



Town of Lake Park Town Commission

Agenda Request Form

Meeting Date: June 7, 2023

Originating Department: Public Works

Agenda Title: Follow-Up Presentation Associated with the Findings and Recommendations Rising from the 2023 Stormwater Utility Rate Analysis.

Approved by Town Manager: Bambi McKibbon-Turner, Acting Town Manager **Date:** 5/31/2023

Cost of Item:	<u>N/A</u>	Funding Source:	<u>N/A</u>
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Attachments:

- 1. Agenda Request Form (ARF)
- 2. Executive Report
- 3. Full Report
- 4. Executive and Full Presentations

Please initial one:

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Yes, I have notified everyone

Not applicable in this case

Background/Summary Explanation:

The Town is required to operate a Stormwater Utility (the “utility” or “system”) to manage and treat stormwater runoff prior to discharge into the Lake Worth Lagoon, which is designated as a protected Waters of the United States by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP). The utility also protects public and private property from flooding.

The Stormwater system consists mostly of grassed roadside swales for conveyance of stormwater runoff to catch basins and underground structures and pipes that ultimately outfall to the lagoon.

At present time, over 20% of the system's infrastructure has exceeded its recommended service life and the remaining system components' structural condition is deteriorating rapidly.

Additionally, consistent increases in land and water temperatures, and in the severity and frequency of weather events and other environmental stressors, continue to pose a challenge to the Stormwater system's capacity to handle storm events of both small and large magnitude.

Moreover, the utility operates as a self-supporting enterprise fund, but has historically used operating reserves to cover actual expenses that exceeded the budget amounts. Also, the utility experiences frequent operational disruptions due to staffing shortages and an aging fleet.

To continue to address these concerns, in January 2023, the Town Commission engaged with financial consultant Raftelis to conduct a comprehensive fiscal analysis of the Stormwater Utility.

The primary objectives of the analysis are as follows:

- Develop a funding strategy to pay for stormwater system operations, maintenance and capital repairs & upgrades
- - Emphasis on replacement of aging fleet and funding capital improvements to meet the drainage needs of the service area
 - Historically, stormwater rates were only established to recover operating expenses without any additional revenues for capital improvements
- Estimate revenue requirements to be recovered from stormwater rates
- Identify the need for future rate adjustments

On May 18, 2023, the Town hosted a public workshop to discuss the state of the Stormwater Utility and present and discuss the findings and recommendations resulting from the 2023 Rate Study. More than 3,600 invitations were sent regarding this event.

Finally, during the June 7, 2023, meeting of the Town Commission, Town and Raftelis staffs will present an executive summary of the findings and recommendations resulting from the Stormwater Analysis and answer questions. Members of the public were invited (via a mailed letter) to provide input during this and other scheduled meetings on this topic.

Key Dates and Major Milestones:

- **January-May 2023:** Stormwater Rate Analysis
- **May 18, 2023:** Follow-up Meeting on the Stormwater Rate Analysis

- **June 7, 2023:** Presentation to Town Commission on findings and recommendations from Stormwater rate analysis (for discussion only)
- **July 28, 2023:** Town submits maximum proposed Stormwater assessment rates to PB County (TRIM Notice)
- **August 2023:** Fee Schedule Resolution presented for approval
- **August 18, 2023:** TRIM Notices mailed to all taxpayers
- **September 2023:** Town submits approved Stormwater assessment rates
- **November 1, 2023:** Tax bill sent to all taxpayers

Recommended Motion: There is no motion associated with this Agenda item. For discussion only.