

AGENDA REPORT MEETING: REGULAR SESSION, APRIL 23, 2025 AGENDA CATEGORY: PUBLIC HEARING

Item: Amendment to Natural Gas Utility Rates Ordinance

Department: Finance

Date of Meeting: Wednesday, April 23, 2025

Fiscal Impact: Increases in Natural Gas Revenues to support on-going operations

Presented By: Keith Lee, Chief Financial Officer

Todd Hardigree, Gas System Director

Action Requested: Approval to amend the Natural Gas Rates Ordinance and authority to

move forward with new gas utility rates

Summary: As part of the annual budget review, the Finance Department evaluates a long range outlook for City Finances. As part of the FY 2025 budget process, it was identified that the City's revenues were not going to be sufficient to support ongoing operations and capital investments. The City proposed to look at several revenue sources including the Natural Gas Rates.

Staff has work with the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia (MGAG), which is a non-profit organization that provides strategic and technical services to the 79 members in Georgia, Alabama, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and Florida. With their assistance, the gas rates were evaluated to provide sufficient funding for anticipated operating costs within the gas fund, gas fund capital needs, and the anticipated transfer to the General Fund.

Residential and commercial were evaluated for returns, comparisons to surrounding providers, and current best practices.

Fiscal Impact:

• Will reduce a project shortfall in the Gas Fund

Attachments/Exhibits:

- PowerPoint presentation
- Natural Gas Utility Rates Ordinance