

SULTAN CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

ITEM NO: Consent C 2

DATE: September 27, 2007

SUBJECT: Council Minutes

CONTACT PERSON: Laura Koenig, City Clerk *LK*

SUMMARY: Attached are the minutes of the September 13, 2007 Public Hearing on the Ordinance 959-07, School Impact Fees, as on file in the office of the City Clerk.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve as submitted.

MOTION: Move to accept the consent agenda as presented.

COUNCIL ACTION:

DATE:

CITY OF SULTAN COUNCIL MEETING – September 13, 2007

PUBLIC HEARINGS

The public hearing on Ordinance 959-07 School Impact Fees was called to order by Mayor Pro-tem Seehuus. Councilmembers present: Wiediger, Slawson, Flower, Blair and Boyd. There were no objections to the Council participation.

Staff: Rick Cisar, Community Development Director presented the staff report and exhibits. The Sultan School District has requested that the City increase the current School Impact Fee based on the recommendations of the District's 2006-2011 Capital Facilities Plan. Procedurally, the Planning Board conducts a Public Hearing on the District's Capital Facility Plan and School Impact Fee increase and thereafter forwards the Board's recommendation to the City Council.

The Planning Board conducted a Public Hearing on the District's Capital Facility Plan and Impact Fee increase on August 7, 2007 and recommended adoption of the Plan and Impact Fee. The City Council conducts an additional Public Hearing on the District's Capital Facility Plan and School Impact Fee increase and adopts by Ordinance the Capital Facility Plan and revised School Impact Fee. The adoption of the School District Capital Facility Plan and incorporation into the Comprehensive Plan was docketed in 2005 by the City in anticipation of the update. The School District's Capital Facilities Plan identifies the Impact Fee for both single family (\$2,878) and multifamily (\$1,931) units. By comparison the current single impact fee is (\$1,673) and the multifamily impact fee is (\$1,221). These fees were adopted by the City on June 4, 2003. The change represents an increase of \$1,205 for single family units and \$710 for multiple family units.

The School Impact Fee is paid to the City at the time of issuance of a building permit. On a quarterly basis, the City transfers the impact fees collected including interest to the School District. This process has worked well for both the District and City and improved our ability to issue building permits in a timely manner.

The School District's Impact Fee has increased based on the enrollment projections for the ensuing twenty year planning period, the School District anticipates the following facilities to accommodate its needs; two elementary schools, conversion of the existing high school to a junior high school, and construction of a new high school.

Jerry Allis, Sultan School District: Provided an overview of the process used to develop the School Impact fees. Impact fees can be used for new construction, building additions and to add school buses with restrictions. The funds are used to match state funds and bond funds. The School District has plans to expand the High School, build a new Middle School and build a new Elementary School in Gold Bar.

Public Input

Kay George: Expressed concern about on going projects and the number of them that fail. If the project fails, we will be left with the bills for school buildings. Raising the fees will make it unattractive to build in Sultan.

On a motion by Councilmember Slawson, seconded by Councilmember Boyd, the public meeting was closed. All ayes.

John Seehuus, Mayor Pro-tem

Laura J. Koenig, City Clerk