



Meeting Minutes

Utility Advisory Committee

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Thursday, May 6, 2021

5:30 PM

Online via Zoom

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Stephenson called the meeting to order.

1.A ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Chair Cullen Stephenson, Vice Chair Dennis Bloom, Committee member Michael Bradley, Committee member Donald Krug, Committee member Kristin Lamson, Committee member Arland Schneider, Committee member Eleanor (Pat) Vernon and Committee member Roger Wilson

1.B. STAFF PRESENT

Water Resources Director/Staff Liaison Eric Christensen
Waste ReSources Director Gary Franks
Waste ReSources Senior Planner Ron Jones
Program Assistant Lindsay Marquez

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[21-0430](#) Approval of April 1, 2021 UAC Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM UAC AND STAFF

Chair Stephenson wondered if there was something the City can do to announce and bolster public comment at the UAC meetings. Mr. Christensen noted staff can put a message in the Five Things utility insert and on the Timely Topics section of the utility bill. He said staff is always willing to get recommendations from the UAC on topics and messages to include to the public.

Mr. Christensen and Mr. Franks provided the following updates:

City maintenance and operations staff continue to operate under the public health emergency while following CDC health guidelines. City office staff are teleworking.

City advisory committee members received an email with the forms to complete for the committee member stipends. Return forms to the City by June 30.

Interviews by the General Government Committee for the vacant UAC seat will occur on May 13. Chair Stephenson will attend the interviews.

Provided updates on utility projects.

Waste ReSources is fully staffed.

Thurston County is currently evaluating proposals from private companies for a new 10-year agreement to operate the Thurston County Waste and Recovery Center transfer station.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

[21-0427](#) 2022 Waste ReSources Management Plan Update

Mr. Franks introduced the business item and Mr. Jones provided the briefing. UAC members asked clarifying questions and thanked staff for the information.

The information was provided.

[21-0428](#) Discussion of Concept for Discounted General Facilities Charges (GFCs) for Affordable Housing Developments

Mr. Christensen provided the briefing. In general, UAC members were supportive of the concept of discounted GFCs for developers of low income housing. UAC members felt any shortfall should be offset by general funds rather than made up by ratepayers. Mr. Christensen will make note of the concerns and will also provide the UAC with additional information requested.

The discussion was completed.

[21-0429](#) Drinking Water Utility Infrastructure Renewal and Replacement Cost Forecast

Mr. Christensen provided the briefing. The UAC asked clarifying questions, discussed the information and thanked staff for the briefing.

The information was provided.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Stephenson adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.