

## MEMO

To: Public Works Committee – Craig Faith, Chair; Fred DeMoro, Vice-Chair; Diane Seif; Rob Binney  
From: Dena E. Mezger, P.E., Director of Public Works  
CC: Stephen Arbo, city Manager; Christal Weber, Assistant City Manager  
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Re: Follow-up on Stormwater Utility Presentations

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Between Early November 2017 and early February 2018, City staff made presentations and held discussions with a number of groups representing various business, educational and faith –based organizations throughout the community on funding for stormwater management. The information presented was the concept of a stormwater utility, or user fee structure. Staff provided background on the desire of the City Council to address stormwater management and the effort by Public Works Committee to develop a proposal for the public. Options for funding were presented and discussed as well as recent voter approval of capital funds for stormwater projects in the April 2017 election to renew the ½-% CIP Sales Tax. The possibility of funding long-term maintenance and regulatory compliance from the utility was the focus of the presentation. Examples of how fees might be calculated based on a property's impervious area were included.

Presentations were made to the Chamber Government t Relations Committee, Downtown CID Board of Directors, Downtown Lee's Summit Main Street Board of Directors, and to various business & community representatives. Organizations represented at these sessions include:

Saint Luke's East Hospital  
Spectrum Strategies LLC  
R-7 Administrative Office  
Chinnery Evans & Nail, P.C.  
Fossil Forge Design  
ReDiscover  
Gale Communities, Inc.  
Summit Christian Academy  
UCM Lee's Summit  
RED Development  
Lee's Summit Economic Development Council  
MCC-Longview  
John Knox Village  
Blue Springs R-IV School District  
Lee's Summit Christian Church  
Lee's Summit Parks & Recreation  
Lee's Summit Medical Center  
Summit Bank  
R-7 School Board

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The Grove at Lee's Summit  
Cartridge World  
Waddell & Reed Financial Services  
MGE/Spire  
Multiple Downtown Business & Property Owners

The overall response was generally supportive of the concept. Several individuals voiced the opinions that this definitely needs to be done. Not unexpectedly, though, the educational institutions had the most concerns on the impact of potentially large fees on budgets and the fairness of applying the fee to schools. Questions from various other individuals included how much of the fees might be used for additional capital projects, opportunities for credits, billing methods, and the possible schedule for a public vote. Many of the questions will need to be addressed as part of a rate study and utility development project that is planned. Staff has proceeded to submit the study for funding consideration as part of the FY2019 budget.