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## City closer to implementing impact fees

One-time payments by developers to be discussed with council in Tuesday's meeting

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SALISBURY -- The city may be one step closer to implementing proposed impact fees after having their questions answered during a work session Tuesday.

The City Council discussed impact fees during a work session in October, but wanted to know where the money fit in with the city's Capital Improvement Plan.

Impact fees are one-time payments made by developers to pay for the increase in use of parks, fire, police and municipal facilities caused by their development but may only be used for capital costs.

The fees are different from water and sewer capacity fees, which the city already requires by developers. The city has discussed implementing impact fees for more than five years, but the idea is not popular in surrounding municipalities.

City Administrator John Pick has reviewed the CIP and plans to discuss his findings with the council Tuesday along with Salisbury Wicomico Planning and Zoning Director Jack Lenox.

Money is also collected by the city for annexations, separate from impact fees. Pick and Lenox plan to discuss the difference in monies and their usage.

In other business, Internal Services Director Pam Oland plans to discuss with the council the hire of a financial analyst. Oland said in a memo the position was created by an ongoing review of the city's finance department and would take some burden off of the director and assistant director of internal services.

The analyst would be solely responsible for providing financial information recommended by the operational review and the position comes with a price tag of \$60,000.

Also on the agenda is a discussion of the city's mid-year financial report, a proposed city financial policy and a marina fund budget amendment.

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### Additional Facts

If you go

WHAT. City Council Work Session

WHEN. Tuesday, 4:30 p.m.

WHERE. Government Office Building, 125 N. Division St., Room 305

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