

Infrastructure Task Force

City of Columbia
September 2, 2010
Room 2A
3:30PM-5:00PM

Approval of Minutes: August 19, 2010

Old Business:

Financial Overview

Lori Fleming, Director of Finance

General overview of how infrastructure capital and operations are funded

Streets and Sidewalks,
Sewer and Storm water

John Glascock, Director of Public Works

Infrastructure funding for capital and operations; explanation of current rates, fees, special assessments, connection fees, and other funding sources, and what are city and private responsibilities for improvements.

Economic
Development
Perspective

Michael Brooks, Director of Economic Develop and President, REDI

Discussion: Are developers paying their fair share? Are developers not paying their fair share? And is there a point where development fees and charges adversely affect economic development?

New Business:

Research/Reports

Discussion regarding establishing guidelines and/or criteria for Task Force consideration

Information Request
(Rex Campbell)

Need to include operational as well as capital needs. Assumptions on population growth are not clearly spelled out in provided background information. Discussion needed on hookup costs. How much does it cost to add one user to the mains and plants for water, sewer, etc? What are the operating margins for the different utilities? Is anyone getting close to needing additional funds?

Information Request
(Bob Walters)

How much money has the City spent annually the past 10 years on construction of new streets, sewer lines, and water lines? Of those amounts, what percentage was paid by local tax payers, as opposed to federal and state sources? Is there corresponding information regarding annual expenditures for maintaining that same infrastructure? Can the planning department provide us the mileage of new public streets paid by private developers in the last ten years?

Demographic
Comparative Data

Staff working on

Next Meeting:

September 16, 2010?

