



# General Facility Charges May 2023 Update

City of Spokane



# What's Happening

- Mayor's GFC Review Committee
  - Appointments made
  - First Meeting was held on May 11
  - Meetings are scheduled every other Thursday through June
- Additional Outreach
  - Reached out to liaisons for SAS, Equity, and HAS
  - SAS scheduled for June 6.
  - Working on Assessment Document for HAS and Equity Subcommittees
  - Continuing Email outreach to stakeholders (Most current email was May 15)
  - Updated info on the City's web site (FAQs, Review Committee recording)
- SMC Change Adopted
  - Ordinance removing specific meter sizes for duplexes and triplexes passed on May 15
  - Sizes for these housing types based on fixture counts or engineering analysis

# Mayor's GFC Review Committee

Cheryl Stewart – Associated General Contractors

Vince Campanella – Lydig Construction

Randy Palazzo – Infill Developer

Jim Frank – Greenstone

Jennifer Thomas – Spokane Homebuilders Association

Darin Watkins – Spokane Assn. of Realtors

Greg Francis – District 2 Citizen, Plan Commission

Jesse Bank – NEPDA Director, Plan Commission

Michelle Pappas – Futurewise

Andrew Rolwes – Downtown Spokane Partnership

Chris Batten – Developer

Jordan Tampien – 4 Degrees

Ami Manning – Spokane Low Income Housing Consortium

Chauncey Jones – Take up the Cause, Affordable Housing

TBD – Community Assembly

Lori Kinnear – District 2 Councilmember

Jonathan Bingle – District 1 Councilmember



# Review Committee Discussion Items

- **Understanding the Calculation**
  - Interest. Use of original project costs. Determining new capacity. 1" v.s. ¾"
- **Water GFC – Two zones or one?**
- **Growth v. Rates**
  - GFCs pay for increased capacity.
  - Monthly bills pay for operations plus capital projects to replace/maintain existing infrastructure.
  - Can/should monthly bills cover a portion of growth needs?
- **Supporting certain development (Waivers)**

# Discussion Items...continued

- **Methodology**

- Meter Capacity Equivalents v. Equivalent Residential Units.

- **Phase-in Approaches**

- Take a fresh look at phase-in approaches

- **Growth Projections – SRTC model**

- Can explore how growth expectations create need for investment.

- **Capital Planning – What's included?**

- Review of Water System Plan projects & Wastewater (Comp Plan update) projects

# Questions?

