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Impact fee issue goes before council

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LACONIA — Several house-keeping items, including a request for money to hire a consultant to help the municipality enact impact fees it charges to developers, are on the agenda for the City Council meeting scheduled for tonight.

The council meets at 7:30 p.m. in Room 200A at City Hall and will consider the Planning Board's recommendation to appropriate \$15,000 to be used to help "flesh out" the city's existing impact fee ordinance.

City Manager Eileen Cabanel urged the Planning Board last month to look at the fees and to come back to the council with suggestions on how to best implement them.

The board on Feb. 7 voted unanimously to hire a consultant to do the work. According to City Planning Director Shanna Hallas-Burt, about 30 New Hampshire communities have impact fees which, by state law, are defined as "fees or assessments imposed upon a developer in order to help the need occasioned by that development, construction or improvement of capital facilities owned or operated by the municipality."

Cabanel had said now was the right time to look at impact fees in Laconia because of an ongoing boom in new housing and the resultant demand placed upon municipal services such as police, fire and public works services.

In other business, the council's Public Safety Committee is scheduled to discuss Bike Week vendor licensing while the full council is being asked by Finance Director Pam Reynolds to transfer \$35,000 from contingency to the City Relief account to address what she described as record demand for rental assistance by the city's Welfare department.

Additionally, the city's Parks and Recreation Commission would like the council to establish a beach refurbishment fund as well as to limit access to Bond Beach to residents and taxpayers only.

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