

Legislation Text

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SUBJECT:

Approval of a resolution setting a public hearing to amend the water and wastewater impact fees.

BACKGROUND / RATIONALE:

REQUEST BY: New Braunfels Utilities
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New Braunfels Utilities (NBU) charges water and wastewater impact fees to new development within its service area. These fees, regulated by Chapter 395 of the Texas Local Government Code, are designed to recover part of the cost of major infrastructure needed to serve the new development. Impact fees are developed for a ten-year planning horizon, with previous studies encompassing the periods from 1989-1999, 1999-2009, 2009-2016, and 2015-2025. NBU, with assistance from Freese and Nichols, Inc., and the City are now developing a new planning period of 2018-2028. The prior 2015-2025 fee program will be truncated at year 2018 (becoming the 2016-2018 program) as soon as the City Council adopts the new fee program.

City Council appointed the Impact Fee Advisory Committee to review fee amendments. This Committee met on December 5, 2017, and March 6, 2018, to conduct a technical review of the calculations. In accordance with Chapter 395, City Council must pass a resolution setting a public hearing and then vote on whether to amend the ordinance setting the new maximum impact fee for water and wastewater. The attached resolution sets the public hearing for City Council's regular meeting to be held on July 23, 2018. The Impact Fee Advisory Committee met on June 5, 2018, to make a recommendation on the report presented by NBU and its consultant.

ADDRESSES A NEED/ISSUE IN A CITY PLAN OR COUNCIL PRIORITY:

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval.