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## DHS council to mull developer fees today

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Desert Hot Springs City Council will study a proposal to raise the city's developer impact fees 4 p.m. today at the Carl May Community Center.

The meeting comes on the heels of a recently published "Master Facility Plan" and "Developer Impact Fee Report" that recommends raising the fees to provide streets, parks, fire and police stations, and other future facilities as the city grows.

Local Building Industry Association officials are expected to attend. "We look to a vigorous review and in-depth discussion of the plan/study," BIA Desert Chapter President Fred Bell wrote in a Friday email to City Manager Rick Daniels.

Bell questioned the timing of raising fees during a severe economic slowdown. Daniels responded that it's been nearly nine years since Desert Hot Springs last updated the fees, and the city "lags behind all other cities in the Valley in funding the infrastructure necessary for growth thus pushing those costs to existing residents."

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