

Infrastructure Advisory Committee (IAC) Meeting Summary		March 26, 2012
		3:00- 5:00
		City of Bend, Boyd Acres Training Room
Committee Chair	Frank Turek	Note taker: Adele McAfee
In Attendance: Committee Members: Andy High, Casey Roats, Nancy Loveland, Frank Turek, Ton Stutheit Committee Member Absent: Ray Auerbach, James Gattey COB Staff: Tom Hickmann, Jeff England, Paul Rheault, Jon Skidmore, Sonia Andrews,		
<i>Meeting Summary</i>		
Agenda item:	Water Rates	Presenter: City of Bend Finance Director, Sonia Andrews, City of Bend City Engineer, Tom Hickmann
Discussion: The committee reviewed the allocated cost spreadsheet and discussed the reallocation of certain cost related to the fixed and volume columns. This was the spreadsheet of the changes the utility operation staff made to the original spreadsheet submitted by the committee from their previous meeting. City of Bend, City Engineer, Tom Hickmann explained the operation staff rationale on each of the changes. Sonia Andrews, City of Bend Finance Director answered a question from the committee stating the methodology the committee used in this case was a hybrid model, and not an accounting method, or a cost causation method. She added that it was important to document the theory behind the rationale for these changes. Mr. Hickmann opined that the committee changes will more than likely have made a significant impact changing from volume to fixed. He suggested the committee be thinking of an implementation strategy to their recommendation to the council. The IAC would like a joint meeting with the council so that the full committee could attend. The analysis of the committee's recommended changes will be ready in time so the IAC can make their recommendation at the May 2, 2012 council meeting.		
Agenda item:	Financial Retreat Update	Presenter: City of Bend Finance Director, Sonia Andrews
Discussion: Ms. Andrews went through the water budget that was presented to the council at the financial retreat. A discussion ensued regarding bond issuance and rate increases.		

Agenda item:	Extra Strength Charge	Presenter:	City of Bend Business Advocate, Jon Skidmore
<p>Jon Skidmore, City of Bend, Business Advocate gave an update on the Extra Strength Charge (ESC) stating that a stakeholder committee will be formed based on the feedback from the IAC committee. The proposed ESC Resolution will suspend the ESC Program for 15 months so that the program could be replaced by a more equitable solution.</p> <p>The proposed resolution states that if the committee fails to put in a more equitable solution then the old program will be re-instated. The staff or the business community is not supportive in reinstating the old program. Mr. Skidmore would like the IAC's input on the resolution before it goes to council in the middle of April.</p>			
Agenda item:	Collection System Master Plan (CSMP)	Presenter:	Tom Hickmann P.E.
<p>Mr. Hickmann is working on an RFP. The technical approach is unique because typically, CSMP decisions are made by staff. Here, a stakeholders group will be invited upfront and the stakeholder will guide the options and staff responsibility will be to oversee and make sure that it is correctly guided. The issues the City faces with the collection system are serious and the solutions proposed may be not be traditional.</p> <p>Staff foresees this as a large and robust public process. It will be presented to the Bend Chamber, and the stakeholders will be appointed by the council. The IAC will be the technical advisory board.</p> <p>A discussion ensued regarding the selection of the stakeholders and questions regarding how the stakeholder group will be made to understand the technology, and make technical decisions.</p>			

Meeting Adjourned at 4:56PM