



**City of LaBelle Board of Commissioners
Agenda Request**

To: Honorable Mayor and City Commission
Prepared By: Tijauna Warner, Deputy City Clerk
Date of Meeting: October 10, 2024
Date Submitted: October 1, 2024
Title of Agenda Item: Rate Increases 80% Sewer and 50% Water
Agenda Location: Public Hearing

Report in brief: The utility is classified as an Enterprise Fund for financial reporting purposes. Monthly user rates are designed to cover the costs associated with service delivery; however, the utility faces several significant challenges, including the impacts of inflation on operational, maintenance, and capital project costs, as well as compliance with existing loan agreement rate covenants. To ensure sufficient net revenues for debt service obligations, the City must revise rates as necessary, as detailed in the Rate Study conducted by Raftelis.

Staff Comments: Utilities Department agrees with the rate study provided by Raftelis.

Fiscal Impact: Yes

Recommended Actions: Commission make a motion to approve the affirm rate increases 80% Sewer and 50% Water, and to adopt connection fees and the fee schedule as presented.