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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Finance

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DATE: May 21, 2018

SUBJECT

Receive a report, hold a discussion and give staff direction regarding the Wastewater and Drainage Fiscal Year 2018-19 Operating and Capital Improvement Budget.

BACKGROUND

The City's budget emphasis continues to be focused on cost containment, financial transparency, maintaining excellent customer service and maintaining strong financial management. Staff is pleased to present to the Public Utilities Board (PUB) the Wastewater and Drainage FY 2018-19 Operating and Capital Improvement Budget which includes a proposal to reduce Wastewater rates by 5% while eliminating any future rate increases over the next 4 years. Additionally, staff will present a second option to the PUB that reduces rates by 2% while reducing the fund's planned debt sales in the future. In both scenarios, the fund maintains its debt coverage ratio and remains above the minimum fund balance target in each of the next 5 years. For Drainage, no rate change is proposed.

The Wastewater budget focus remains on the long-term maintenance of utility assets and system reliability, maintaining revenue funding of capital targets at 100% of collection system replacements and 25% of treatment plant infrastructure, maintain fund reserves within policy targets of 28%-39% of budgeted expenditures, and maintaining debt coverage ratios of 1.25 or higher. The Drainage budget focus remains on the revenue funding of the City's drainage and storm water operations and the cash funding of a limited number of capital projects.

The PowerPoint presentation for this agenda item is attached as Exhibit 3. Staff looks forward to the discussion of this proposed budget and working with the Public Utilities Board during this budget season.

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: Organizational Excellence

Related Goal: 1.1 Manage financial resources in a responsible manner

EXHIBITS

1. Agenda Information Sheet
2. Wastewater FY 2018-19 Budget Book
3. Drainage FY 2018-19 Budget Book
4. Wastewater Presentation
5. Drainage Presentation

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