



SUMMARY NOTES ON THE ITEMS ON THE

NOTICE OF MEETING

IMPACT FEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, July 13, 2010

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE IMPACT FEE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, CREATED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS, CONVENED IN A MEETING ON TUESDAY JULY 13, 2010, AT 6:00 P.M., IN THE 1ST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM (SUITE 101) OF THE WALLER CREEK CENTER, LOCATED AT 625 EAST 10TH STREET, AUSTIN, TEXAS, FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSE:

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 by Hank Kidwell, Chair, with members Dan Buda, Lisa Harris, and Brian Rodgers present. Members John Lewis and Bill Moore arrived during the discussion of item 4. Member Dick Kallerman had notified the Chair that he would not be attending. Brian Long, AWU committee liaison, noted that the meeting was being recorded.

1. Introductions and Overview of Impact Fee Advisory Committee (IFAC) for new member. Item 1 was postponed until new member John Lewis arrived. Introductions were made all around. Mr. Lewis is the new representative of the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ).
2. Discuss and approve September 22, 2010 Impact Fee Advisory Committee meeting minutes. Brian Rodgers moved to approve the minutes as submitted, Lisa Harris seconded the motion, and the vote was 4 in favor, none opposed, none abstained, three absent. 4-0-0-3
3. Discuss and approve January 26, 2010 Impact Fee Advisory Committee meeting minutes. . Brian Rodgers moved to approve the minutes as submitted, Lisa Harris seconded the motion, and the vote was 4 in favor, none opposed, none abstained, three absent. 4-0-0-3
4. Discuss and take action on the Semi-Annual Impact Fee Report for October 1, 2009 through March 31, 2010 as set forth in the functions of the advisory committee, Austin City Code and Chapter 395.058 of the Texas Local Government Code. Collections this year are about half of last year. Bob Butler, AWU Finance, made a presentation during which he noted that he and his staff had developed a new method for capturing the fee unit numbers that had been unavailable for three previous semi-annual reports. The report issued at the meeting with the complete fee unit accounting replaces the version of the report issued earlier. The consensus of the committee is that they need additional time to review the report and will take it up as an item at their next meeting.

5. Status report on the count of meters in service. Brian Long explained that Patricia Genty-Andrade had spoken with Randy Alexis and Brian Long on a number of occasions in recent months and had reduced the number of discrepancies to a few percent of the meters in service. Patricia has run a number of inventory reports and each time the data is more complete and better understood. The City is working on a new customer service and billing software system that Patricia will check to be sure meter information is readily available.

6. Discuss creation of an impact fee for drainage. Jose Guerrero, CoA Watershed Protection Department, made a PowerPoint presentation. He described the functions of the Watershed Protection Department, the current financing situation and options for future financing including Regional Stormwater Management Program fees and Impact fees. One of the major obstacles to correcting the current problems and avoiding future problems is cost to individual developers of building individual detention facilities vs. cost of contributing to a wider watershed project. The Watershed Protection Department recommendation for next steps are:
 - Both the Use of 212 and 395 will require a City Ordinance.
 - Work with a subcommittee to develop details for drainage impact fees
 - Recommend/ Draft OrdinanceAfter discussion about the pros and cons of the impact fee proceeding at this time, and the difficulty of defining the calculation of the fee, the committee recommended that the Impact Fee Committee meet with private development experts to discuss the information from the Watershed Protection Department. August 12th was set as a possible meeting date. Jose Guerrero should post the information he is gathering to help the discussion continue. Members Rodgers moved and Lewis seconded that the committee meet to accept testimony and continue this discussion. The motion passed 6-0-0-1 (See item 8 for August 12 meeting motion)

7. Discuss creation of an impact fee for roads. Member Brian Rodgers made a PowerPoint presentation about the various tax rates in the Austin area, especially the increases in City of Austin taxes. He also pointed out that AWU rates will increase. He also gave a recap of the AWU impact fee structure, noting that the impact fee is the lowest in the area. Then he discussed the roads costs and funding sources. He pointed out that Fort Worth had commissioned a roadway impact study in 2005 and set up a roadway impact fee based on a 2006 consultant study. He showed excerpts of the Fort Worth study that illustrate the methodology for calculating the congestion and addition of new capacity. Brian Rodgers roughly estimated that Austin fees might be the same as Fort Worth and generate substantial funds, perhaps more than the current transportation bond issue (\$51 million) being discussed. In Fort Worth the Mayor, Council, and private sector supported the fee. Committee discussion at this meeting brought up the issue that the present economic situation in Austin would make getting support for a fee difficult. James Snow, Assistant Director, CoA Public Works Dept., discussed the lack of funding for a study like Fort Worth commissioned (\$660,000), but said the CoA Transportation Department and Public Works Department are interested in getting more information. The suggestion was made for some Impact Fee committee members to meet with the Urban Transportation Committee September 14 at their regular meeting.

8. Discuss other items that are pertinent to the functions of the advisory committee. The motion was made to hold a meeting August 12 to hear from invited private citizens regarding the drainage impact fee and to discuss and accept the Semi-Annual Impact Fee Report for October 1, 2009 through March 31, 2010.

At approximately 9:00 P.M. a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The motion was approved 6-0-0-1.

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AUSTIN WATER UTILITY
CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

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LARGE CONF. ROOM) OF THE WALLER CREEK CENTER, LOCATED AT 625
EAST 10TH STREET, AUSTIN, TEXAS.

MEMBERS:

J. R. KIDWELL, P.E. Hank Kidwell

RICHARD KALLERMAN Absent RWA

WILLIAM MOORE William Moore

DANIEL BUDA Daniel Buda

BRIAN RODGERS Brian Rodgers

LISA HARRIS Lisa Harris

JOHN LEWIS John Lewis

OTHERS:

1. Randy Reyes AWU

2. Bob Butler AWU

3. TERESA LUTES AWU

4. Claudia Rodriguez WPD

5. JAMES Snow, Public Works

6. Ross Crow, Law

7. Jose Guerrero WPD

8. Jorge R. Urquidi, WPD

9. BRIAN L. Losh, AWU