

SPECIAL MEETING FOR STORMWATER RATE STUDY
STORMWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TUESDAY

January 17, 2024

5:00 P.M.

City of Dunedin City Hall – Coral Meeting Room

Members Present:

Larri Gerson, Chair
Matthew Werhner
Doug Campbell
Tom Parson
Patrick Clare
Mike Koletsos
Tiffany Shaw
Karen Mullins

Members Absent/Excused:

Susan Dickison
Eleanor McCook
Karen Mullins
Blair Carr

Staff Present:

Michelle Monteclaro, Environmental
Program Manager

Public Attendance:

Vice Mayor Maureen Freaney

Call to order: 5:10 PM

Discussion regarding the Stormwater Rate Study

- Patrick Clare commented that adjustments are needed. The longer the City postpones maintenance projects then they will turn into major capital improvement projects.
- Tiffany Shaw – supports raising the rates;
- Tom Parson – commented well done, we need a communications plan.
- Mike Koletsos – commented that the last increase was from 2014 and that must be communicated, which means there is a 10-year gap in the increase in rates.
- Matthew Werhner – lives in a condo and does not see his utility bill. Mentioned that climate change is a major factor demonstrates the need for a rate increase.
- Doug Campbell – questions whether construction costs proposed represent the true construction costs in today's dollars.
- Larri Gerson voiced concerns that this rate increase does not align with folks that are on fixed incomes. Recommends that this rate study presentation also include commercial

properties and would like to see more updates on project completion. More debt transparency.

- Karen Mullins commented to that she liked the presentation. Need to focus on CRS discounts for residents. Recommends to refocus lens from projects on Buena Vista and Santa Barbara to areas that more vulnerable like Baywood Shores. Shared concerns of carry over debt.

Patric Clare proposed a motion to support the 3-year rate increase. Mike Kolestsos second the motion.

Adjourned at 6:00 pm

Respectfully submitted: Michelle Monteclaro, Environmental Program Manager