City of Topeka
Governing Body Action Form
City Council Chambers
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July 14, 2026

DATE:	**July 14, 2026**		
CONTACT PERSON:	**Sylvia Davis, Utilities Department Director**	**DOCUMENT #:**	
SECOND PARTY/SUBJECT:	**Proposed Utility Rates**	**PROJECT #:**	
CIP PROJECT:	**No**		
ACTION OF COUNCIL:	**Discussion: 06-02-26; 06-09-26 6-16-26**	**JOURNAL #:**	
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DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION:

DISCUSSION regarding proposed Utility Rates.

(Continue discussion from the Governing Body meeting of June 9, 2026, regarding establishing adequate Utility Rates that will serve as the foundation for future Operating and Capital budgets.)

VOTING REQUIREMENTS:

Discussion only. No action required by the Governing Body.

POLICY ISSUE:

Establishment of Utility Rates beyond 2026.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the review and continued discussion of potential Utilities Rate increases.

BACKGROUND:

Ordinance 20416, approved in 2023, established Utility rates for 2024, 2025 and 2026. Utilities held four public meetings to present and receive community feedback. The Department will be presenting information gathered and continuing discussions on potential utility rates for 2027, 2028, 2029, and 2030. Future rates need to be addressed in 2026 to ensure customers have time to provide input and businesses have sufficient time to budget for 2027 and beyond.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Establishing adequate Utility Rates will serve as the foundation for future Operating and Capital budgets.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Water, Stormwater and Wastewater Rates

ATTACHMENTS:

Proposed Utility Rates Ordinance - June 16 2026 GB Meeting
Presentation (June 16, 2026 GB Discussion)
S. Davis Cover Memo - FAQ (June 9, 2026 GB Discussion)
Presentation (June 9 2026 GB Meeting Rate Discussion)
S. Davis Cover Memo - Response Series Part 1 (June 2, 2026)
Public Meeting Summary
Utilities Rate Discussion Survey Results
Presentation (June 2, 2026 GB Meeting Rate Discussion)