

Rate Affordability Task Force Meeting #7

Date: March 23, 2016

Time: 1:09 P.M. to 2:38 P.M.

Location: 1081 Woodrow Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45204

Overview

The task force, appointed by Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners, held its seventh 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 seventh 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 including reminder regarding the task at hand. Next, a group discussion was facilitated by Steven Johns, Planning Services Administrator at Hamilton County Regional Planning, and David Anderson, Director at Public Financial Management. The current rate affordability ideas were discussed during this time (see chart on last page). Please note that this list is not final and is subject to change. The two full documents used for this discussion may be seen online under the following: *Hamilton County MSD Greater Cincinnati Idea Matrix Supplement* and *Initiative Matrix v4*. After this discussion, Holly Christmann, Director of Hamilton County Department of Environmental Services, discussed the outline of the final report for approval and recommendations from the task force. Lastly, Tom Moeller concluded the meeting.

Next Meeting

The next task force meeting will be held April 20, 2016 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm in the same location. During the next meeting, recommendations will be discussed and finalized. If there are any 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 (1:09 - 1:10)
- Consensus Building led by Steven Johns (1:11 – 2:24)
- Final Report Outline by Holly Christmann (2:25 – 2:31)
- Conclusion by Thomas Moeller (2:32 – 2:38)

Task Force Members Present

Name (Last, First)	Organization
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
Russell, Christine	City of Springdale
Tassell, Charles	Greater Cincinnati-Northern Kentucky Apartment Association
Vonderhaar, Stiney	Hamilton County Municipal League

Non-Task Force Members Present

Name (Last, First)	Organization
Anderson, David	Public Financial Management
Ball, Karen	Hamilton County MSD Compliance Coordinator
Christmann, Holly	Hamilton County Environmental Team
Fightmaster, Sean	Plante Moran, PLLC
Johns, Steven	Hamilton County Regional Planning
Knaus, Genny	Citizen
Kocoshis, Marie	Sierra Club
Metzmeier, Mary	Communities United for Action

Current Rate Affordability Ideas

Idea No.	Idea Category	Idea	Task Force Support
1	Billing & Rates	Monthly Payment as the Default	Include in Recommendation
2	Billing & Rates	Reduce Residential Monthly Minimum Charge to Quarterly Divided by Three	Include in Recommendation
3	Billing & Rates	Pay by Amount Used (volume only)	Do Not Include in Recommendation
4	Billing & Rates	Minimum Charge but no Volume Allowance (Phase-In)	Include in Recommendation
5	Billing & Rates	Multifamily to Meter Only	Include in Recommendation
6	Billing & Rates	Single Volume Charge	Do Not Include in Recommendation
7	Billing & Rates	Charge for Meter Going into House (Not by Meter Size from Main Pipe Line)	Include in Recommendation
8	Inflow/Infiltration (Stormwater)	Tie Stormwater Cost to Impervious Surface Charge (Using MSD or Assessment Bill)	Include in Recommendation
9	Inflow/Infiltration (Stormwater)	Allocation of Unbilled Volume by Customer Class	Do Not Include in Recommendation
10	Affordability Programs	Voluntary Donation Affordability Program	Include in Recommendation
11	Affordability Programs	Customer Assistance Program	Include in Recommendation
12	Other	Lateral Line Insurance	Include in Recommendation
13	Other	Property Tax	Do Not Include in Recommendation
14	Other	Lobby in Support of Senate Bill	Include in Recommendation