



TO: Albany City Council

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DATE: January 28, 2016, for the February 8, 2016, City Council Work Session

SUBJECT: Stormwater Utility Discussion – Understanding & Council Direction

RELATES TO STRATEGIC PLAN THEME:

- Great Neighborhoods
- A Safe City
- An Effective Government

Action Requested:

Staff requests that Council provide direction on next steps to develop a stormwater utility.

Discussion:

This memo and accompanying presentation represents the start of what could be a series of discussions needed to develop the formation of a stormwater utility in Albany. The purpose of this presentation is to provide Council a high level understanding of stormwater utility development and to receive Council direction on next steps.

A series of discussions and presentations took place in 2015 to provide a look at Albany's stormwater program today and anticipated challenges in the future. During these meetings, we learned that we will need stormwater funding to:

- fully develop stormwater programs under upcoming stormwater regulations;
- conduct basic O&M activities and perform condition assessments that help identify failing pipes;
- repair/replace failing pipes;
- install pipes identified through the Stormwater master planning process needed to add capacity and reduce flooding; and
- ensure a fair, equitable, dependable revenue source to fund only stormwater management activities.

At the November 9, 2015, Work Session, Council directed staff to proceed with discussions about developing a stormwater utility. At Monday's Work Session, staff and consultants will review the steps required for stormwater utility development and a typical roadmap to adoption. If Council would like to continue to consider a stormwater user fee, staff envisions a series of presentations with Council over a period of time in order to develop and implement a defensible stormwater utility fee.

Budget Impact:

There is no budget impact at this time.

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