## NOTICE OF HEARING ON PROPOSED ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE PACIFICA MUNICIPAL CODES CHAPTER 6 of TITLE 6 – SEWER CHARGES AND

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the City Council of the City of Pacifica will conduct a public hearing on Monday, May 9, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 2212 Beach Boulevard, Pacifica, to consider the following:

CHAPTER 11 of TITLE 6 – SEWER CONNECTION CHARGES

Approval of the Sewer Service Charges for Fiscal Years 2022-2027 and the Wastewater Capacity Fee for the City of Pacifica.

The City imposes its sewer service charges to fund the City's costs of operating and maintaining the sewer collection and sewage treatment systems and sewer related consumer price index (CPI) increases, capital improvement projects, as well as to pay debt service used to finance the construction/support of the infrastructure. Sewer service charge proceeds may not be used by the City for any other purpose. The proposed revisions to the sewer service charges were calculated to ensure that all sewer users are paying rates that are proportionate to each user's costs of service.

Capacity fees are the <u>one-time fee</u> property developers pay to connect to the City's wastewater system. The City's current fee was adopted in 1974 and has been escalated annually by inflation. Bartle Wells Associates ("BWA") updated the City's wastewater capacity fees with the goals of developing fees that recover the full cost of wastewater system infrastructure assets and planned facilities expenditures that benefit new or expanded development to help ensure that growth pays its own way.

The proposed sewer rate revisions and wastewater capacity fee that will be considered by the City Council are based on a sewer rate study ("Rate Study") and a wastewater capacity fee study ("Capacity Fee") conducted by BWA which are available on the City's website.

(https://www.cityofpacifica.org/depts/pw/wwt/wastewater\_rate\_study.asp)

Below are the links to the Pacifica Municipal Code regarding the current Sewer Charges and Sewer Connection Charges:

https://library.municode.com/ca/pacifica/codes/code of ordinances?nodeId=TIT6SAHE CH6SECH https://library.municode.com/ca/pacifica/codes/code of ordinances?nodeId=TIT6SAHE CH11SECOCH

You are invited to present oral or written testimony to the City Council at the public hearing on May 9, 2022 on both sewer service charges and the proposed wastewater capacity fee. Related to sewer service charges only: You may present the City Clerk with a written protest against the proposed sewer service charges, either in person or by mail, prior to the close of the public hearing. A written protest related to the sewer service charges must (1) identify the affected property either by address, Assessor's Parcel Number, or customer account number; (2) include the original signature and name of the record owner or customer submitting the protest; and (3) indicate opposition to the proposed sewer service charges. Only protests received by mail or in person prior to the close of the public hearing will be counted as a protest towards the sewer service charges. If written protests against the sewer service charges are presented by a majority of parcels subject to the charges, then the City Council will not impose the proposed sewer service charges.

The City of Pacifica will provide special assistance for disabled citizens upon at least 24-hour advance notice to the City Manager's office (650-738-7306). If you need sign language assistance or written material printed in a larger font or taped, advance notice is necessary.

If you have any questions about the proposed rates and capacity fees, or would like to review the BWA studies, please feel free to contact Maria Aguilar at (650) 738-4660 or go to the City's website noted above.