



Water / Sewer Rates

AVONDALE CITY COUNCIL, JUNE 7, 2021

Public Outreach



Three public meetings



Notice on social media, website, front page of newspaper



Residential bill comparison on website



Targeted outreach to HOAs, Boards and Commissions,
Avondale Citizens Water Alliance



Online payment system, paper bill notification, front counter
info

Public Feedback

First public meeting – May 12

- 2 in person, 2 online

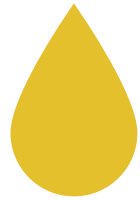
Second public meeting – May 18

- 2 in person, 2 online

Third public meeting – May 26

- 0 attendees

Water and Sewer Utilities



Water

Residential
Commercial
Landscape

23,500 total customers



Sewer

Residential
Commercial

22,900 total customers

Last rate increase February 2018

Goals of rates



Modest rate increases

Small, annual increases



Address cost of service issues

Adjust revenue share from residential / commercial
Fixed sewer charge based on meter size



Simplify rates

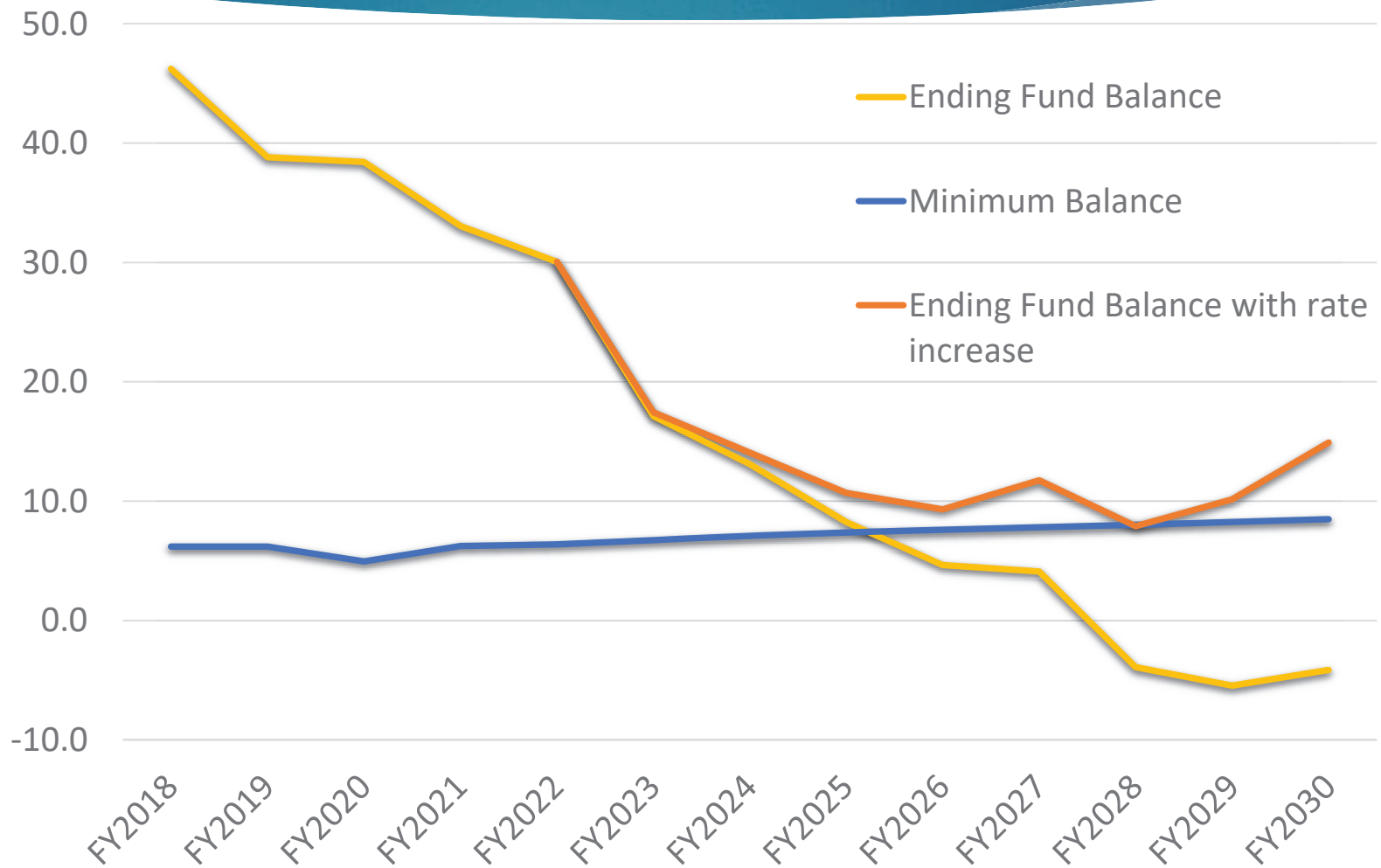
Multi-family rates to match commercial
Remove tiers from commercial rate
Collapse 16 commercial classifications



