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## City Council Special Meeting

**DEPARTMENT:** Public Works  
**FROM:** Errick Thompson, Director  
**MEETING:** May 27, 2025

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**SUBJECT:**

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and provide direction regarding potential development of a stormwater utility and street maintenance fee. (*Staff Contact: Errick Thompson, Director of Public Works*)

**SUMMARY:**

The City of Burleson engaged Freese and Nichols, Inc. to develop frameworks for two potential fee programs in January 2025. This report will summarize data analysis to date, provide potential scenarios for what the fee programs could look like, and discuss policy decisions that would inform further development of one or both fees should the council direct staff to continue. Staff is seeking council direction on a number of decision points on each fee program.

The potential stormwater utility fee could provide a dedicated funding source to support management, maintenance, and improvement of the city's drainage infrastructure as well as regulatory compliance activities associated with the City's stormwater discharge permit with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. Flood plain management activities would also be eligible expenses for a stormwater utility.

The potential street maintenance fee could create a dedicated funding source for maintaining and preserving the city's streets. The program could fund activities such as

- Pavement preservation (such as crack sealing and other surface treatments)
- Asphalt street resurfacing
- Concrete street panel replacement
- Concrete street joint sealing
- Periodic street condition assessment and data analysis

Both fees are potential options for providing long-term, sustainable solutions to support maintenance of critical infrastructure and systems. Both could be used to reduce reliance on general fund dollars and to deliver eligible existing and enhanced services.

Staff will continue working with Freese and Nichols to refine the concepts and prepare for future implementation steps, based on Council direction, including public outreach and policy development.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

N/A

**PRIOR ACTION/INPUT (Council, Boards, Citizens):**

January 6, 2025, Council approved a professional service contract with Freese and Nichols, Inc. for the development and analysis of a street maintenance fee

January 6, 2025, Council approved a professional service contract with Freese and Nichols, Inc. the development and analysis of a stormwater utility fee

May 21, 2025, Infrastructure and Development Committee was briefed on both potential fee programs

**REFERENCE:**

CSO#5715-01-2025

CSO#5716-01-2025

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Proposed Expenditure/Revenue:

Account Number(s): N/A

Fund: N/A

Account Description: N/A

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