



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA STAFF REPORT
MEETING DATE: August 26, 2013

Title: Presentation of Sewer, Storm Drain, and Effluent Rate Study Preliminary Results
Petitioner: John A. Martini, P.E., Assistant Community Services Director
Presenter: Andrew Hummel, P.E., Utility Manager; Karyn Johnson, FCS Group
Recommendation: None. This is a presentation only.
Financial Impact: None at this time
Business Impact (Per NRS 237)
<input type="checkbox"/> A Business Impact Statement is attached.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A Business Impact Statement is not required because this is not a rule.
<input type="checkbox"/> A Business Impact Statement is not required. This is a rule but does not impose a direct and significant economic burden on a business, or directly restrict the formation, operation or exemption of a business.
<input type="checkbox"/> A Business Impact Statement is not required. Thus is a rule but emergency action is necessary to protect the public health and safety (requires a unanimous vote of the City Council and cannot be in effect for more than six months).
Agenda Item Brief: On August 27, 2012, City Council approved a Proposal for Sewer, Storm Drain, and Effluent Systems Rate Study Analysis with FCS Group. The study and analysis have performed; preliminary results will be presented. Final Approval will be requested at future meetings.

Background:

FCS Group finalized a Financial Rate Study for the City of Sparks in May of 2008. With this previous study, a five-year rate was enacted, which the final rate increase occurring in January of 2012. Since the 2008 study, numerous economic and regulatory changes have occurred which required a detailed analysis of the Utility Rates, Policy, and Code.

To proceed with a new rate study, staff placed \$100,000 in budget within the 2012/13 approved CIP for this work. An RFP for a new fee study was prepared and FCS Group was ultimately selected. Council approved a proposal to provide Sewer, Storm Drain, and Effluent Systems Rate Study Analysis (\$137,651) with FCS Group at the August 27, 2012 City Council meeting.

Preliminary results have been prepared and will be presented to Council via a Powerpoint presentation.

Analysis:

See background.

Alternatives:

Recommended Motion:

None. This is a presentation only

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