

At the last meeting, I brought up the Longhill Water Loop and I expressed my disgust, at the fact that the Council and the public weren't provided with, ALL the information, up front, so you could make a properly informed decision to fund the loop, or not.

The engineering dept is estimating a cost of \$75 per linear foot, for the new water line going in. And that number could conceivably go higher, depending on the final cost of the project.

My question is this: and I forgot to mention it at the last meeting, If a single water line is running down the road, and the engineering dept has an estimate of \$75 per foot to install the water line, then why are property owners on BOTH SIDES of the road being charged \$75... wouldn't they "split" the cost and only be charged \$37.50 per linear foot? If not, that means the cost, per linear foot, is actually \$150, not \$75. So, which is it? You all should know this answer from the information given at the workshop ~~on this matter~~. *BUT YOU WEREN'T.*

It seems to me, either the calculations are exaggerated and more money is proposed to be bilked out of the property owners pockets, than is truly necessary for the project, OR, the person doing the calculations doesn't know what he's doing. Either scenario is unacceptable.

It begs the question then, what other water projects were funded this way in the past - and were they also "overcharged"? I am asking every one of you councilors to direct the City Manager to review any, and all water projects, within the last 5 years, and to report back to the Council, in public session, what the projects were, what the linear foot cost for installation was, and how much, in dollars, were property owners charged, in liens, on their properties, and how many property owners paid already.

FOR THE RECORD

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