AGENDA REPORT

MEETING: WORK SESSION, MARCH 19, 2025 AGENDA CATEGORY: GENERAL CITY BUSINESS

Item: Discussion to Amend Chapter 38; adding Article IX Natural Gas Utility

Rates

Department: Finance

Date of Meeting: Wednesday, March 19, 2025

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

Presented By: Keith Lee, Chief Financial Officer

Todd Hardigree, Gas System Director

Action Requested: Place this item on the regular agenda for public hearing at the April 23,

2025 meeting

Summary: As part of the annual budget review, the Finance Department evaluates a long range outlook for the 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