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Bartow's Impact Fee Vote Is Postponed

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City commissioners in Bartow are postponing a decision on a proposal to suspend impact fees until the economy rebounds.

During a work session this week, commissioners said the burden for funding additional services that are mandated by growth would fall to the city's current residents, rather than having developers who create the additional demand fund those services.

Commissioners said they're reluctant to put that burden on the city's residents.

City Manager George Long said city administrators considered the moratorium because the county had suspended its impact fees, which could give the county an edge when developers are deciding where to locate new business.

Bartow charges impact fees for transportation, public services and recreational facilities.

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