

RESOLUTION 14-1612

A RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOODYEAR, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA ESTABLISHING THE WATER PLANNING COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR THE TERMINATION OF THE WATER PLANNING COMMITTEE; ADOPTING BY-LAWS FOR THE WATER PLANNING COMMITTEE; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND/OR APPROPRIATE STAFF TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE INTENT OF THE RESOLUTION; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City's existing water and sewer utility structure and rates have been in effect since January 1, 2013; and

WHEREAS, inflation, repair and replacement, and acquisition of new water resources are increasing water and wastewater costs locally and nationwide; and

WHEREAS, utilities conduct rate studies in order to develop a plan or framework to obtain the revenues needed to fund operations while minimizing the impact of any adjustments on ratepayers; and

WHEREAS, the City retained Economists.com to review the City's water and sewer utilities' financial status and to recommend rate adjustment options to assure continued financial viability and self-sufficiency of the City's water and sewer utility services; and

WHEREAS, the City seeks public input on issues relating to the operation of the water and wastewater system, the impacts of growth on the system, and the related financial implications;

WHEREAS, the City puts a high value on public participation; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of an ad-hoc committee comprised primarily of Goodyear residents living within the City's water and/or sewer service areas will provide public input into the city's future water needs and facilitate the development of a water and sewer utility structure and rates that reflect the values and priorities of the residents of Goodyear.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOODYEAR, ARIZONA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. An ad-hoc committee to be known as the Water Planning Committee is hereby established to advise City staff, Mayor, and the Council on matters related to future water needs and the City's current water and sewer utility rate study.

SECTION 2. The Water Planning Committee shall cease to exist upon the adoption of the water and sewer utility rates.

SECTION 3. The Mayor and City Council of the City of Goodyear hereby approve and adopt that certain document titled "City of Goodyear Water Planning Committee By-Laws," a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A,

City Clerk