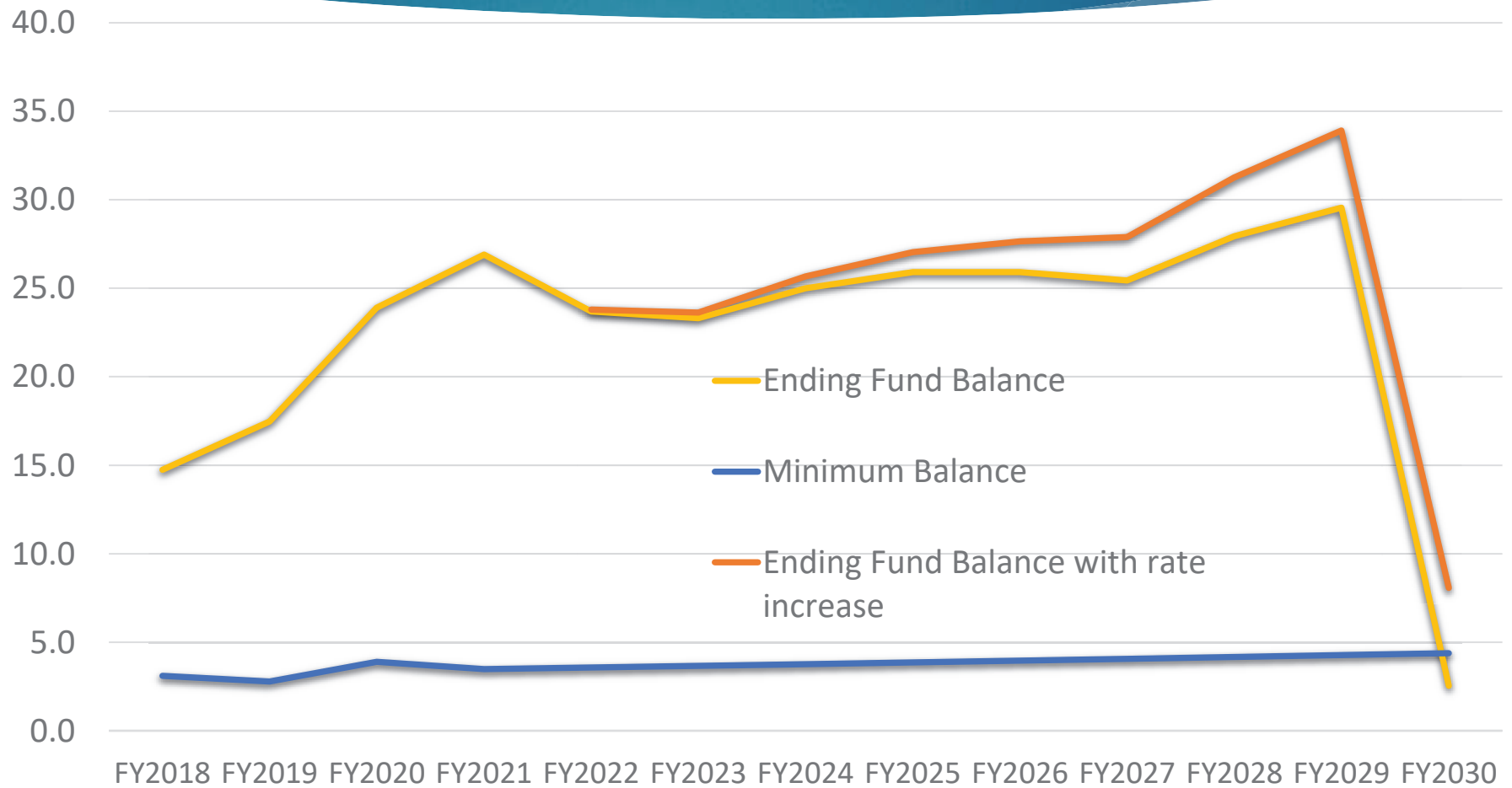
Conservation

Separate rates for landscape water use
Modify tiers for residential customers

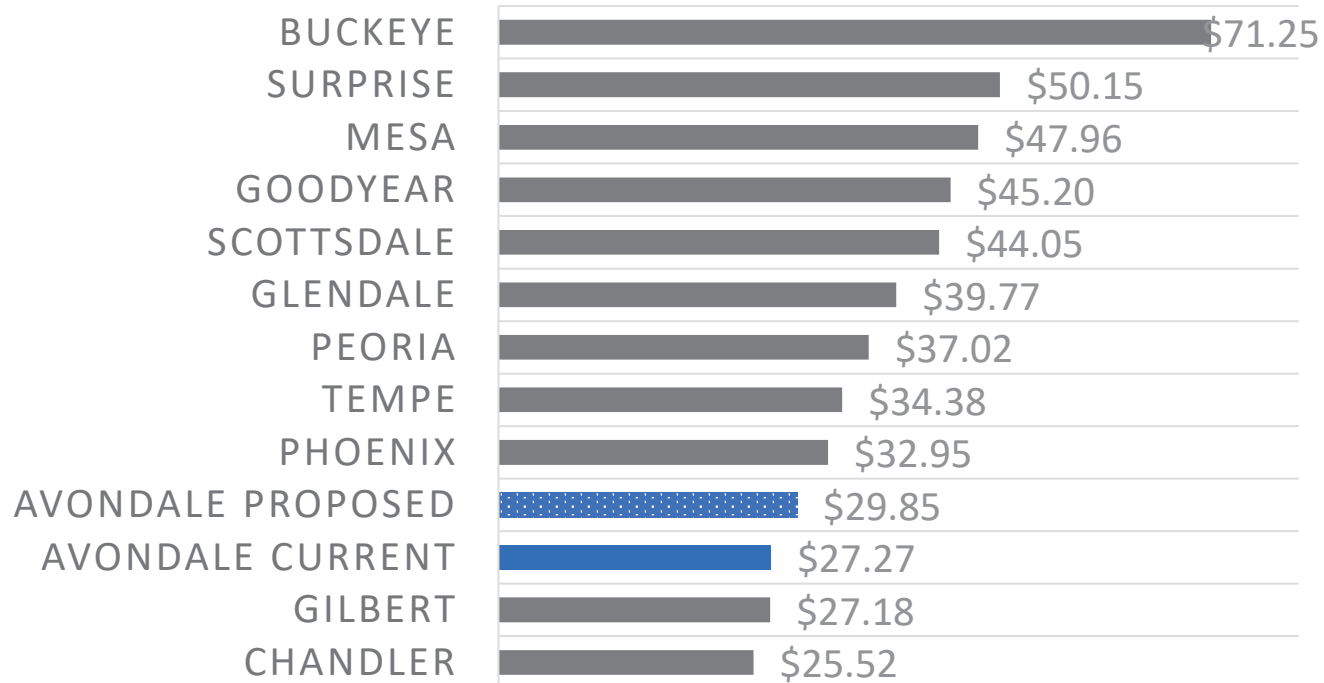
Water Fund Forecast



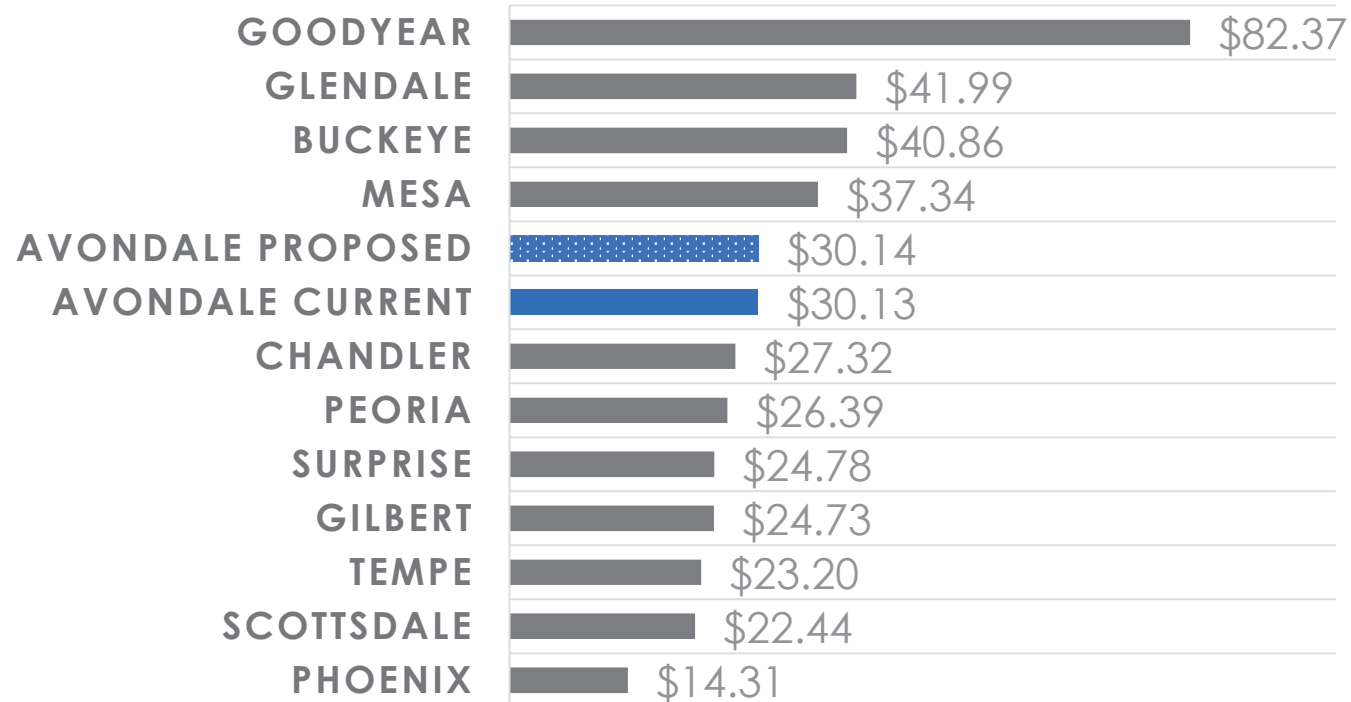
Sewer Fund Forecast



Comparison to Other Valley Cities - Water



Comparison to Other Valley Cities - Sewer

