

Planning for Fiscal Year 2017

Mount Pleasant Waterworks annually prepares and adopts a financial plan for the next fiscal year (July 1 through June 30). The plan includes determining the appropriate rates, fees and charges necessary to provide sufficient revenues to meet anticipated expenses for operating and maintenance, asset repair or replacement, asset acquisition or construction to meet the service needs of the customer base, and debt service requirements for existing and projected debt. The financial plan is developed within the framework of the Commission's Cost Recovery Policy, which ensures that a fair, reasonable and equitable system of charges is developed, administered and maintained, and that long-term financial stability is achieved.

The budget process is a lengthy process. The Commissioners are responsible for reviewing and approving staff recommendations relative to the operating and capital budgets.

The Capital Budget includes funding to cover the cost associated with all projects relative to capital assets repair or replacement and acquisition of additional capital assets through projected build-out.

The Operating Budget includes funding to cover the cost of staffing, supplies and materials, education, contractual services, electricity, and other financial needs for the fiscal year. The basis of the budget projections include historical trends, customer base growth, new programs, changes in existing programs, and changes in regulatory requirements.

When the capital and operating budgets have been reviewed and initially finalized, the information is input into the financial rate model for the development of water and wastewater rates. The rate model provides assurance that the rates and fees being developed adhere to the Cost Recovery Policy and the debt covenants within the existing bond ordinance.

Both the capital and operating budgets are discussed during a series of meetings held by the Commissioners from February to June. During this time, the Commissioners also hold meetings on the proposed budget to receive feedback from the public. The budgets reach final approval at the annual Commission meeting held during the last Monday in the month of June. All meetings are open to the public and provide opportunity for public input and comments.

Commissioners are currently working to develop the Fiscal Year 2017 Budget. Agendas for all upcoming meetings can be found at www.mountpleasantwaterworks.com. Agendas are posted at least 24 hours prior to any meeting. Customers are encouraged to attend and participate in this planning process.

Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Meeting Schedule

April 18, 2016	Commission Meeting—Public Meeting to review changes to the Cost Recovery Policy
May 4, 2016	Committee Meetings
May 16, 2016	Budget Workshop at 5:00 p.m. and Commission Meeting immediately following. Authorization to advertise Fiscal Year 2017 proposed rates, fees and charges.
June 6, 2016	Committee Meetings (TBD)
June 6, 2016	Public Hearing on proposed Operating and Capital Budgets and FY2017 rates, fees, and charges. 6:00 p.m.
June 27, 2016	Annual Commission meeting to adopt FY2017 Budget and Rates



Capital Improvement Plan Public Participation Meeting

On Monday, February 15th members of the public participated in the Capital Improvement Plan Participation Meeting. During the meeting, staff presented an overview the proposed Capital Budget. The public was then provided and opportunity to submit requests for funding through the Capital Budget. Commissioners and staff heard from members of the Snowden Community who requested assistance with funding connection to the wastewater system in a portion of the Snowden Community.

Commissioners received the request and provided guidance for how this community could seek funding for this project that would cost nearly \$5 million. MPW will continue to work with the community in an effort to assist with securing funding.

OSMO'S TIPS

Annual Town of Mount Pleasant Blessing of the Fleet

Join the fun and festivities on Sunday, April 24th at the Memorial Waterfront Park. Overlooking the beautiful Charleston Harbor, this seafood festival celebrates the historical Mount Pleasant shrimping industry with the majesty of the ceremonial Blessing of the Fleet and a host of other family activities. Parking and admission are free for this fun family event. Proceeds from the event help support the shrimping community as well as East Cooper charities.



Be sure to stop by Mount Pleasant Waterworks' H2O GO for a cold drink of water.

Spring Irrigation Check-Up

Springtime's colors are already peeking out as transformation from winter to the early growing season. This is the perfect time to make sure your outdoor irrigation system is in good working condition. Here are a few helpful tips that could make your system more efficient.

Preventive Maintenance

Check and clean your irrigation hardware including sprinkler heads and all connectors. Rust and dirt deposits can clog systems if left unchecked.

Position broadcast sprinkler heads to avoid paved surfaces.

Check your timer. If your system uses an automatic timer, make sure it's working properly by timing the system with a separate watch. Replace the batteries to preserve your timer settings.

Drinking Water Week May 1-7, 2016

YOUR WATER

to know it is to love it

Imagine a day without clean safe water. The water utilities we pay for each month are what keep us not only with water to take showers and indoor plumbing, but it is essential to life. The human body can go an entire month without food, but only a week without water. Water is so important to our survival, and it is one of the cheapest bills we pay when compared to other "must haves".

Many forget how important their water service is. Outside of the bill we pay each month, our water service is not usually on our minds. Let us explore just one morning without water: Your morning routine will not be easy. There will be no warm shower. Shower or not, that cup of coffee will be sure to get you going. Wait, without water that cup of coffee will be much harder to make. But hey, coffee is known to stain teeth so maybe a day without it will help those teeth, but today your teeth will have to be dirty because without water you can not brush them. You are dirty, tired, thirsty, and have bad breath. This has truly been a tough morning.

Fortunately this morning is fictional, but it could be very true. The purpose here is to show us all what water does for us in just one morning. In many countries around the world women and children walk up to 3.5 miles a day for water and still it may not be clean and safe.

Water provides us with many necessities and commodities we enjoy, but it still remains one of the cheapest bills we pay every month. Without clean water we could not cook, wash our clothes, water our lawns, and have safe water for drinking.

Join MPW and utilities across the world and get to know and love your water. Celebrate Drinking Water Week May 1-7, 2016!


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GO PAPERLESS, Sign Up For Electronic Billing This Month

Want to reduce your incoming mail and help keep your water bill at an affordable rate? Electronic billing through Mount Pleasant Waterworks' Easy Pay System is easy to use. After you sign up, you will receive a monthly email when your bill is available to be viewed. Electronic billing saves MPW money and that keeps your water and wastewater bill the second lowest in the tri-county area. To go paperless today, visit our website and sign up for Easy Pay Online.

