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## Public comment proposed rate increases

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Jeff,

I am not able to attend the city council tonight, but would like to add public comment.

I am opposed to any further rate or SDC increases until the city has a proper evaluation done on current state of waste water treatment and what it will cost to make that facility meet current demand and State or Federal regulations. I would also like to see in that report what it would take to have expanded capacity to meet future development. Once that report is presented and accepted by council and tax payers as the progress moving forward, with any grants or additional funding sources in hand, then the city should have a proper assessment presented, with correct data, on how rates for city rate payers should be increased.

There is no clear path for waste treatment, how to get out of the moratorium, or real reason for applicable rate increase to justify a rate increase at this time.

Asking the tax payers to just go along with faulty data, lack of transparency, continuation of work without a clear direction is not acceptable. Increasing rates will impact those already struggling to an unacceptable level.

Please consider pulling all the current SDCs together and presenting as a package. It would be good to know the current rates with proposal on increases with valid justifications on why. This piece meal application doesn't allow citizens to clearly see how council is raising what, when. Even if one of the areas isn't being raised it should be shown for clarity. Using the data presented at last council, it is not acceptable to have a SDC package increase to 66% when our comparable cities are half that. I know SDCs are different than rates, but if trying to say to rate payer the SDCs are \$x so rate payers need to be \$x we need to see them together.

I would also ask that we find a way to reallocate ERUs if developers are just sitting on them when we have other businesses that would like to develop now and put people to work. Asking the newer businesses to go ask a developer for their ERU allocation or part of is NOT acceptable.

We need more transparency from council / city manager on budget. We are paying contractors to do job that aren't being done to properly make changes in our city and that needs to stop.

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