

**MAYOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ON IMPACT FEE ALTERNATIVES
MINUTES**

**GENERAL MEETING
MARCH 9, 2009
PRESCOTT, ARIZONA**

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE MAYOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON IMPACT FEE ALTERNATIVES Held On MARCH 9, 2009 In The PRESCOTT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CONFERENCE ROOM LOCATED AT 117 WEST GOODWIN ST., Prescott, Arizona.

Members:

Gary Hudder, Chair	P	Councilman, Jim Lamerson	P
Malcolm Barrett Jr., Co Chair	P	Dave Maurer	P
Steve Conrad	P	Vic Pereboom	A
Sandy Griffis	P	Mr. Mark Woodfill	P
Tom Haley	P		

(P=Present: A=Absent)

Others Present:

Mike Blackie

1.1 Call to order & roll call:

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 pm by Chairman, Mr. Gary Hudder.

1.2. Public Comment:

None

1.3 History and Perspective of City impact fee implementation & increase:

Gary Hudder explained to all present the current situation regarding the City impact fee for residential water and wastewater along with input from Mark Woodfill. It was reported that Prescott will be in the top three highest rates in the State of Arizona for residential water and wastewater impact fees after the anticipated increase. Further, the study that was completed, was based on an annual 3% growth rate which did not occur. While everyone agreed that there were "holes" in the study, the committee as a whole would quit discourse with the study and focus on alternatives for the impact fees.

1.4 Discussion of task force goals:

The question was raised by the committee as to where the funds had previously come from. Mark Woodfill stated that the funds came from capacity charges through utilities when a homeowner signed up for water. There were no impact fees, rather Police, Fire & Library which was paid into an "operational fund". The committee understands the needs for the impact fees, however, with the economy

being at an all time low, it would stifle the economy even more to impose these rates on builders which would possibly halt residential building even further. Prescott depends upon growth. It was brought up that the current codes were very strict and unwavering for builders and business owners as they are currently written, While it is not the responsibility of this committee to “change” the City’s current codes to become more business friendly, it may be something to look at hard in the future. Councilman Lamerson stated that “growth pays for growth” doesn’t correctly value all the benefits of growth. The committee understands that the City does not have enough money for current growth but feels there are other alternatives to spread the impact fees fairly. It is the committees’ objective to submit other means for collecting these fees.

1.5 **Action Items:**

Mark Woodfill

The committee has asked Mark Woodfill to come up with an approximate dollar amount increase to Rate Payers annually to absorb the recommended impact fee increase. Also, proposing a secondary property tax on homeowners, what the annual fee would be to pass the recommended impact fee increase onto them.

1.6 **Next Meeting** – March 23rd, 2009; 2:00 pm at Prescott Chamber of Commerce, Conference Room located at 117 West Goodwin Street, Prescott, AZ

1.7 **Adjourn:**

Meeting adjourn @ 3:35 p.m.

GARY D. HUDDER, Chairman

SUSAN ESPER, Author