



Mayor Tammy de Weerd

**City Council Members:**

Keith Bird

Joe Borton

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February 12, 2009

Dear: Homeowner

I am writing to invite you and the other members of your homeowners association to attend one of our Town Hall Meetings that will be occurring in Meridian next week. The City of Meridian is committed to bringing information directly to our citizens. These meetings will be held February 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> at Heritage Middle School (4990 N. Meridian) and Mountain View High School (2000 S. Millennium way) respectively and will begin at 6:30 p.m.

We will be asking residents for their input and feedback at these meetings to identify a preferred option for a necessary rate increase for the City's Water and Sewer Utilities. Meridian's Public Works and Finance staff will present the current situation of funding for operations, maintenance, and regulatory improvements and the direct impact on the viability of the City's Enterprise Fund. The Public Work's Enterprise Fund is financed exclusively from user fees for all activities relating to the Water and Sewer Utilities. Our Public Works Department will be on hand to discuss cost saving measures, leveraging our rate payer dollars.

The presented options will illustrate necessary water and sewer increases over a one, two, or three year cycle. Advantages and disadvantages of each option will be presented. We will ask upon conclusion of this discussion to choose a preferred option. Our City Councilmen will use the feedback gathered from these meetings, along with information provided from a citizen focus group, staff audit, and an external financial analysis to make a decision.

In doing these Town Hall Meetings, the City is taking a "public first" approach to make sure our community is educated on this issue. We are asking for your help as a leader in your HOA to spread the word to your neighbors about these meetings. This will allow our community to provide input on what the best solution is for us all.

Thank you for your assistance and we look forward to seeing you at one of our Town Hall meetings and hearing our public's input.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tammy de Weerd", is written over a blue horizontal line.

Tammy de Weerd

Mayor