

RESOLUTION NO. 2956

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A TEMPORARY COMMITTEE TO WORK ON RATE STRUCTURE MODERNIZATION

Findings

- A. The City Council is moving forward with the process of reviewing the City's rate structure for sewer and water charges and developing possible alternate scenarios. As staff mentioned in the memo dated June 26, 2014, the City is scheduling two upcoming workshops, one to discuss sewer rate structure and a subsequent workshop to discuss water rate structure.
- B. Per Council direction to have community members participate in these workshops with Council to represent existing advisory groups as well as community values such as affordability and conservation, Council desires to formally appoint community members as a temporary committee to work with Council on rate structure modernization.
- C. This group will be asked to participate in the rate structure modernization process by attending the following meetings:
- 1) Two, half-day workshops planned that will include the City Council, seven to ten community members, and City staff. These will be public meetings. The first workshop will focus on sewer rate structure and the second will focus on water rate structure. The decisions and priorities we hope to identify in these workshops will provide the direction to the City staff on how to refine rate structure scenarios into two viable rate structure options for sewer and water for Council consideration.
 - 2) Council work session to review the two options for sewer and water. The purpose of this work session will be to ask for Council approval to bring these options to community focus groups.
 - 3) Focus groups to get input from a broader representation of our ratepayers. The City is planning to hold five focus groups total and will ask rate structure working group members to participate in one of these. Staff intends to also present the rate structure options in two open houses – working group members are welcome but not required to attend.
 - 4) Possible final workshop in December to provide input on creation of an implementation plan for rate structure reform if that is the direction from this process.
- D. Separately, staff has suggested that based on the recommendation from the Extra Strength Charge (ESC) Committee, Council brings the work of the advisory groups such as SIAG, IAC, and ESC together to inform the rate structure discussion and officially close the ESC Committee's process. The rate scenarios generated based on work done with the ESC committee will now be part of the sewer rate structure work. Adoption of extra strength charges will be integrated

with any structural changes recommended across ratepayers. Also, council may appoint community members who can provide representation from our IAC, SIAG, ESC, Affordable Housing, and Budget committees as part of the rate structure modernization process going forward.

- E. Council has received confirmation from eight qualified persons of their interest in serving on the working group.

Based on these findings,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BEND RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. Council forms the rate structure working group to serve as a temporary committee consistent with the above findings.
2. Council closes the Extra Strength Charge committee process, which work will now be part of the sewer rate structure process.

Adopted by the City Council the 16th day of July, 2014.

YES:	Mayor Jim Clinton	NO: none
	Councilor Jodie Barram	
	Councilor Mark Capell	
	Councilor Scott Ramsay	
	Councilor Victor Chudowsky	
	Councilor Doug Knight	
	Councilor Sally Russell	

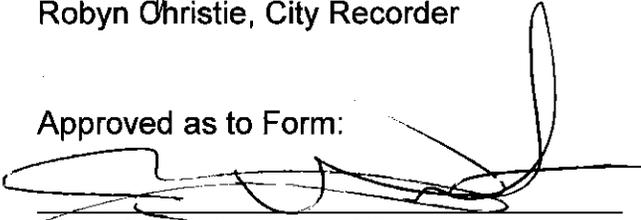
Attest:



Jim Clinton, Mayor



Robyn Christie, City Recorder

Approved as to Form:


Mary A. Winters, City Attorney