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Commission Reviews Final Water and Wastewater Rate Study

At the October 8th City Commission meeting, officials reviewed the final Water and Wastewater Rate Study, an in-depth look at how Truth or Consequences can fund critical infrastructure improvements while keeping rates fair. City Manager Gary Whitehead shared that the city has received over $43 million in grant funding, and emphasized the need to prepare for a potential $5 million renovation of the wastewater treatment plant. Consultants from NewGen Strategies presented two rate scenarios, including a 25% wastewater increase that could unlock more grant opportunities and help avoid costly compliance issues.

Commissioners and the Mayor weighed in on the challenges and urgency of funding aging systems. To see the full discussion and learn what it means for our future, visit the City Blueprint pages online and watch the meeting video.

City Leaders Advocate for Water Infrastructure Funding

Truth or Consequences city leaders recently traveled to Albuquerque to advocate for critical water and wastewater infrastructure funding. Their efforts included a compelling presentation to the Water Trust Board, highlighting urgent needs and safety concerns. Read the full story in the News section of our city website to learn more about the projects and what they mean for our community.

EV Charging Station Grant & Expansion Plans

The city was awarded $641,341 from NMDOT to install an EV charging station designed to complement the aesthetics of Healing Waters Plaza and the upcoming Foch Street project. A resolution was approved to obligate the funds and begin construction, which must be completed by June 2026. The station includes a five-year warranty and must remain operational for at least five years. The action passed unanimously.

Electric Department Director Bo Easley informed the Commission that staff plan to apply for NMDOT's FY26 EV Infrastructure Grant to install a second charging station next to the one currently funded, with a goal of four total stations. The existing transformer will support the expansion, and the area will be enhanced with a parking lot, trash cans, and seating. The second installation will follow completion of the first. Staff requested Commission authorization to submit the FY26 application. Learn more at torcnm.org/cityblueprint

Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclaimed

Mayor Hechler has proclaimed October 2025 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Truth or Consequences. The observance raises awareness that anyone can be affected and highlights the lasting impact on children. It's a time to support prevention efforts and connect victims with life-saving resources and services.