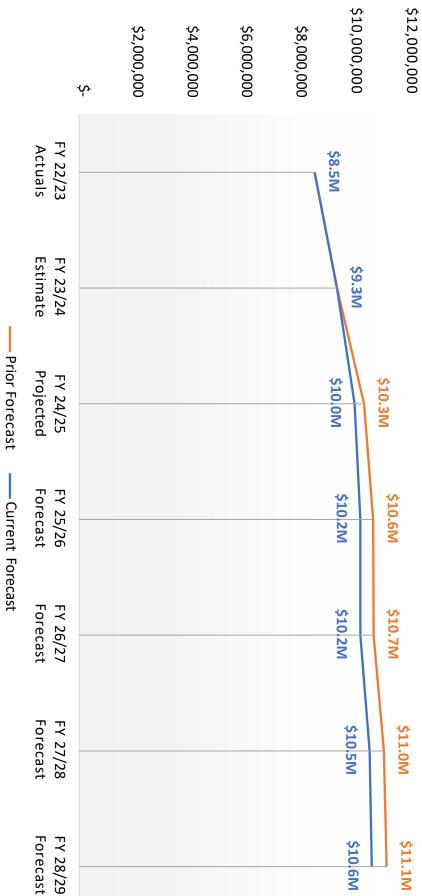
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Electric

Increasing Costs/Pressures on the Electric Utility

- **Operating Budget**
- Inflation on commodities and other services
- Personal services increases
- Debt Service
- Meeting growth demands in Downtown
- Multi-department projects (Broadway Rd)
- Reliability/Generation projects
- 69 kV Looping
- AMI Budget Increase
- Microgrid Budget Increase

Increasing Operating Costs on the Electric Utility \$10,000,000 \$12,000,000 \$6,000,000 \$8,000,000 \$8.5M \$9.3M \$10.0M \$10.3M \$10.2M \$10.6M \$10.2M \$10.7M \$10,5M \$11.0M \$10.6M \$11.1M

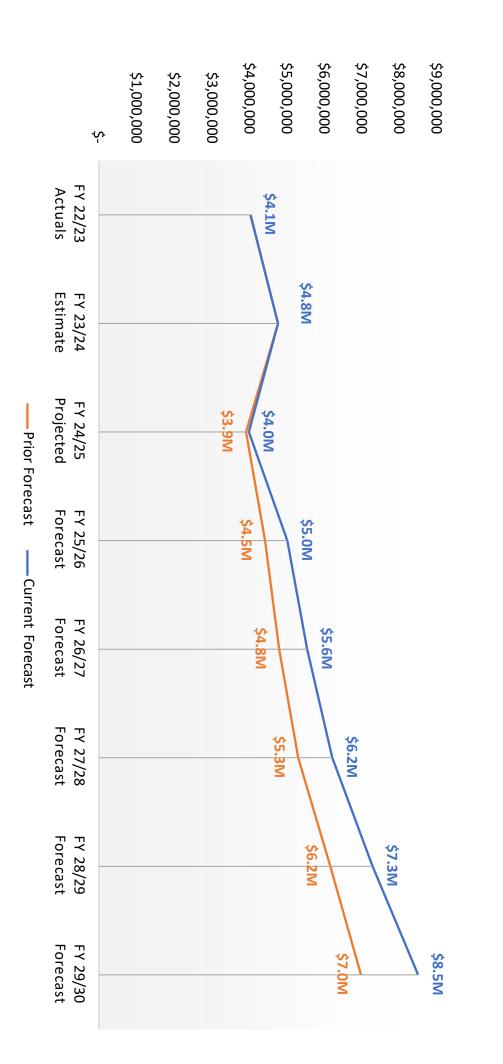


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Electric Project Cost Increases

