



City of Stevenson

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To: City Council
From: Leana Kinley, City Administrator
RE: Stormwater Utility Creation
Meeting Date: May 18, 2023

Executive Summary:

At the January 19, 2023 council meeting, Chuck Oldfield brought up the issue of detention ponds no longer being maintained by the Angel Heights and Hidden Ridge Home Owners Associations as they have dissolved. The request was for the city to take over the ownership and maintenance of the ponds and assess a fee to the related properties. This was discussed and was to be placed on the May 18th agenda for discussion when the Public Works Director was back from leave. Council discussed the topic at the April 27th special meeting regarding the strategic plan review and decided to leave it as a wish list item until more capacity can be identified.

Overview:

Background

At the January 19, 2023 council meeting, Chuck Oldfield brought up the issue of detention ponds no longer being maintained by the Angel Heights and Hidden Ridge Home Owners Associations as they have dissolved. The request was for the city to take over the ownership and maintenance of the ponds and assess a fee to the related properties. This equates to establishing a city-wide stormwater utility and involves:

- Identification of assets and capital projects costs.
- Identification of ongoing maintenance costs.
- A rate study to determine a fair rate to charge all property owners, city-wide.
- Public engagement and notification of changes proposed.

Overall Timeframe: 1-2 Years

Time Involvement: Medium (40-75%)

The O&M and Capital costs for Stormwater over the past 4 years are below:

	2019	2020	2021	2022
Storm O&M	19,500.47	34,678.64	27,005.49	24,257.62
Storm Capital	-	-	50,097.64	191,199.00

The system is aging, and costs will increase as portions of the system fail. It is identified as a wish list item and may be added to the Strategic Plan as other priority projects are completed.

Action Needed:

None at this time.