

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
CITY/COUNTY UTILITY COMMISSION MEETING
May 14, 2018

Items Considered: 8; Items Approved: 8

Distribution/Collection

The Utility Commission authorized the execution of various agreements regarding proposed water and/or sanitary sewer improvements installed within various developments. The total estimated cost of all water improvements is \$455,340 and the total cost of all sewer improvements is \$723,400.

Estimated Costs

<u>Project</u>	<u>Development</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>
12197	Rocklyn Subdivision – Phase 2	\$0	\$20,280
12274	Sage Creek – Phase 1	61,250	112,470
12287	Chatham	101,280	223,580
12295	Whitehall Village – Phase 3	27,250	40,990
12302	Northern Quarters	50,710	52,080
12304	Chandler Pointe North – Phase 3	83,570	88,110
12306	Lauren Acres – Phase 2	29,350	23,250
12312	Erosion Control & Public Utility Relocation	0	27,660
12314	Royal Village Estates	<u>101,930</u>	<u>134,980</u>
Total:		\$455,340	\$723,400

The Utility Commission requested the City Council of the City of Winston-Salem adopt a resolution authorizing the sale of one utility easement to the **North Carolina Department of Transportation** relating to the **US Highway 52/Future I-74 interchange with NC Highway 65** on the Winston-Salem Northern Beltway, Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 160A-274 in the appraised amount \$10,525.

The Utility Commission authorized acquisition of 38 easements by deed or condemnation for the **Idols Road Lift Station and Force Main Phase I** for the total amount of \$212,965.

General

The Utility Commission approved the minutes from the April 9, 2018 commission meeting.

The Utility Commission amended the **Water System Policy Resolutions Article VI – Water Conservation Policy** to meet the requirements of North Carolina Administrative Code.

The Utility Commission amended the **1976 Rules and Regulations** governing the proceedings and standing committees of the **City/County Utility Commission**.

Water & Sewer Rates

The Utility Commission approved the FY2018-19 City/County Utility Commission Water and Sewer Operations and Capital Budget and is requesting adoption by the City Council. In this proposed budget, the overall operations budget of \$97.5 million increases by \$4,935,970 from FY2017-18. This increase is primarily due to a \$3,706,110 in additional debt service costs for state loan repayments and a revenue bond issuance in fall of 2017. The proposed operating budget includes an increase in personnel expenses of \$546,750. The Commission also approved a 3.5% increase in the water volumetric rate and 5.0% increase for sewer with a \$2.82 bi-monthly increase on readiness-to-serve charges for the average customer effective July 1, 2018. The capital improvement budget includes budget year appropriations of \$114,740,000 and multi-year funding for the six-year planning window through FY2023-24 of \$358,061,442. The FY2018-19 capital plan includes funding to upgrade and replace aging infrastructure at R.W. Neilson Water Treatment Plant, the largest and oldest water treatment plant in our system. Budget appropriations are included to continue funding the advanced metering infrastructure program, which will greatly enhance the customer service, billing, metering services and distribution system operation of the utility. Funding is also provided to continue work on the collection system improvement program, miscellaneous capital needs within the distribution and collection systems, as well as at the water and wastewater treatment plants.

Solid Waste Rates

The Utility Commission approved the FY2018-19 City/County Utility Commission Solid Waste Operations and Capital Budget and is requesting adoption by the City Council. Disposal rates at the Hanes Mill Road Landfill will remain unchanged at \$34 per ton and volume discount users will remain unchanged at \$32 a ton. The flat rates remain unchanged. The disposal rate at the Old Salisbury Road Landfill for construction and demolition debris will be \$33 a ton, a \$1 increase. The flat rate will remain unchanged. An additional \$2 per ton state disposal tax is collected on behalf of the State of North Carolina at Hanes Mill Road and Old Salisbury Road, but is not applied to the composting sites. Rates at the Overdale and Forum 52 yard-waste facilities will be \$32 a ton, a \$1 increase. Disposal rates will increase effective July 1, 2018. Revenue from Forsyth County covers 100% of the county drop-off and school recycling program. Transfers from the City stormwater fund, and water and sewer funds are budgeted to cover the household hazardous waste management program with the exception of electronics recycling. Overall, the budget includes a net contribution of \$1,842,220 to the solid waste fund balance.