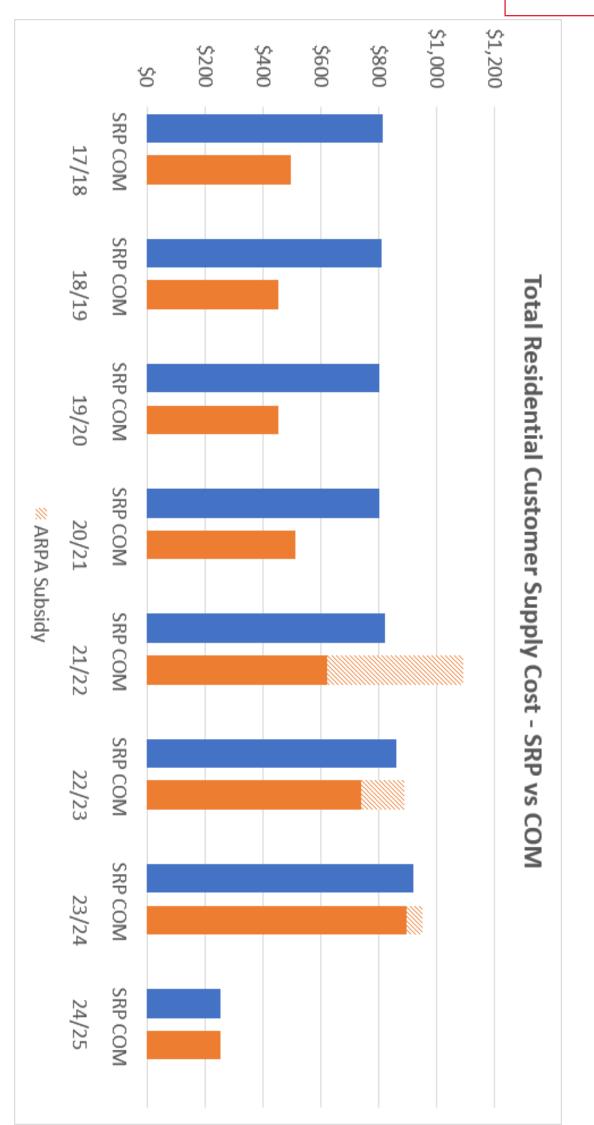
Electric Improvements w/Water (Duct bank relocation, Broadway & Morris)	Substation Improvements (w/SRP at Rogers)	Edge on Main (New service)	Advanced Metering Infrastructure	PROJECT
ŞO	\$200k	\$0	\$1.2M	PRIOR FORECAST
\$300k	\$1.5M	\$2.4M	\$3.4M	CURRENT FORECAST
\$300k	\$1.3M	\$2.4M	\$2.2M	INCREASE



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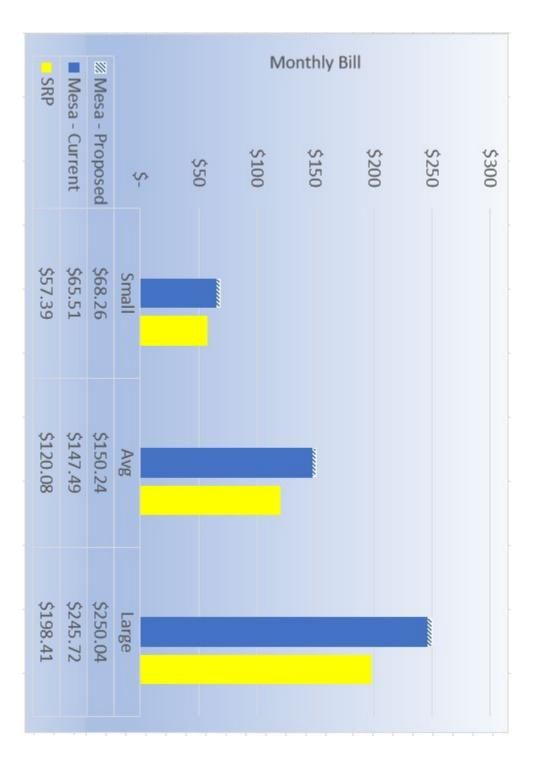
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Residential Electric Bill Comparison



