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Council tables impact fee discussions

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In a 6-2 vote, the Georgetown City Council voted to “postpone” any further discussions on imposing impact fees on future developments. Before the vote, Council member Karen Tingle-Sames cautioned the council.

“If this is postponed, it will never come up again,” she said.

Impact fees on construction developments have been studied by multiple councils for at least a decade to increase revenue for the city. This council took the discussions farther by hiring a consultant and holding several public talks with developers, bankers, and the public.

Each time, the results have been the same.

“As it is written and structured, this is a no go for me,” said council member Greg Hampton.

Council member Kim Menke made a motion

‘Perhaps, we should go back to tweak it a bit. We’re going to need to have more revenue. In my opinion I still want to move forward and look at impact fees, maybe at a different way than what we have them.’

Karen Tingle-Sames
Council member

joined the vote to table the discussions with Tingle-Sames, and Stone voting to continue discussions.

“It was a good meeting,” Tingle-Sames said

about the special meeting on July 23. “It was good to have the input from some of the people who have an investment. Perhaps, we should go back to tweak it a bit.

We’re going to need to have more revenue. In my opinion I still want to move forward and look at impact fees, maybe at a different way than what we have them.

“I talked to the consultant and asked some questions. He said it could be changed. Everybody is going to have to put something in. If we raise taxes little Miss Jones who is sitting at home on a fixed income, can’t get out

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Luke Griesser (middle) recently represented the United States in the Rubik’s Nations Cup at WCA World Championship in Seattle, WA .

Scott County HS graduate shares ‘speedcubing’ talent with the world

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Luke Griesser, 19, is sharing his speedcubing dreams with youth across the nation.

Speedcubing is a competitive sport where individuals solve various cube puzzles, similar to a Rubik’s cube, Griesser said. He specializes in the classic 3-by-3 cube.

“The standard one is the 3-by-3, that’s the one that came out in the 80s; the one that everyone

In the know

- Griesser** signed a contract with Cubing.GG, a speedcubing coaching company in NYC.
- Griesser** has been in NYC to help with training camps throughout the summer.
- Coaching** multiple high-profile speedcubers from around the world.
- Griesser** and others speedcubers represented the U.S. in the World Cube Association Rubik’s Nations Cup, securing a semifinal victory.

knows and loves—or hates, depending on if you were able to solve it,” Griesser said.

His talent has led him to sign a contract with a speedcubing coaching company based in New

York, Cubing.GG, he said.

“I’ve been coaching with (Cubing.GG) for a couple of months,” Griesser said. “Like, eight now, I think? I was coaching on my own be-

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Fallen veteran’s remains return home after 75 years

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A local man’s Korean War veteran uncle’s remains are returning home to Kentucky almost 75 years after he was presumed dead.

Earlier this year, William Fields learned that his uncle had been identified when members of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) reached out to family members, he said.

“We were informed mid-May, end of May,” Fields said. “They had called my cousin. I know it’s a cliché word to use, it was surreal.”

That moment was the end of a process that began over 20 years ago, Fields said, when efforts to connect unidentified fallen veterans with their families began.

“My old man passed away in November of 2000,” he said. “Then a few months later, I guess it came out that the military or the government was going to start doing DNA testing, but it was really low-key.”

Fields received an unexpected call a year or so later from someone hoping to get a DNA sample to help identify his uncle, who was presumed killed in action



Rodger Fields.

(KIA) during the Korean War, he said.

“At that point, I used my dad as a reference. My aunt June was the only living brother or sister that Uncle Rodger had,” William Fields said. “So, I said, ‘You can get in touch with her, because I think her DNA would match a lot better than mine would.’ We made our connections, and the DNA was tested.”

DPAA was attempting to identify the remains of his uncle, Rodger Engle Fields, William Fields said.

Private First Class Rodger Fields of Busy, Kentucky enlisted in the army on Nov. 17, 1948, DPAA records read. He was 18 years old at the time.

“(Rodger Fields) served D Company, 1st

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