



Meeting Minutes

8/16/2021 - Minutes

1. Approval Of Minutes

Commissioner Splonskowski made a motion to approve the minutes, Kate Herzog seconded the motion. All voted aye, M/C

2. Discussion To Cancel Or Reschedule 9-6-21 Labor Day Meeting

Brent Erickson made a motion to cancel the 9-9-21 meeting, Robb Sattler seconded the motion. All voted aye, M/C

(Secretary's Note: At the end of the meeting it was discussed to reschedule rather than cancel the meeting. Staff was requested to send a poll with new date options)

3. Discussion On Initial Ranking Of The 5 Alternatives Listed In The Street Utility Framework Report

There was general discussion of the underlying assumptions for each alternative, with Mike Schmitz stating that he would be unable to rank them without knowing more details. City Engineer Gabe Schell stated that each alternative was built on the one before, as concerns were raised with each of them. Kevin Strege stated that the final decision needs to be understandable and sellable to voters. Brent Erickson stated that it needs to work for most people, but there is no solution that will work for all people. Brent Bogar from AE2S said that additional policies could be put in place to handle contingency or "one-off" situations. Commissioner Guy said that she has been told by many people that a tiered system sounds the most fair, others in the group confirmed they had been told the same.

4. Continue Review Of Street Utility Framework Report With AE2S Consultants Brent Bogar And Abby Ritz

Brent Bogar gave a presentation.

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It was requested that City Engineer Gabe Schell find out the number of parcels that currently have street maintenance special assessments to present at the next meeting. After reviewing the alternatives it was the general consensus to move forward with Alternative 5, while continuing to improve it and adjust tiers for commercial properties.

5. Discussion Of Changes To SATF Mission

The prior mission was reviewed. It was noted that the goals had been accomplished. Commissioner Guy presented the following possible recommendations:

- Residential and commercial fee structure using the AE2S NEXUS study as a starting point.
- Request ballot question verbiage approving replacement of the street maintenance special assessment policy and practices with the street utility fee concept.

- Timing of the ballot question: Either the city election in June of 2022, or the general election in November of 2022.

After discussion on ballot timing, Kevin Strege made a motion to approve these recommendations, Commissioner Splonskowski seconded. Upon roll call all voted aye, M/C.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

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