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UPDATE ON WATER AND SEWER RATE STUDY CITY OF GEORGETOWN, TEXAS

Strategies & Solutions

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SUMMARY INTRODUCTION

- Key Cost Drivers and Forecast Updates
 - Additional Projects
 - New Operational Expenses
 - Inflationary Increases
- FY 2022 Objectives
 - Fiscal Policy Review and Compliance
 - Revenue Adequacy
 - Fairness in Rate Setting

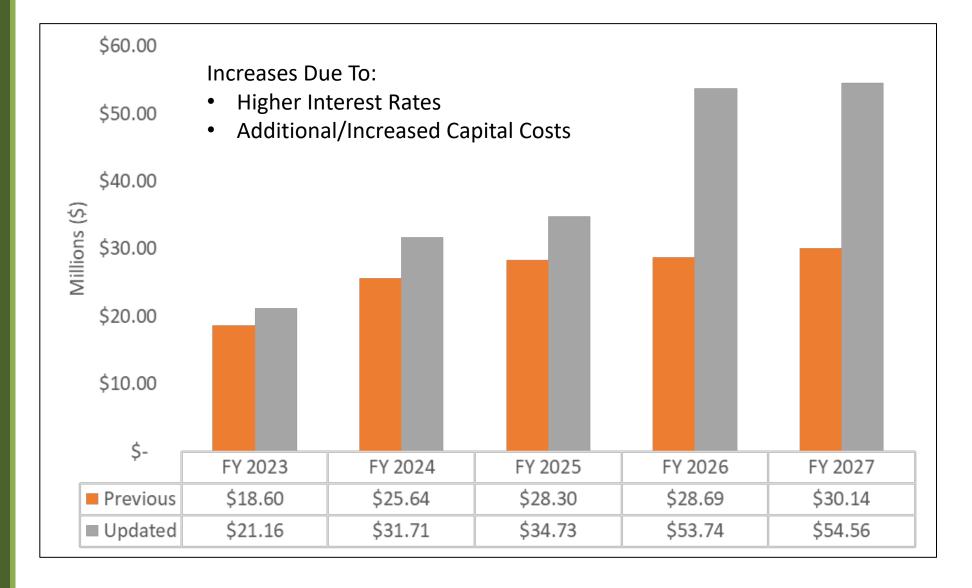
Water CIP	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Updated	\$ 119,616,667	\$ 26,775,000	\$ 9,208,333	\$ 1,925,000	\$ 199,425,000
Previous	67,375,000	23,925,000	4,675,000	4,675,000	7,975,000
Variance	\$ 52,241,667	\$ 2,850,000	\$ 4,533,333	(\$ 2,750,000)	\$ 191,450,000

CAPITAL PLAN SUMMARY

Wastewater CIP	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Updated	\$ 82,191,666	\$ 16,800,000	\$ 250,983,333	\$ 21,450,000	\$ 19,090,000
Previous	62,095,000	38,005,000	2,805,000	22,605,000	2,805,000
Variance	\$ 20,096,666	(\$ 21,205,000)	\$ 248,178,333	(\$ 1,155,000)	\$ 16,285,000

Total	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Updated	\$ 201,808,332	\$ 43,575,000	\$ 260,191,667	\$ 23,375,000	\$ 218,515,000
Previous	129,470,000	61,930,000	7,480,000	27,280,000	10,780,000
Variance	\$ 72,338,332	(\$ 18,355,000)	\$ 252,711,667	(\$ 3,905,000)	\$ 207,735,000

DEBT PAYMENTS

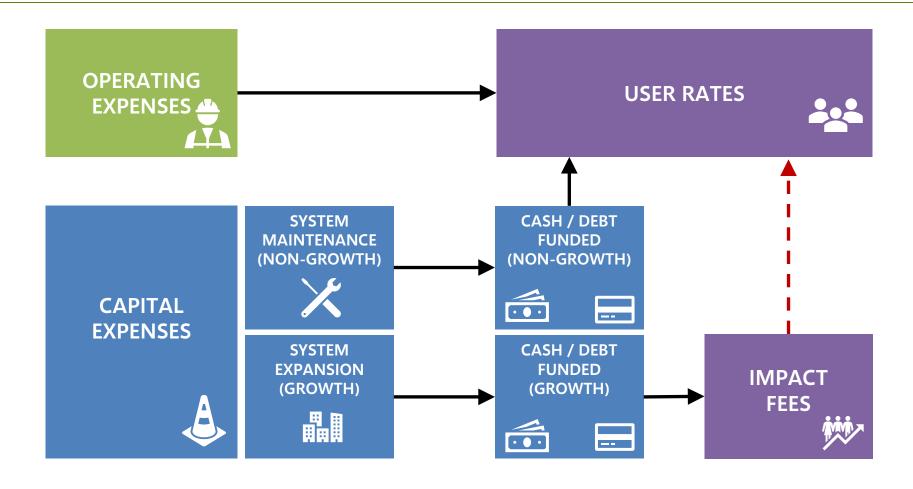


GROWTH AND IMPACT FEES

Growth (LUEs)	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Water					
Updated	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Previous	4,500	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
Variance	500	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Wastewater					
Updated	3,000	3,000	2,500	2,500	2,500
Previous	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,000	2,000
Variance	500	500	0	500	500

