



Special Assessment Task Force

3/28/2022 - Minutes

1. Welcome And Introductions

The subcommittee of the Special Assessment Task Force is composed of Dustin Dawrylow, Kate Herzog, Mike Schmitz, Kevin Strege, and Commissioner Splonskowski.

2. Look At And Address The Current Consensus Of The Task Force And Adopt Or Adjust The Current Layout Of That Plan.

Dustin Gawrylow provided draft Home Rule Charter ballot language for the committee's consideration. The intent is to levy and collect an infrastructure fee for street maintenance purposes. The group discussed the six components of the draft language. The group discussed the concept of ensuring street utility fees would be used for street maintenance projects that are currently bonded through special assessments and not used for regular Public Works Service Operations associated with small-scale street maintenance projects. Consideration was given to an online calculator where the public could review the estimated monthly street utility fee on a parcel by parcel basis. The subcommittee members agreed to review the draft ballot language provided by Gawrylow prior to the next meeting.

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3. Address The Residential Rates And Tiers As Currently Laid Out.

The group agreed at the next meeting to discuss the impacts to other political subdivisions such as Bismarck Public Schools and Bismarck Parks and Recreation District. The current North Dakota Century Code language may need to be addressed at a future legislative assembly in 2023.

4. Address The Commercial Rates And Tiers As Currently Laid Out.

The general consensus of the subcommittee is to review the proposed fee schedule and tier structure provided by City Engineer Scheel at the next meeting. The subcommittee members received information from David Witham (See Attached), Vaughn Jund, and Harley Swenson.

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5. Schedule Next Meeting Of The Special Assessment Task Force Subcommittee.

The group agreed to meet at 3:30 PM on Mondays April 4th, April 11th, April 18th, with public comment and input on May 2nd. They will provide a progress report to the Bismarck City Commission on Tuesday, May 10th.