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Council looks at using impact fees

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DeBary City -- DeBary City Council members have approved a study to determine whether they should implement impact fees for the first time.

The one-time fees are charged to new development to raise money to pay for new public facilities such as parks and government buildings.

The council decided Wednesday to spend about \$38,000 on a study that would take about five months.

City Manager Maryann Courson said earlier this week that preliminary calculations show that a park-impact fee alone could raise at least \$2 million to \$2.5 million during its life.

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