



MEMO TO CITY COUNCIL

Request to Include Topic on the City Council Workshop Agenda

From:	Laurelei McVey, Public Works	Meeting Date:	May 24, 2022
Presenter:	Laurelei McVey, Public Works	Estimated Time:	10 minutes
Topic:	2% Water and Sewer Utility Rate Increase		

Recommended Council Action:

Approval to bring a resolution forward for a 2% water and sewer utility rate increase and hold a public hearing.

Background:

The City of Meridian has not increased its water or sewer utility rates since 2014.

Our utility rates remain some of the lowest in the Treasure Valley due to our methodical and proactive planning and budgeting. The City's "save before you spend" philosophy has allowed the City to remain debt free while still funding significant projects that have enabled the City to maintain high levels of services while also meeting ever increasing state and federal regulations.

Due to the continued increase in operational and capital costs, the Public Works Department is recommending a 2% increase to the water and sewer utility bill, effective June 15th, 2022. This represents an increase of approximately \$1.22/month on the average customer's bill.

A public hearing on the rate increase resolution will be scheduled on June 14th, 2022.

Questions related to this proposal should be directed to Laurelei McVey, Public Works, lmcvey@meridiancity.org, 208-985-1259.