Impact Fees (\$/LUE)	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Water					
Updated	\$ 5,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,500	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,500
Previous	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Variance	\$ 0	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,500
Wastewater					
Updated	\$ 3,115	\$ 3,115	\$ 3,115	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
Previous	3,115	3,115	3,115	3,115	3,115
Variance	\$0	\$0	<i>\$ 0</i>	\$ 885	<i>\$ 885</i>

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN USER RATES AND IMPACT FEES



NEW PROGRAM AND OPERATIONAL COSTS

Water

- \$11.5M Personnel
- \$ 3.1M Equipment
- \$ 0.7M Professional Services
- <\$0.1M Facility-related</p>

Wastewater

- \$ 5.0M Personnel
- \$ 1.8M Equipment
- \$ 1.6M Professional Services
- <\$0.1M Facility-related</p>

New Program/O&M by Utility (\$M)	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Water	\$ 3.9	\$ 2.9	\$ 2.9	\$ 3.6	\$ 2.9
Wastewater	4.1	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.2
Total	\$ 8.0	\$ 4.1	\$ 4.0	\$ 4.8	\$ 4.1

Excludes Inflation Adjustments

INFLATION FACTORS USED

	FY 2023 ¹	FY 2024 ²	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Municipal Cost Index	5.0%	4.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%
Construction Cost Index	15.0%	9.2%	3.3%	3.3%	3.3%
Salaries	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%
Benefits	5.0%	5.0%	6.0%	7.0%	8.0%
Chemicals	30.0%	15.8%	1.7%	1.7%	1.7%
Electricity ³	7.0%	0.0%	3.0%	0.0%	3.0%
Natural Gas	30.0%	16.5%	2.9%	3.8%	3.4%
Fuel	30.0%	16.9%	3.9%	3.3%	3.7%

Notes:

- 1 Discussed with Staff and Reviewed Recent Trends
- 2 Average of FY 2023 and FY 2025 (Normal)
- 3 Per Discussions with Staff and Electric Team

FINANCIAL POLICY REVIEW AND SUGGESTED EDITS

- Days Operating Cash on Hand Reserve
 - Current 90 Day Minimum
 - Recommend 90 Day Minimum, Target of 120 Days and Max of 1 Year
- Water Fixed Cost Recovery from Base Charges
 - Current 75% of Identified Fixed Costs
 - Recommend 65% of Identified Fixed Costs with 90% in Base plus 1st Tier Rates
- Non-Operating Reserve
 - Current Broadly Defined and Historically \$10M
 - Recommend Defined as a minimum of 50% of Annual Debt Service Requirements

PROJECTED COMBINED UTILITY PERFORMANCE UNDER **CURRENT RATE** REVENUES



FY (Targets)	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
DSC (1.50x)	5.87	1.72	1.40	1.35	0.97	1.03
Days Cash (90 Days)*	326	165	50	(43)	(201)	(323)
Fixed COS Part 1 (65%)	73%	55%	57%	59%	60%	58%
Fixed COS Part 2 (90%)	110%	82%	84%	87%	87%	84%

- Shortfall covered by available balances
- An increase is needed to achieve Debt Service Coverage targets in <u>FY 2024</u>.
- Days Cash on Hand reserves drop below
 90 Days as early as FY 2024
- Water Monthly Base Charge revenues lower than target for Water Fixed Cost of Service as early as <u>FY 2023</u>

Combined utility estimated to not recover revenue requirements as early as FY 2022

^{*}Excludes Non-Operating Contingency

RATE DESIGN

Similar users found to have differing effective rates and charges for similar services

