Consider Approval of Ordinance Amendment Appendix A Fee Schedule Delete Article A14.000 Pro Rata Fees

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Summary

Question

 City Council is being asked to consider an amendment to Appendix A Fee Schedule, Article A14.000 Pro Rata Fees to remove these fees from the Code of Ordinances

Options

- Recommended: Adopt Ordinance amending Appendix A Fee Schedule, Article A14.000 Pro Rata Fees to remove this section
- Denial
- Other

Declaration

 The fees in this Article are a duplication of Impact Fees already being assessed



Purpose

To update the Code to delete Appendix A,
 Article A14.000 Pro Rata Fees and reserve the section for future use



- Pro Rata Fees were first established in 1991 to set fees for persons wishing to connect to water and sewer mains in certain areas of the city
 - More were added in 1994 & 1997
- These water & sewer mains were constructed by the city & fees were to cover the cost of the extensions
- Mains were constructed to bring utility services to those areas of the city that didn't have them & to service areas that had failing water wells & septic tanks



- Areas include:
- Countess Adria sewer extension. 8" sewer main, Castle Estates
 Unit 1
- Althea extension. 8" sewer main, S.R. Hodges Subdivision
- Monte Robles fire protection line. 8" water main, Monte Robles Park subdivision
- Montes Robles fire protection line. 8" water main, Monte Robles Park subdivision
- Cammie Way extension. 8"sewer main, Castle Estates Unit II
- Monte Robles Park fire protection line. 8" water main



- All persons wishing to connect to the city's utility services are charged Impact Fees
 - City charges actual costs to individual requests for main extensions, unless more connections are possible, then charge a portion of the actual cost
- Pro Rata fees are still legal, but typically charged in connection with a legal agreement between the city and a developer for new mains
- Should have been limited to a certain period of years



- Large subdivision developers construct their own mains and service lines, which are eventually accepted by the city
- Impact fees are paid for these connections to the city's existing water and sewer system at time of building permit issuance



Fiscal Impact

- None
- These fees haven't been charged in the past 20 years & any new connections in these areas are charged Impact Fees



Recommendation

 Staff recommends approval of the Ordinance deleting Appendix A Fee Schedule, Article A14.000 & reserving the section for future use

