

Lemos, June

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Council-members,

Three questions relating to the MID financials:

What does the City include in the General & Administrative expense category as opposed to the Sewer Treatment and Sewer Maintenance and Operations expense categories? The General & Administrative is the bulk of the current expenses but two "Sewer" expense categories seem like they would cover most of the district's current expenses. Of course, that might just be based on how I interpret the labels attached to each category, hence my request for clarity. The adopted budget breaks expenses down in more detail, which is normal, but I still couldn't tell what goes where after reviewing the adopted budget. This is meant to be a high-level question, not hyper detailed.

Does the City's MID include the stormwater system in addition to the sewer system? It doesn't look like it but the Wastewater treatment plant upgrade project includes a stormwater component so I am not sure.

Has the City analyzed the total cost of relying on outside contractors for MID capital projects compared to the cost of performing more of these construction activities in-house? That is, have we compared the cost of our current contracting practices (in light of the difficulty soliciting multiple cost-competitive bids in our remote location) to a potential alternative approach of increasing Public Works headcount to accomplish more of the same projects with City staff? It might be less expensive, including factoring in PERS liability, to have greater local construction capacity than it is to keep paying outside contractors for the current scope of construction that is outsourced.

Again, if not discussed tonight, these could be discussion topics for the upcoming budget workshop.

Thanks,

--Jacob