Proposed Fees & Charges

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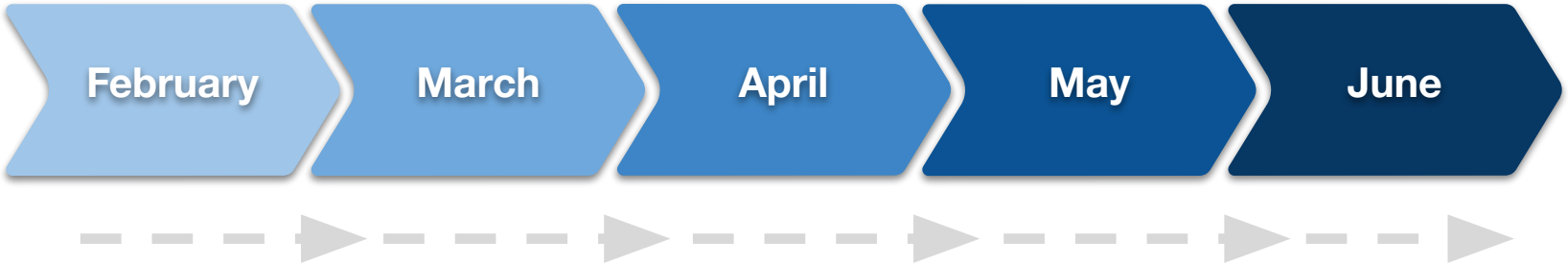
Presentation Overview

- Water rate adjustment
- Stormwater Utility Fee
- Solid Waste Fee
- Other fee changes

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FY23 Council Budget Timeline

Approved by City Council at February 8, 2022 meeting.



2/22
Council Work Session

3/17 & 18
Council Retreat

4/12
Council Work Session

4/26
Council Work Session
Adopt Fees & Charges

5/24
Proposed Budget

6/14
Public Hearing

6/28
Adoption

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Fees & Charges

- Recommended by Finance & Human Resources Committee on March 22 with 3-0 vote:
  - Water
  - Stormwater
  - Solid Waste
  - Minor changes to development, parking, code enforcement, and traffic control fees.
- Changes to event application and Pack Square Park rental fees recommended with 2-1 vote.

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Water Fee Recommendation

- Need to continue to recover revenue lost from capital fee in order to maintain credit rating and debt service coverage.
- Minimized burden on customers by spreading revenue recovery over time.
- Staff is recommending an increase to both the volumetric charges and base charges for most customers.

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Stormwater Fee Recommendation

- Asheville's stormwater system has significant maintenance and capacity needs.
- Stormwater fee was last increased in FY20.
- Additional funding is needed to address existing needs, meet service expectations, and achieve stated goals.

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Stormwater Fee Recommendation

Property Size (Single Family) or Type	Current (per month)	Proposed (per month)	Change
225 - 2,000 Square Feet	$3.20	$3.68	$0.48
2,001 - 4,000 Square Feet	$5.10	$5.87	$0.77
> 4,001 Square Feet	$7.03	$8.08	$1.05
Non-Single Family Properties per ERU (Equivalent Residential Units)	$5.10	$5.87	$0.77

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Sanitation Fee Recommendation

- New investment in this core city services has been minimal for a number of years, the last fee increase was approved in FY17.
- It is challenging to maintain existing service levels without additional resources.
- Staff is recommending a $2.00/month increase to the solid waste fee.

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Household Impact of Changes

Fee	Bi-Monthly Bill Increase	Annual Increase
Solid Waste	$ 4.00	$ 24.00
Stormwater (Tier 2)	$ 1.53	$ 9.18
Water (6 CCFs/month)	$ 4.92	$ 29.52
Total	*$ 10.45*	*$ 62.70*

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Other Fee Changes

Other Recommended Changes

- Event application and facility usage
- Development-related
- Noise Ordinance enforcement
- Traffic control materials and services
- Right-of-Way closure
- Hourly/flat rates for parking lots
- Daily use of metered parking

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Changes Since Committee

- Water system development fees on a separate timeline statutorily required steps.
- Removed fee changes related to homestay permits due to recent court decision.
- Parks & Recreation facility rental changes:
  - Reduce fees charged for rental of community center spaces.
  - Add fee for gym floor covering and extending rental hours.

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Summary

- Additional revenues from adopted fee changes will be incorporated into the Proposed Budget.
- Adopted fee changes will be effective on July 1, 2022.

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Discussion & Questions

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