

TO: Mayor and Council
THRU: Ron Olson, City Manager
FROM: Jonathan Okray, Council Member At-Large
SUBJECT: Chapter 30, Article IV, Division I, Section 30-102 & 130
Water Meter and Tap Fee Discussion
DATE: 3/2/2017

Honorable Mayor and City Council,

I request that council discuss Chapter 30, Article IV, Division I, Section 30-102 & 130. OR-16-024 amended the chapter. There is no exception granting waiver for projects already approved or in progress before the amendment. Knowledge from the stakeholder community assert that verbal intent of the ordinance does not convey in the ordinance as written and approved.

Concern also regard integrity of infrastructure which the city will be plausibly responsible for in any given scenario. What is the accurate scenario regarding responsibility, should the need to answer a scenario arise? Will responsibility be the city, the developer, the builder, the sub-contractor, or a combination of entities? The verbiage of the amendment, in terms of entities granted ability to tap the infrastructure to conduct the necessary tasks associated with the business of taps and fees, expresses virtually anyone may have the ability to tap infrastructure. How will we ensure uniformity of tapping operation and procedure that assure viability and integrity of infrastructure?

I believe reconsideration of the chapter to address and resolve the concerns mentioned is a reasonable endeavor. The deadline to enforce compliance with the amendment is March 23, 2017.

Thank you,

Jonathan L. Okray


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