Multi-family and Builder



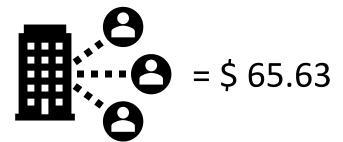
SAMPLE FAMILIES

Averaging 3,500 Gallons Indoor Water Usage Monthly

Currently Multi-Family as Commercial

Single Family Residential or Submetered Units

Suggested Multi-Family as Multi-Family Residential













ANNUAL COST TO SHOWER

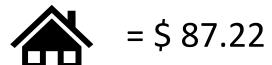
WATER ONLY PORTION OF BILL

Currently Multi-Family as Commercial

= \$ 32.55 = \$ 41.95 = \$ 104.62

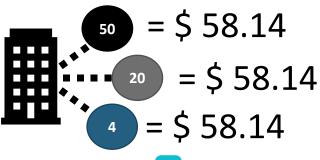


Single Family Residential or Submetered Units





Suggested Multi-Family as Multi-Family Residential





ANNUAL COST TO FLUSH

WASTEWATER ONLY PORTION OF BILL

MULTI-FAMILY

- City has the Option to Bill Multi-Family Customers on a per Unit Basis
 - Minimum and Volumetric Charge Calculated per Unit
 - Currently 109 Accounts with a Total of 6,751 Units
- Average Residential Account = 3/4" Meter
 - If per Unit Billing, Multi-Family at 5/8" Meter = 66% Lower Minimum
- "...the number of service connections in an apartment complex would be equal to the number of individual living units." 30 TAC §290.38(16)

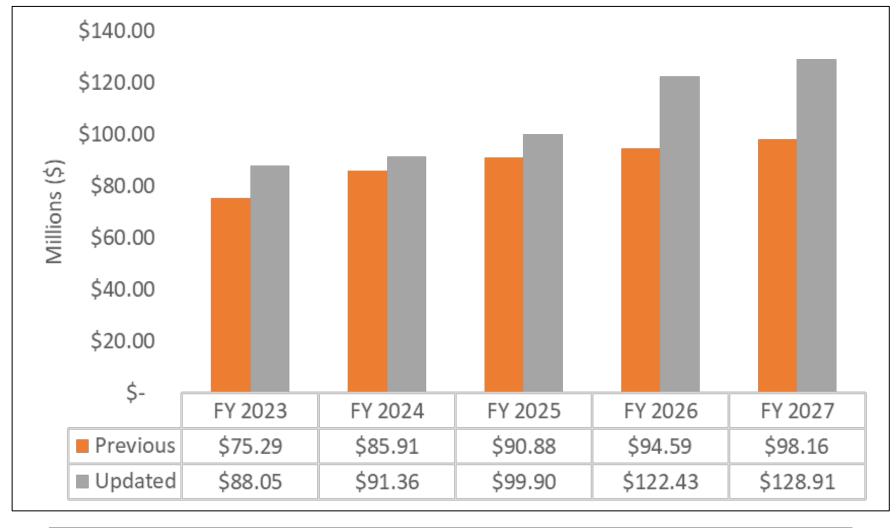
BUILDER

- Recommend Billing Builders same Class as Property
 - Recommended to be Billed as Residential Last Year

- Per FY 2020 Billing Data
 - Residential Peak/Average = 1.73
 - Builder Peak/Average = 1.75
- Keeping the meter in the same rate class as the end user is also helpful for customer service record keeping

EXPENSES AND PROPOSED RATES

Excludes Capital
Expenses from Bond
Proceeds or Impact
Fees



Total	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Updated	11.50%	11.50%	11.50%	11.50%	6.00%
Previous	9.00%	9.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%

This includes rate design changes.

RATE PLAN EFFECT ON MONTHLY BILLS

6,000 Gallon Residential Bill Impact

34" Meter Size



PROJECTED COMBINED UTILITY PERFORMANCE UNDER **PRELIMINARY DRAFT RATE** REVENUES



FY (Targets)	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
DSC (1.50x)	5.87	2.03	1.86	2.05	1.65	1.85
Days Cash (90 Days)*	326	202	160	169	101	116
Fixed COS Part 1 (65%)	73%	61%	70%	80%	88%	90%
Fixed COS Part 2 (90%)	110%	90%	103%	117%	129%	131%

- Increases shown here are for discussion ONLY.
- Rate adjustments below reflect current assumptions and CIP funding plan.
- Inflation, increased wholesale costs and accelerated/new capital projects will likely change FY 2025-2027.

