



City Council Regular Meeting

DEPARTMENT: City Manager’s Office
FROM: Harlan Jefferson, Deputy City Manager
MEETING: June 15, 2026

SUBJECT:

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and provide staff direction on adopting a potential stormwater utility in conjunction with FY27 budget development. *(Staff Contact: Harlan Jefferson, Deputy City Manager)*

STRATEGIC PRIORITY AND GOAL(S):

Strategic Priority	Strategic Goal
 <p>High Performing City Organization Providing Exceptional, People Focused Services</p>	<p>1.2 Continue to improve the efficiency and productivity of operations 1.3 Deliver high-quality service and communications to external and internal customers</p>
 <p>Dynamic & Preferred City Through Managed Growth</p>	<p>2.5 Develop and maintain facilities and utility services</p>

SUMMARY:

The City has been evaluating the implementation of a stormwater utility and fee as part of its long-term strategy to address a back logged list of deficient items that are negatively impacting the city. This item has been presented and discussed at multiple levels, including council committees and City Council dating back several years where staff provided updates on program development, funding needs, and potential rate structures.

Through these discussions, and at Council’s direction, staff is preparing the proposed program to be presented alongside the FY 2027 budget in the coming months for consideration as part of the annual budget process.

On May 27th, staff presented this item to the Finance Committee to solicit feedback regarding advancing the item parallel with the annual budget process. The committee recommended moving the item forward to the full City Council for consideration. If approved, staff anticipates presenting a proposed stormwater utility fee to the City Council during the FY 26-27 budget process.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval as presented.

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

1/6/2025: City Council awarded a professional services contract to Freese and Nichols for technical assistance in the development of a stormwater utility and fee. CSO#5715-01-2025; CSO#5716-01-2025

5/21/2025: Infrastructure & Development Committee received a report from staff and provided recommendations to City Council

5/27/2025: City Council received a report and provided direction to staff to proceed with development of a stormwater utility and fee

12/15/2025: City Council received a report and provided direction to staff to provide additional information

2/2/2026: City Council received a report and provided staff additional direction to modify the program and continue moving forward.

5/27/2026: Finance Committee received a report from staff regarding the timing and preparation of this item, as it relates to the annual budget process.

REFERENCE:

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

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