

Utility Advisory Committee Meeting, February 8, 2016

Present: Andy Maron, Jeff Kanter, Steve Johnson, Nancy Nolan, Emily Sato, Jim Thrash

Also Present: PW Director Barry Loveless, Robert Dashiell, Tom Brobst (PSE), Debbi Lester

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:32 PM.

2. Meeting notes of January 25, 2016 were unanimously approved.

3. Public Comment: Robert Dashiell commented that the committee should learn more about the Water Plan with regard to the New Brooklyn area, both current and future service connections. Also, the UAC should find out if/when and the number of times the City has had to dip into the utilities' reserves.

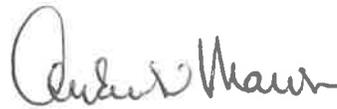
4. Barry Loveless, Emily Sato and Jim Thrash reported on the Water Resources Workshop held on January 27, 2016. Non-treatment of nitrates by septic systems and the lack of nitrate treatment requirements under current water treatment standards were discussed.

5. Discussion: The UAC queried to what extent the Planning Commission considers the added costs to the City's utilities of new development particularly with regard to stormwater and water utilities.

5. Reserve Policy Discussion: Finance Director Ellen Schroer attended to discuss the Finance Department's recommendation that reserves be set to 60 days for water and public sewer, and 120 days for SSWM. The question was raised about whether adjustment of the SSWM operating reserves would affect the utility's ability to fund capital projects. Because the reserve was a year-end number only, rather than the lowest amount at any given point during the year, the UAC recommended approval of the proposed reserve requirements. (Steve Johnson moved, Emily Sato seconded, unanimously approved.)

6. Water Comprehensive Plan: Barry Loveless reported that the Carollo contract for preparing the Water System Plan was extended so that they can update the numbers in their report to the end of 2015. The committee then discussed water rights, future service areas, population growth, and the Carollo presentation and PowerPoint slides were reviewed.

7. Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.



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Andy Maron, Chair

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