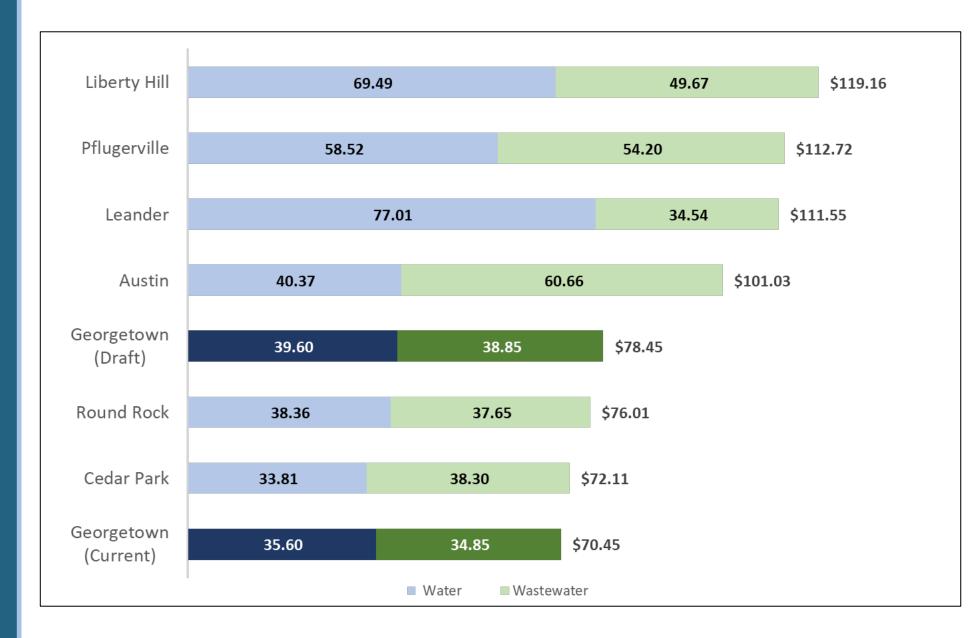
Rate Adjustments	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Water (All%)	11.5%	11.5%	11.5%	11.5%	6.0%
Wastewater (All %)	11.5%	11.5%	11.5%	11.5%	6.0%

Draft Rate Projection

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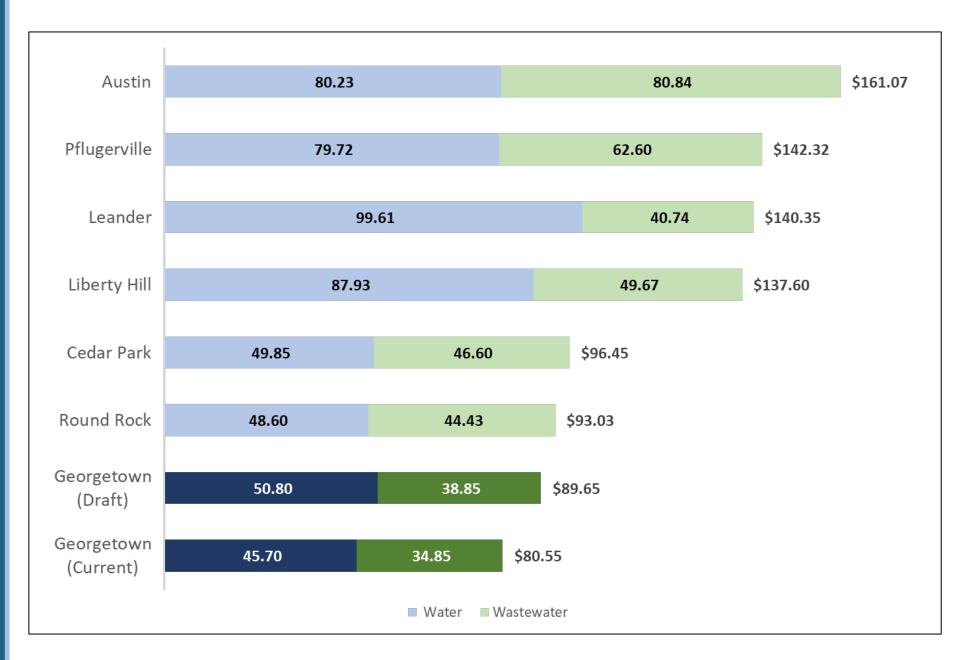
RESIDENTIAL REGIONAL BILL COMPARISON

Customer at 6,000 Gallons



RESIDENTIAL REGIONAL BILL COMPARISON

Customer at 10,000 Gallons

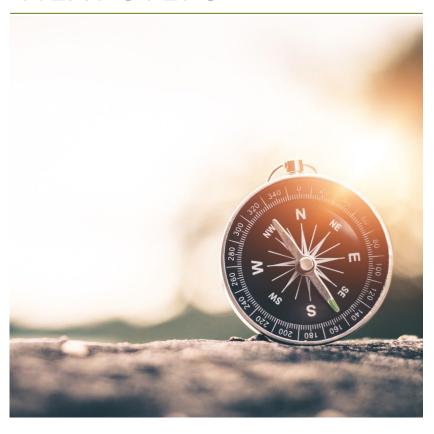


RESIDENTIAL REGIONAL BILL COMPARISON

Customer at 25,000 Gallons



NEXT STEPS



Receive Council Guidance Here

 Customer Engagement July -August

- Proposed Rate Action Timing
 - Adoption in September
 - Effective Date October 1, 2022



THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME

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