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Subject: FW: Planning and Community Development Engineering Fees
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FYI

Re: Agenda Item 13 on last night's agenda.

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Subject: Planning and Community Development Engineering Fees

Great Falls City Commission,

I am writing this email with some compliments and some concerns for the proposed Planning and Community Development Engineering Fees.

First, I would like to thank staff for their time in putting all of this together and doing their best to respond to the Development Community. As the staff report states there are a myriad of opinions on how this should be handled. That being said the route forward being proposed is fine but I would propose some additional measures moving forward.

The matrix and formula used to model the data points we have to date is a good start. I feel however that this model needs to be continually updated with a more robust set of data points to create and a more accurate representation as the projects are completed. We have seen efficiencies already with having the development review engineering in the planning office and the model does not accurately reflect this. We also have extremely limited data for larger projects. There just isn't enough information represented, in looking at the formula the curve begins to flatten but not enough.

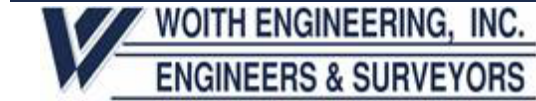
Meriwether is the prime example for the curve being too steep and not representing the economies of scale accurately. Between actual billing and the sliding scale it would have been a 57% increase in review fees. I would like to see the sliding scale be a constant "rolling average" so as we are constantly working off the most accurate representation. Or at least be updated on a regularly scheduled basis.

The city staff may need some predictability for budgeting purposes so there could be max variance

placed on the change so as to not have too drastic of swings.

Thank you

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