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Vote Tuesday could mean lower nonresident fees

Summary:

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The intention is to help spur commercial growth, thus increasing the tax base from those enterprises, commissioners have said.

County residential impact fees -- which do not include school district impact fees -- would have a zero percent change and remain at \$4,863 for houses under 1,800 square feet and \$6,017 for houses larger than that.

The commission will also consider whether to approve increasing the school district impact fees, which are assessed only on new residential construction.

If approved, the new school district fees would amount to \$3,396 for residences that are 1,800 square feet or less and \$5,779 for residences that are more than 1,800 square feet.

School district officials have said the funds are needed to build and expand schools and to accommodate new students coming into the system.

The board will decide whether to adopt both updated impact fee schedules during its regular meeting, set for 9 a.m. in the county auditorium, 500 San Sebastian View Way.

Also on the agenda

During the meeting, commissioners will:

- * Consider approving a move that would make the St. Augustine Amphitheatre and the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall a separate division from the county's cultural events division "to provide increased managerial oversight and financial accountability."

- * Hear a presentation about suggested sidewalk and corridor improvements in Nocatee.

- * Hear a request to allow a public park just northwest of the Christina Drive and Shores Boulevard intersection.

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* Hear a motion to approve a memorandum of understanding between the county and St. Johns Soil and Water Conservation District for the restoration of coastal dune habitat at Frank Butler Beach.

* The commission will decide whether to accept a donations from that body of \$1,450, which came from unanticipated revenue.

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