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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Utility Administration

CM/ DCM/ ACM: Mario Canizares

DATE: July 18, 2017

SUBJECT

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding the schedule of Water Rates for Water Taps and Meter Fees.

BACKGROUND

Per City Council request, staff presented a Council Work Session item on fire sprinkler tap fees on April 18, 2017. Issues discussed during this Work Session included the history behind language in Section 26-126.1 of the Code of Ordinances regarding waiving fire sprinkler tap fees and discussions of the various Tap and Meter fees that are within the City of Denton Utility Rate Schedule. Following this discussion, the City Council directed staff to make the following revisions:

1. Remove references to waiving fees for fire sprinkler taps from Section 26-126.1 of the Code of Ordinances and the Water Rate Schedule
2. Continue to collect fire sprinkler tap fees.
3. Clarify what is included in the standard Water Tap and Meter Fees.
4. Clarify when a special price quote to perform nonstandard work (fees for installations not listed) applies.

Staff presented these revisions to the Public Utility Board on May 22, 2017, and the Board unanimously recommended approval. The proposed revisions as presented to the Public Utility Board are provided as Exhibits 2 and 3.

OPTIONS

1. Approve the ordinance amending Section 26-126.1 of the Denton Code of Ordinances and Ordinance 2016-274 Water Rate Schedule "Water Tap and Meter Fees" as submitted. If this option is selected, staff will bring the final ordinance forward for approval in an upcoming City Council meeting as a Consent Agenda Item.
2. Direct staff to make additional revisions or take other action.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends Option 1.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (Council, Boards, Commissions)

Council Work Session; April 18, 2017.

Public Utility Board Item for Individual Consideration, May 22, 2017.

FISCAL INFORMATION

Fire tap and meter fees are variable costs related to development activity. In 2015, total tap fees collected for fire lines were \$35,500, and 2016 fees are estimated at approximately \$40,800.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELATIONSHIP

The City of Denton's Strategic Plan is an action-oriented road map that will help the City achieve its vision. The foundation for the plan is the five long-term Key Focus Areas (KFA): Organizational Excellence; Public Infrastructure; Economic Development; Safe, Livable, and Family-Friendly Community; and Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship. While individual items may support multiple KFAs, this specific City Council agenda item contributes most directly to the following KFA and goal:

Related Key Focus Area: Public Infrastructure

Related Goal: 2.3 Promote superior utility services and facilities

EXHIBITS

1. Agenda Information Sheet
2. Proposed Amendments to Chapter 26, Section 26-126.1 of the Denton Code of Ordinances
3. Proposed Amendments to Ordinance 2016-274 Water Rate Schedule, Water Tap and Meter Fees
4. Ordinance

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