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Good evening Councilwoman Warner. Sorry lost signal during tonight's meeting. What I did observe was very disappointing. Fernando's old reason of if a sewer breaks he does not want it to be because he voted against this increase. Our first acquaintance was years ago when Mr. Peltier was director of public works and the meter fee was \$2.00

Although the increase he asked for was not immediately imposed it soon made up distance quickly. These fees were for the so-called CIP I believe it was framed. Capital Improvements Project. Now just one of the reasons is for this utility increase? Really we are stupid but this treatment has no end. Additionally the reserve fund needs to reach \$10 million by consent of other city departments heads.

Mam you are our voice of reason in our local government. Simply increasing fees at the request of city servants?

This was allowed 12 maybe 14 years back. At that time PERSONAL EXPERIENCE HERE IN WHITTIER.

Utility bill middle of summer household of 6 using in excess of 20 units of water each month \$2 meter fee. Bill was less than \$100.00 and that also included trash. That was then when I first attended council meetings. Now household of 2 no backyard lawn to water (1500 sq ft) and separate trash bill. Utility bill over \$125 with fees and tax being close to 67% of the bill. To clarify price of water, back at that time it was \$1.76 per 100 cubic feet, 1 billable unit we were paying \$2.27 in actuality with the difference paying on the bond that rebuilt 3 of the water pumping facilities. You have the numbers we pay now. To remind you this city owns its own public water wells and has extensive holdings in the San Gabriel water district. With supply the other local water supplier Republic was it.

Please, with faith in the right work among your peers teach them you represent the people of the community and not those that would only gain from them.

May I add

and I find I must restate these new housing developments have already had Mr. Casson asking that the newly approved and appreciated parking requirements for new housing be waived for new high density housing. On my behalf and that of my neighbors and yours, speak loudly that you are there to speak on our behalf, the people of Whittier and to be financially concerned on their behalf.

I hope you are well and I am sorry for my absence as of late.

Sincerely  
Brian W. Ahern