

City Commission carries over impact fee discussion

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The Bozeman City Commission will make another run at a resolution to set impact fees charged on new construction to pay for city streets.

Discussion of the resolution ran late at Monday night's meeting, and with the mayor absent, commissioners decided to carry over the issue to the Feb. 4 meeting.

Commissioner Chris Mehl said Monday's discussion delved into details over precisely when impact fees would be collected and possible incentives for certain kinds of businesses identified as high-growth industries. Currently, street and fire impact fees are paid when a building permit is issued. Water and sewer fees are paid when a connection permit is issued. The commissioners could decide to allow the fees to be paid later in the building process, such as when the city issues an occupancy permit.

Also still to be decided is how much the city will charge in street impact fees. The last time street impact fees were reviewed, in 2008, the commissioners decided to charge only 60 percent of the amount recommended by a consultant.

The commission will meet Monday night at 6 at City Hall, 121 N. Rouse Ave.