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Memorandum

DT: October 6, 2014

TO: Mayor and City Councilmembers

FR: Ginny Sawyer, Project and Policy Manager *gs*

TH: Darin Atteberry, City Manager *DA*
Kelly DiMartino, Assistant City Manager *KD*

RE: Work Session Summary: September 30, 2014
Renewal of the ¼ Cent Community Capital Improvement and Street Maintenance Programs

On September 30, 2014, City Council held a Work Session to discuss the renewal of the Street Maintenance ¼ cent and the community capital improvement program. All Councilmembers were present. Staff members included Ginny Sawyer and Mark Jackson.

Staff presented a brief overview of both programs and summaries of public outreach to-date. Staff was seeking direction on the term of the Street Maintenance renewal and whether or not to keep the Vine and Lemay Avenue improvements included in the Building on Basics (BOB) 2.0 project list or consider a separate tax initiative.

There was overall agreement that:

- Street Maintenance could be considered for more than a ten year term with most suggesting 15 years;
- Vine and Lemay should come off the BOB 2.0 list and be considered separately.

There were mixed opinions on whether a separate initiative should include additional projects or only include Vine and Lemay and when a separate initiative should be presented.

Next Steps

Staff will present more details, including pros and cons, on all suggested options at the October 11 special session.



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MEMORANDUM

Date: October 3, 2014

To: Mayor and City Councilmembers

Through: Darin Atteberry, City Manager *DA*
Kevin Gertig, Utilities Executive Director *KG*

From: Carol Webb, Interim Water Resources & Treatment Operations Manager *CW*
Lance Smith, Strategic Financial Planning Manager *LS*
Donnie Dustin, P.E., Water Resources Manager *DD*

Re: September 30, 2014 Work Session Summary – Commercial Water Allotments

Donnie Dustin presented information on commercial water allotments, highlighting that an economic inequity exists because two-thirds of the Water Utility's commercial customers are not subject to a surcharge rate when they exceed the standard water allotments. The Mayor and all Councilmembers were present. Additional staff members present included Lance Smith, Carol Webb and Kevin Gertig.

The purpose of the Work Session was to make City Council aware of the inequity among commercial customers and suggest ways to remedy the issue before formal consideration. The outcome of the discussion was that the issue needs more explanation and data before formal consideration. The following are some of the main points of the discussion:

Council Feedback:

- Provide a clearer explanation of why the inequity requires action and the purpose of the surcharge.
- Clearly describe how the problem was identified and why we are addressing it now.
- Provide more data and concrete examples among these customers.
- Show what impact changing the issue would have on water use, if any.
- Explain how the Tri-Districts handle this issue.

Next Steps:

- Direction was given to staff to provide a memorandum to City Council that clearly states the problem/purpose and more data about the issue, as well as how to address the inequity in a revenue neutral manner.