ORANGE WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY

A public, non-profit agency providing water, sewer and reclaimed water services to the Carrboro-Chapel Hill community.

MEETING SUMMARY
Finance Committee Meeting
April 23, 2019, 4:30 – 5:40 PM, in the
OWASA Boardroom

Committee Members:	Ray DuBose (Chair), Robert Morgan, John Young, Yinka Ayankoya (ex-officio)
Other Board Members:	Bruce Boehm, Jody Eimers, John Morris
Staff:	Mary Darr, Monica Dodson, Vishnu Gangadharan, Stephanie Glasgow, Ed Kerwin, Simon Lobdell, Ken Loflin, Dan Przybyl, Nick Rogers, Kelly Satterfield, Allison Spinelli, Todd Taylor, Mary Tiger, Stephen Winters
Public:	None

The Finance Committee met on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 to discuss Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 budget and rate information.

The Board of Directors reviewed FY 2020 budget and rate adjustment information at its meetings on March 28 and April 11, 2019. At its meeting on April 11th, the Board reviewed three rate adjustment options for FY 2020 which included projections of rate adjustments for FY 2021-2024. To provide more time to analyze these options, the Board asked the Finance Committee to meet.

After discussion, the Finance Committee agreed to support authorizing staff to advertise information about a 5% increase in OWASA's monthly water and sewer rates.

Public hearings on the FY 2020 budget and rates for services are scheduled for May 23, 2019. In advance of these hearings, staff will publish Board-approved information about the budget as well as a schedule of rates, fees and charges that will reflect any rate adjustments the Board is considering.

Based on the Finance Committee's guidance, staff prepared a draft Schedule of Rates, Fees and Charges. Changes to the schedule are indicated in red and reflect:

- A 5% increase in monthly water and sewer rates and bulk water and sewer charges.
- Increases and decreases in miscellaneous charges, such as meter installations, based on the cost of providing the service.
- No changes to system development fees. The NC statute passed recently stipulates that these fees be analyzed and adjusted, if necessary, every five years.
- No changes to lake recreation fees.

At the April 25, 2019 Board meeting, staff will request permission to advertise the draft rate schedule in advance of public hearings on May 23, 2019. A final decision and vote on the FY 2020 budget and rates schedule is set for the board meeting on June 13, 2019.

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