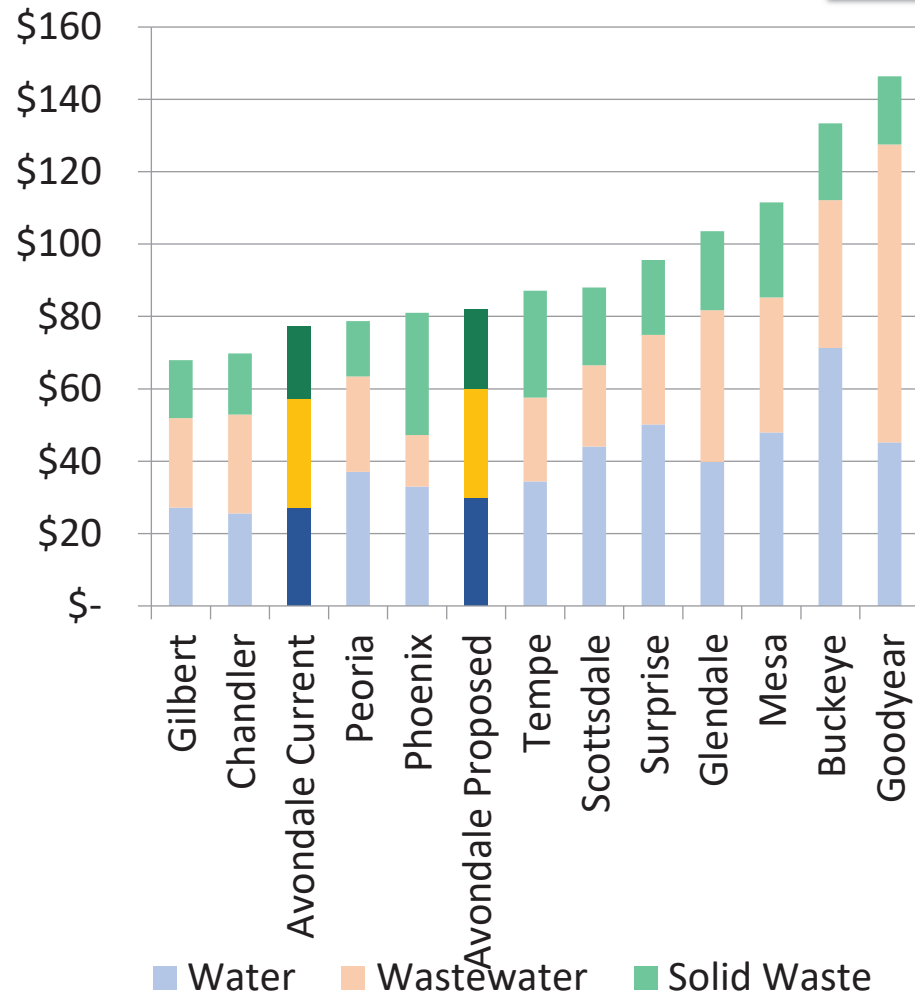


Average Utility Bill

	Current	Oct 21	Jan 23
Water	\$27.27	\$29.84	\$31.72
Sewer	31.13	31.14	31.70
Sanitation	20.00	22.00	24.00
Total	78.40	82.98	87.42

Residential Customer – 9,000 gallons water,
6,000 gallons sewer

Utility Bill Comparison



Total Recommendation and Next Steps

Proposed Rate Plan

- ▶ 2 step rate increase
 - ▶ 1st Step (All utilities) October 2021
 - ▶ 2nd Step (Sanitation) July 2022
 - ▶ 2nd Step (Water/Sewer) January 2023
- ▶ Evaluate need for increases FY2024 and beyond
 - ▶ If necessary, small and inflationary

Notice of Intent



On Council Consent Agenda



Starts formal process for adjusting water / sewer rates



Sets date to consider adjustments: August 23



Report on website at least 30 days before council action



Public notice published at least 20 days before council action

Next Steps

Date	Activity
June 7	Water/Sewer Rate Presentation Notice of Intent
July 23	Report on website
August 3	Publish notice in newspaper
August 23	Public Hearing on Rate Changes Vote on proposed changes
October 1	Effective Date of New Rates

Questions?