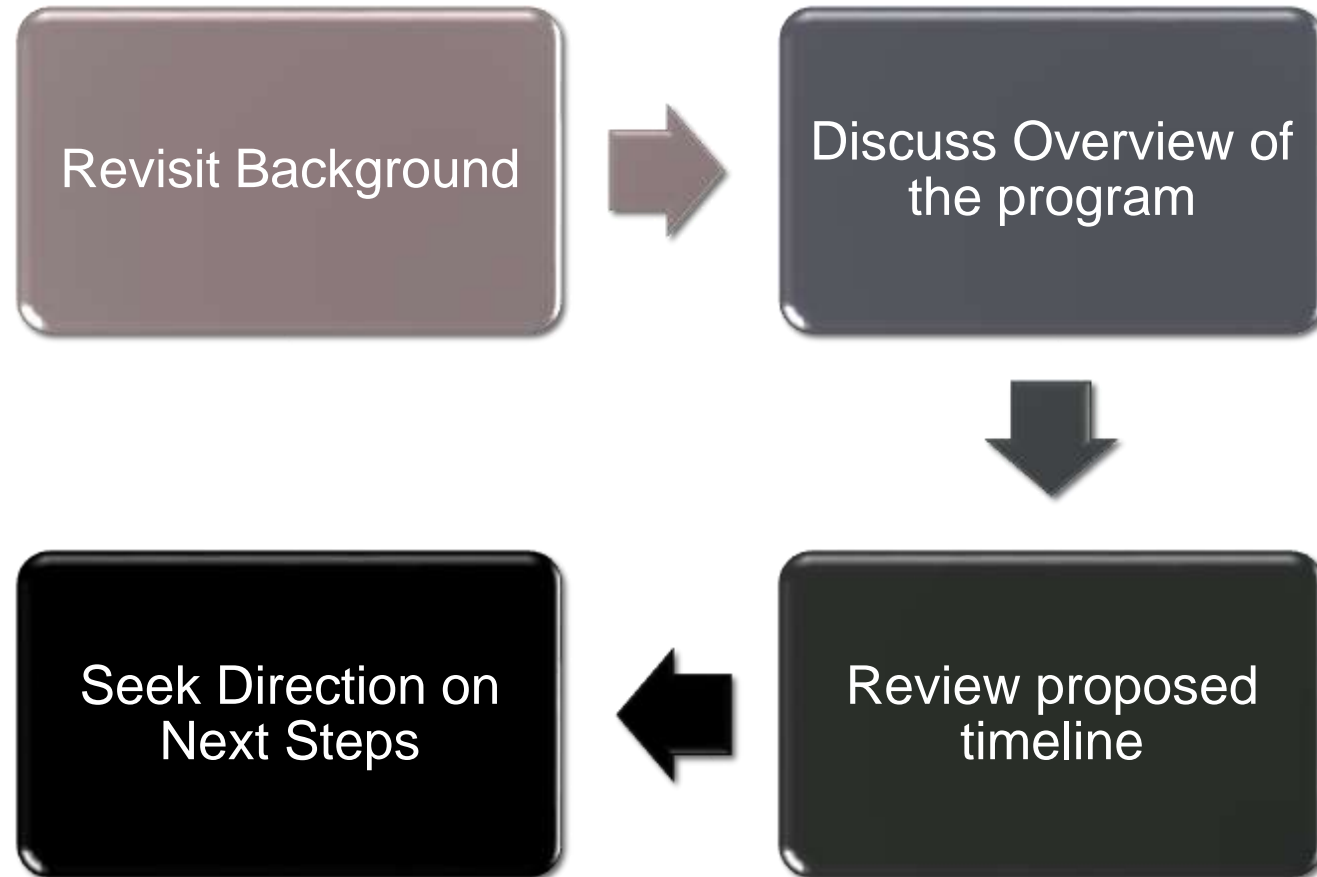




Stormwater Utility Fee

PRESENTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Agenda



Purpose and Background

Council Direction

Proceed with development of a Stormwater Utility and fee with:

- Base rate of \$8 per ERU per month
- Tiered residential structure
- Capital component
- Additional drainage crew
- Religious institutions rate of \$2.00 per ERU per month



Program Funding

Generates \$3.7M - \$4.1M annually

- Conservative Revenue Estimate: \$3,700,000 (*dependent on collection rate*)
- New Crew (1 Supervisor + 3 Workers): \$405,340
- Equipment: \$560,420
- Equipment Contribution (20% annual reserve): \$112,084
- Year 1 Operational Expenses: \$762,156
- Existing activity expenses and program administration: \$1,860,000
- Debt service for up to \$20M in capital projects would begin in year two.



Outreach Campaign



Fall/Winter 2026 outreach summary:

- 26,000+ residents reached
- 38,000+ digital views
- 19 social posts
- 3 newsletters
- Town halls / stakeholder meetings
- Direct outreach to industry, religious institutions

Following discussion with the Finance Committee, the item was recommended to move forward to the full City Council for consideration in June. Pending Council direction, staff will proceed with the final public outreach phase leading into consideration during the FY 26-27 budget adoption process.

Notice Requirements and Next Steps



This schedule:

- Staff will initiate a public outreach campaign in summer 2026 in advance of the required public notice and hearing process.
- In early August, notice will be submitted to a newspaper of general circulation to satisfy statutory notice requirements for the September public hearings.
- State law requires the public hearing notice to be published three times, including publication of the full ordinance text.

Requested Action



Staff requests City Council direction to proceed with establishing the stormwater utility budget framework for consideration during the FY 26-27 budget adoption process

Questions / Discussion

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