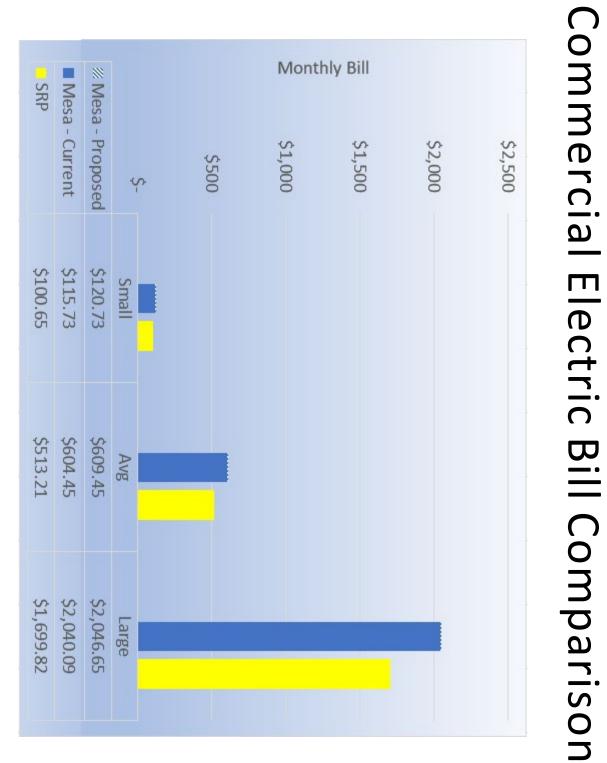
*SRP amount includes proposed November rate increase

rs)	MONTHLY BILL \$147.49 \$150.24 \$2.75	USAGE CHARGE Tier 1 - \$0.04317 Tier 1 - \$0.04317 0% WINTER per kWh Tier 2 - \$0.02502 Tier 2 - \$0.03479 39%	USAGE CHARGE Tier 1 - \$0.05231 Tier 1 - \$0.05231 0% SUMMER per kWh Tier 2 - \$0.05027 Tier 2 - \$0.05027 0%	SYSTEM SERVICE \$16.75 \$19.50 \$2.75 CHARGE	COMPONENT CURRENT PROPOSED CHANGE	
1.9%	L50.24 \$2.75				OSED	
2.2%	\$3.22	5% 39%	0% 4.25%	\$2.50	PRIOR FORECAST	

Proposed Residential Electric Rates

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COMPONENT	CURRENT	PROPOSED	CHANGE	PRIOR FORECAST
SYSTEM SERVICE CHARGE	Single Phase - \$14.72 Three Phase - \$20.74	Single Phase - \$19.72 Three Phase - \$25.74	\$5.00	\$2.50
USAGE CHARGE SUMMER per kWh	Tier 2 - \$0.04591	Tier 2 - \$0.04867	6%	6%
USAGE CHARGE WINTER per kWh	Tier 2 - \$0.03916	Tier 2 - \$0.03994	2%	1%
MONTHLY BILL (Average Customers)	\$604.45	\$609.45	\$5.00	\$2.50
EFFECTIVE INCREASE			0.8%	0.4%

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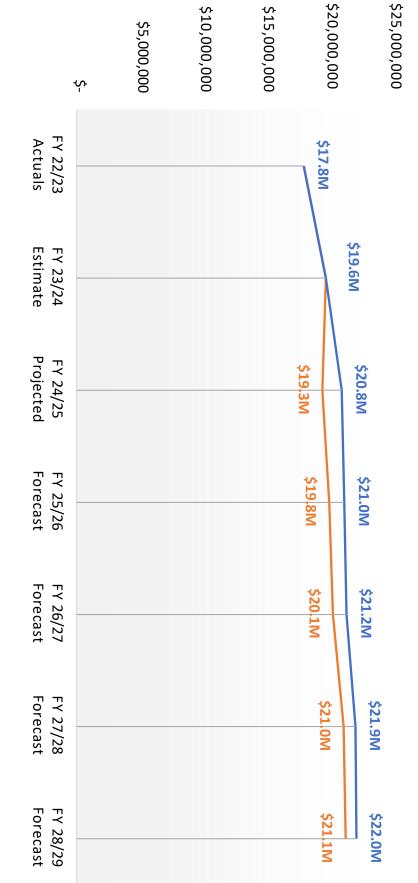
Proposed Commercial Electric Rates

