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Park impact fee issue returns tonight

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OROVILLE -- The Oroville City Council will discuss an agreement with the Feather River Recreation and Park District for park development impact fees on election night.

First, city councilors will discuss an agreement in a closed-session meeting at 5:30 p.m. Then, the council will vote on an agreement at the 7 p.m. meeting in the Council Chambers, 1735 Montgomery St.

The disagreement between the city and the park district has resulted in five lawsuits, which include some developers who have proposed housing developments in county areas the city has approved for annexation.

Mayor Steve Jernigan and FRRPD Board Chairwoman Monique Gurr sent a letter to the city requesting that both agencies settle the dispute.

Jernigan and Gurr recommended the council pass a resolution that required developers to pay a park impact fee directly to the park district before the city issued building permits.

The attorneys for both agencies have been discussing a settlement agreement. However, what the city will propose tonight is unclear, as an agreement wasn't included in the City Council packet.

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