

## **Rate Affordability Task Force Meeting #4**

Date: December 2, 2015

Time: 1:07 P.M. to 2:40 P.M.

Location: 1081 Woodrow Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45204

### Overview

The task force, appointed by Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners, held its fourth meeting to discuss rate structures for the Greater Cincinnati Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD). The task force, chaired by Madeira City Manager Thomas Moeller, includes 15 diverse members representing local governments, business owners, homeowners, renters, senior citizens, low-income residents, environmental groups, and non-profit organizations. The purpose of this task force is to provide the Commissioners with recommendations to mitigate ratepayer fee increases by April 2016.

### Summary

For the fourth publicly-held meeting, 21 total individuals were present including the task force and non-task force members listed on the following page. To begin the meeting, Tom Moeller offered a quick welcoming. Next, the requested information from last meeting was discussed by David Anderson, Director of Public Financial Management. The requested information may be seen online under the *Additional Requested Information from Meeting 3* adobe file. Following the requested information, MaryLynn Lodor, Deputy Director of Metropolitan Sewer District, presented details about inflow and infiltration. Lodor's presentation is located on the website under the *Inflow and Infiltration* file. Following this presentation, a group discussion was facilitated by Steven Johns. During the group discussion, the task force members deliberated different rate affordability ideas and requested additional information to aid in their discussion for the next meeting. Lastly, Tom Moeller concluded by scheduling a date for the next MSD Rate Affordability Task Force meeting.

### Next Meeting

The next Task Force meeting will be held January 27, 2016 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm in the same location (MSD Administration Building). During the next meeting, previous requested information will be provided and future recommendations will be deliberated. If there are any ~~recommendations or~~ questions, feel free to contact Karen Ball by phone at 513-557-5972 or via email at Karen.Ball@hamilton-co.org.

## Meeting Chronology

- Welcome by Thomas Moeller (1:07 - 1:08)
- Requested information from last meeting by David Anderson (1:09 - 1:14)
- Inflow and infiltration presentation by MaryLynn Lodor (1:15 - 1:30)
- Facilitated group discussion by Steven Johns (1:31 - 2:37)
- Conclusion by Thomas Moeller (2:38 - 2:40)

## Requested Information

1. How is the cost of service determined for different classes?
2. Do the watershed charts, from Lodor's presentation, include overflows?
3. Is there an online billing charge if you pay quarterly by auto pay?
4. The billing system is being improved. Are email confirmations a part of this upgrade?
5. Provide bell curve charts for users over a certain CCF which charges per CCF actually decrease from the norm
6. Flooding insurance by waterworks/MSD that is used for storm water
7. Potential revenue lost from dropping to a 9 CCF charge per quarter for all customers
8. 2014 water usage for all categories of customers (average usage by meter size)
9. Multifamily differential if get rid of multifamily breakdown categories
10. Senate bill from Commissioner Portune - [posted to the webpage 12/10/2015](#)
11. Indianapolis's solution to similar affordability problems
12. Cost to switch to using meters for all users
13. Most recent rate study [2 most recent studies](#) - [posted on the webpage 12/10/2015](#)
14. How much money does Duke generate from their voluntary contributions to help those that can't pay their bills?
15. Was it intentional to have different base rates? Why?
16. City Council report on Waterworks line insurance
17. Numbers for charging more/ccf for high users and numbers for paying for what you use

### Task Force Members Present

<b>Name (Last, First)</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Beck, Clark	Communities United for Action
Bernloehr, John	Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber
Burke, Suzanne	Council on Aging of Southwestern Ohio
Crane, Lucy	United Way of Greater Cincinnati
Kammer, Nancy	Greater Cincinnati Building Owners & Managers Association
Lawson, Mark	Legal Aid Society of Southwest Ohio
Moeller, Thomas	City of Madeira
Norman, Charles	Hamilton County Board of Elections
Pappas, Andrew	Hamilton County Township Trustees Association
Quarry, Mark	Cincinnati Area Board of Realtors
Vonderhaar, Stiney	Hamilton County Municipal League
Wall, Marilyn	Sierra Club

### Non-Task Force Members Present

<b>Name (Last, First)</b>	<b>Organization</b>
Anderson, David	Public Financial Management
Ball, Karen	Hamilton County MSD Compliance Coordinator
Christmann, Holly	Hamilton County Environmental Team
Fightmaster, Sean	Plante Moran, PLLC
Hijehysh, Jeanne	Sierra Club
Johns, Steven	Hamilton County Regional Planning
Kocoshis, Marie	Sierra Club
Lodor, MaryLynn	Deputy Director, Metropolitan Sewer District
Metzmeyer, Mary	Communities United for Action
Rennekamp, Jack	Metropolitan Sewer District