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Natural Gas

Increasing Costs/Pressures on the Gas Utility

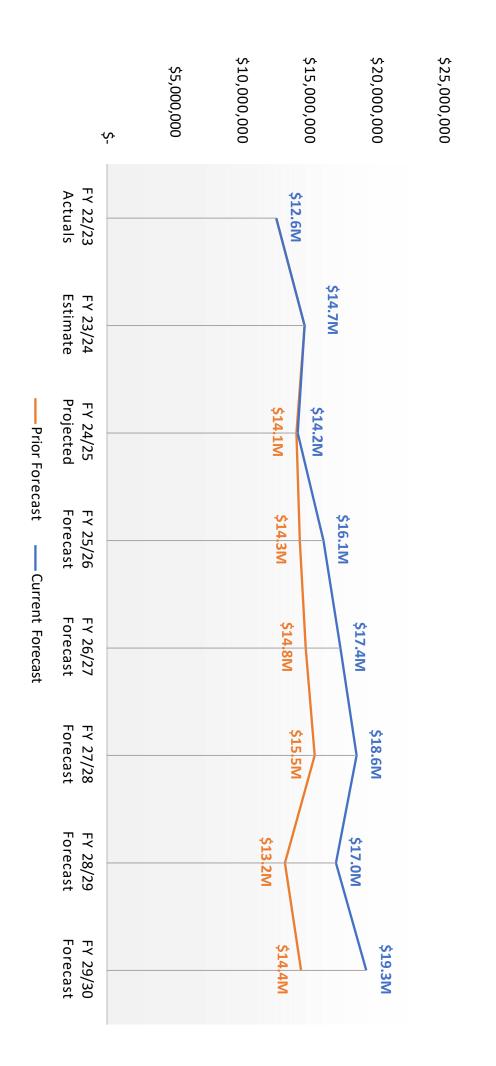
- Operating Budget
- Inflation on commodities, services, and contracts
- Personal services increases
- Debt Service
- Meeting growth demands in Magma service territory
- New Gate Station
- Gantzel Rd
- Arizona Farms Road
- New Services
- Quarter Section Renewal Projects
- AMI Budget Increase



---- Prior Forecast ---- Current Forecast

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	PROJECT	PRIOR FORECAST	CURRENT FORECAST
	Advanced Metering Infrastructure	\$3.2M	\$14.0M
	Main Replacement (various locations w/Water)	ŞO	\$1.8M

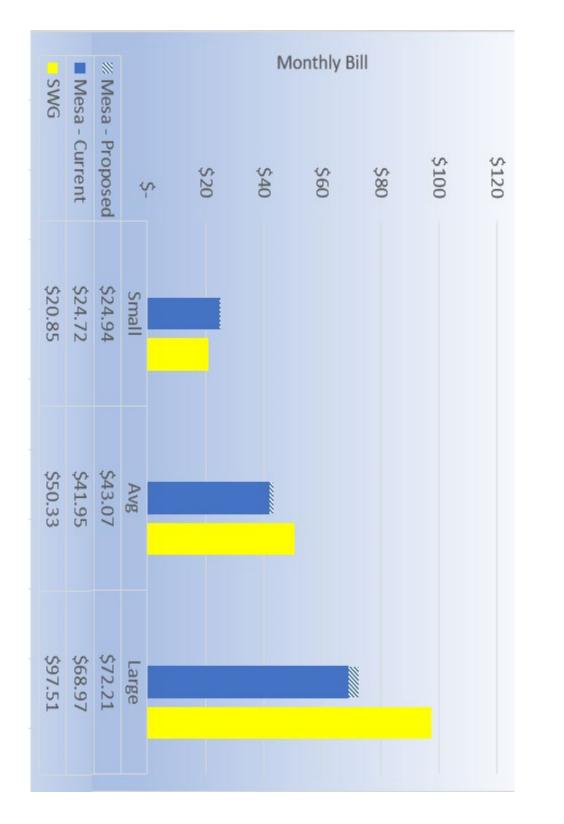
PROJECT	PRIOR FORECAST	CURRENT FORECAST	INCREASE
Advanced Metering Infrastructure	\$3.2M	\$14.0M	\$10.8M
Main Replacement (various locations w/Water)	ΟŞ	\$1.8M	\$1.8M
New Mains	\$14.0M	\$15.3M	\$1.3M
New Services	\$14.0M	\$14.6M	\$600k
High Pressure Mains	\$1.7M	\$4.3M	\$2.6M



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Increasing Debt Service Costs on the Gas Utility

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Residential Gas Bill Comparison

