



Lindon tables discussion of new impact fees

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LINDON -- After much discussion and debate, including negative feedback from Lindon residents and businesses, Lindon City Council members voted to table the proposed public safety impact fee and will not discuss or consider the issue until further notice.

Council members expressed concern over the general downturn in the economy, which has been stressful for both private citizens and businesses in Lindon.

"The timing is just not good to impose such a fee," said Ott Dameron, city administrator. He said ultimately the impact fee, designed to raise funds to build a new fire and police facility in Lindon, will greatly benefit the citizens. In the future, the council will consider bring up the subject of the impact fee again.

When the subject is again brought before the Lindon Council, a new study will be done and more information will be gathered in order to make sure the fee is appropriate and fair. The fee would not have been charged to existing residents or businesses, but only those applying for building permits in Lindon.

The proposed fees under discussion were \$519 as a flat rate for new residences and \$63 per 1,000 square feet of commercial construction. These would have been one-time fees for new buildings only.

Those who already owned homes or businesses in Lindon would have paid nothing. This type of fee, according to the council, would greatly benefit the current residents of the town.

"The city of Orem has been very patient in helping Lindon to provide necessary police and fire protection," said Councilwoman Lindsey Bayless. "Because Lindon will eventually need to be independent with these services, the impact fee proposal should not be permanently tabled, but we will wait for better times to again present the fee to the citizens of Lindon."