



**CITY COMMISSION
STAFF REPORT**

DEPARTMENT: Utilities Department

SUBJECT: Presentation Regarding Stormwater Utility Rates and Billing (**Utilities**)

CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDATION:

This is a recommendation for Commission consideration of a proposed change to the City's stormwater utility rates and billing methodology, and to provide direction to Staff.

BACKGROUND OF ITEM:

On August 20, 2019, the City Commission authorized financial consultant Raftelis to perform a rate study for the Stormwater Fund. Raftelis completed their study and presented their findings and recommendations to the Commission on September 8, 2020. One of the recommendations was for the Commission to consider a change in the rates and billing methodology from the monthly utility bill to a non-ad valorem assessment ("assessment") included on the property tax bill as allowed by Florida Statutes. The recommendation is made, in part, to address a key concern of the study related to ensuring that the rate structure considers the impervious common areas for multi-family and commercial accounts. Upon completion of their presentation, the Commission directed Staff to follow up to determine the actual proposed rate changes and to determine the steps required to implement the non-ad valorem assessment.

ANALYSIS:

Raftelis has completed their analysis and will present their findings and recommendations to the City Commission at this meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no overall fiscal impact to the City.

<u>General Ledger Acct. Number</u>	<u>Budgeted Amount</u>	<u>Requested Amount</u>	<u>Remaining Amount</u>

ALTERNATIVES:

After considering the consultants findings and recommendations, the Commission could opt to implement the proposed rate changes and assessment method of billing, or to make no change to the current method of billing.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Raftelis PowerPoint presentation