EFFECTIVE INCREASE	MONTHLY BILL (Average Customers)	USAGE CHARGE WINTER per therm	USAGE CHARGE SUMMER per therm	SYSTEM SERVICE CHARGE SUMMER WINTER	COMPONENT	Propos
	\$41.95	Tier 1 - \$0.7019 Tier 2 - \$0.7019	Tier 1 - \$0.7019 Tier 2 - \$0.3201	\$17.31 \$20.24	CURRENT	Proposed Residenti
	\$43.07	Tier 1 - \$0.7440 Tier 2 - \$0.8072	Tier 1 - \$0.7440 Tier 2 - \$0.3682	\$17.31 \$20.24	PROPOSED	ntial Gas Rates
2.7%	\$1.12	6% 15%	6% 15%	\$0.00	CHANGE	Rates
3.6%	\$1.49	5%	5% 11%	\$0.75	PRIOR FORECAST	

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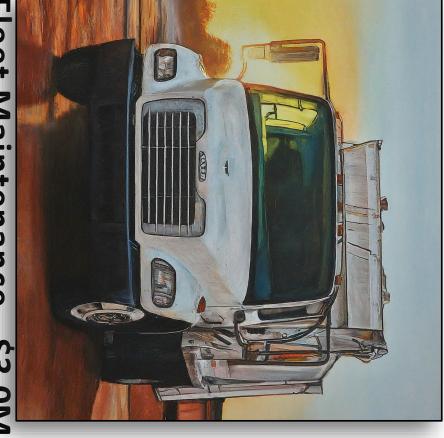
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Solid Waste Department

Sheri Collins – Solid Waste Director Justin Stadt – Senior Fiscal Analyst Presented by:

(From \$8.6M to \$11.6M)

Fleet Maintenance - \$3.0M



(From \$9M to \$12M)

Landfill Charges- \$3.0M



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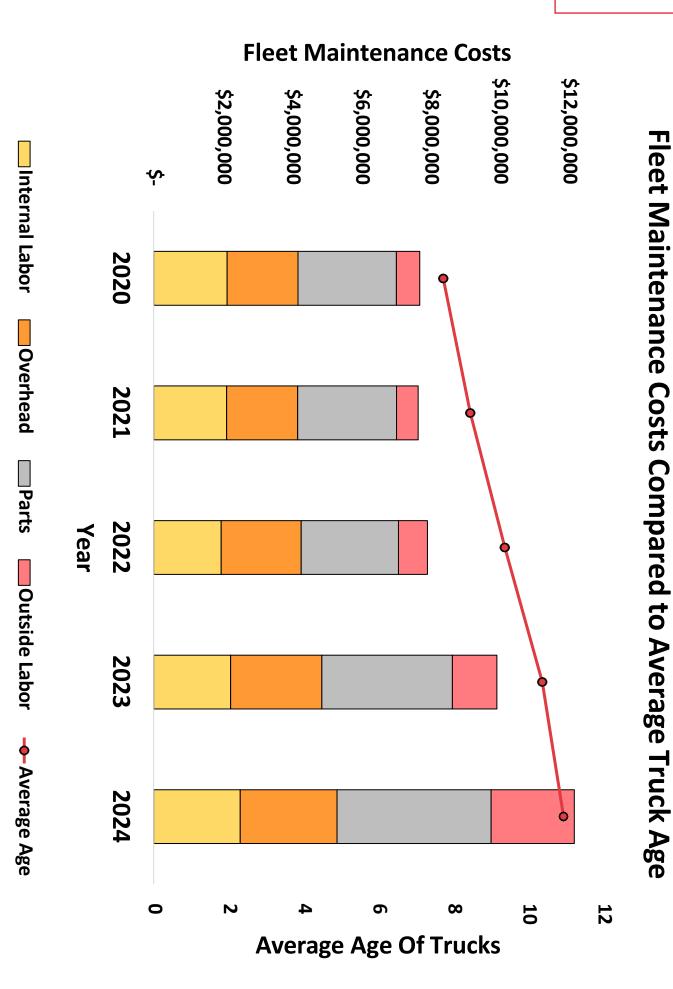
Increasing Cost Pressures On The Utilities

	ዯ	\$10,000,000	\$20,000,000	\$30,000,000	\$40,000,000	\$50,000,000	\$60,000,000
FY 22/23 Actuals						\$45.3M	
FY 23/24 Estimate						\$48.6M	
FY 24/25 Projected					\$49.4M		\$55.6M
FY 25/26 Forecast					\$50.7M		\$55.3M
FY 26/27 Forecast						\$51.7M	\$55.9M
FY 27/28 Forecast						\$53.5M	\$57.3M
FY 28/29 Forecast						\$54.3M	\$57.9M

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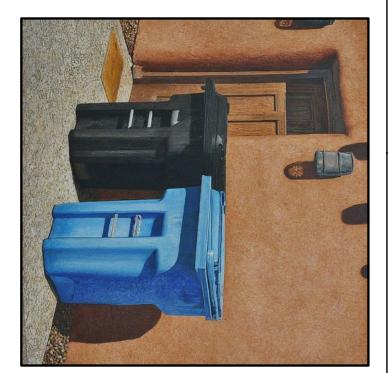
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5.5% Recommended Increase (3% Prior Forecast) Solid Waste Residential Rate

Residential 90-gallon Trash & Recycling Barrel	
\$31.44/mo	2024 Rate
\$32.38	(3% increase) 2025 – Prior Forecast
\$33.17	(5.5% increase) 2025 – Current Forecast



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olid Waste esidential

Green and Clean Fee (No increase in prior forecast)

Green and Clean Fee	
\$0.96	CURRENT
\$0.04	PROPOSED INCREASE
\$1.00	PROPOSED TOTAL



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Solid Waste

Total Residential Increase

\$34.17	\$1.77	\$32.40	Total
\$1.00	\$0.04	\$0.96	Green and Clean Fee
\$33.17	\$1.73	\$31.44	90-gallon Trash Barrel
PROPOSED TOTAL	PROPOSED INCREASE	CURRENT	

Commercial Front Load Trash Recommendations 10% Overall Rate Increase (3% Prior Forecast)

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Increase base rate by 6.5%

 6-yard bin increase from \$114.81 to \$122.22

Increase fee for out-of-zone collection

From \$25.00 to \$28.00

Decrease multi-day discount
From 10% to 5%

Increase contract limitsFrom 8% to 10%

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Commercial Front Load Cardboard Recommendations 5% Increase (3% Prior Forecast)

6-yard bin increase from \$97.38 to \$102.25





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customers in the Multi-family and downtown area commercial





\$102.25 monthly Awarded \$135,500 ADEQ Grant during FY 2024

rate



Commercial Blue Barrel - New Rate -





1,300

\$10 per barrel

customers





5000+ commercial blue barrels +\$300,000 in annual revenue

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6.5% Overall Rate Increase (3% Prior Forecast) **Commercial Roll Off Recommendations**

- Increase tonnage rate to follow landfill increase
- Increase trash tonnage rate from \$42.20 to \$47.75
- Increase green waste tonnage rate from \$49.90 to \$55.50
- Increase haul fee by \$2
- 30-yard roll off increase from \$143 to \$145



6.5% Overall Rate Increase (3% Prior Forecast) **Commercial Roll Off Recommendations**

- \$18.65 increase for a one-time trash customer
- 30-yard box increase from \$419.60 to \$438.25
- \$18.80 increase for a one-time green waste customer
- 30-yard box increase from \$442.70 to \$461.50



Conditions and Utility Service Fees Other Adjustments : Terms & Study Session September 19, 2024 Attachment 3 Page 62 of 68

Other Adjustments

- Terms & Conditions for the Sale of Utilities:
- Clarifying language that the City may trim vegetation or remove obstructions on a customer's premises if needed to access utility meter
- Utility Service Fees:
- Align Trip-related charges for Turn On, Termination, and Unscheduled Trip services

Service Trip	Current	Recommendation
Next Day Turn On – Electric/Water (no change)	\$20	\$20
Termination of Service Disconnection	\$17	\$20
Unscheduled Trip	\$21	\$20

Other Adjustments

- Utility Service Fees (continued):
- Security Deposit increase for Hydrant Meters (construction use) from \$1,500 to \$2,500 due to increase in meter cost
- Increase Unauthorized Use fees for repeat offenders:
- Currently, \$100/occurrence for Residential customers, \$1,000/occurrence for **Commercial customers**

Unauthorized Use	Residential	Commercial
First Occurrence	\$100	\$1,000
Second Occurrence	\$500	\$2,500
Following Occurrence(s)	\$1,000	\$2,500

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Utility Fund Forecast Review

Utility Fund Forecast:

FY 24/25 Recommended Rate Adjustments

	÷1.00	4 1.00	
\$3 00	<u>\$2</u> 00	S 00	GAS Non-Residential - svc charge
\$0.00	\$0.75	\$0.75	GAS Residential - svc charge
\$5.00	\$2.50	\$5.00	ELECTRIC Non-Residential - svc charge
\$2.75	\$2.50	\$2.25	ELECTRIC Residential - svc charge
6.50%	3.00%	6.50%	SOLID WASTE Rolloff
10.00%	3.00%	7.50%	SOLID WASTE Commercial
5.50%	3.00%	3.00%	SOLID WASTE Residential
8.50%	5.00%	5.00%	WASTEWATER Non-Residential
7.50%	4.75%	4.75%	WASTEWATER Residential
8.00%	5.50%	5.00%	WATER Commercial (usage)
5.50%	3.50%	3.00%	WATER Residential (Tier 1 usage)
			*As a % of Next Fiscal Year's Expenditures
17.9%	16.0%	23.2%	Ending Reserve Balance Percent*
\$100,428,526	\$87,546,160	\$122,370,012	Ending Reserve Balance
\$122,370,012	\$114,759,072	\$144,413,643	Beginning Reserve Balance
(\$21,941,486)	(\$27,212,912)	(\$22,043,631)	TOTAL NET SOURCES AND USES
FY 24/25 Projected	FY 24/25 Budget	FY 23/24 Estimate	As of 08/26/2024

As of 8/22/2024	FY 23/24 Estimate	FY 24/25 Projected	FY 25/26 Forecast	FY 26/27 Forecast	FY 27/28 Forecast	FY 28/29 Forecast	FY 29/30 Forecast
WATER	(\$137,327)	(\$2,297,373)	(\$9,745,447)	(\$12,649,920)	(\$12,282,263)	(\$9,938,493)	(\$2,007,840)
WASTEWATER	(\$11,719,217)	(\$11,256,668)	(\$8,456,620)	(\$5,358,502)	(\$1,423,833)	\$3,249,395	\$12,189,109
SOLID WASTE	(\$5,223,675)	(\$5,389,701)	(\$1,273,786)	\$1,673,155	\$1,505,566	\$6,300,262	\$9,474,694
ELECTRIC	\$289,913	(\$907,913)	(\$1,012,864)	(\$729,993)	(\$817,186)	(\$1,225,376)	(\$1,993,115)
NATURAL GAS	(\$4,888,484)	(\$1,935,219)	(\$2,334,058)	(\$2,323,860)	(\$1,962,375)	\$1,496,589	\$865,154
DISTRICT COOLING	(\$364,841)	(\$154,613)	(\$77,190)	(\$49,999)	(\$57,903)	(\$51,153)	(\$52,668)
TOTAL NET SOURCES AND USES	(\$22,043,631)	(\$21,941,486)	(\$22,899,965)	(\$19,439,119)	(\$15,037,993)	(\$168,777)	\$18,475,335
Beginning Reserve Balance	\$144,413,643	\$122,370,012	\$100,428,526	\$77,528,561	\$58,089,442	\$43,051,449	\$42,882,672
Ending Reserve Balance	\$122,370,012	\$100,428,526	\$77,528,561	\$58,089,442	\$43,051,449	\$42,882,672	\$61,358,007
Ending Reserve Balance Percent* *As a % of Next Fiscal Year's Expenditures	23.2%	17.9%	12.3%	9.2%	6.5%	6.2%	8.6%

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FY 24/25 Recommended Rate Adjustments **Utility Fund Forecast:**

Schedule for FY 2024/25 Utility Rate Adjustment Recommendation

	Sept 19 Sept 23 Nov 18	 City Council Discussion of Utility Rates (if necessary) City Council Action on Notice of Intent Introduce Utility Rate Ordinances
 City Council Action on Utility Rates 	00	 Introduce Utility Rate Ordinances
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