



Meeting Minutes - Draft

Utility Advisory Committee

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Thursday, May 2, 2024

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 207

1.a. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lamson called the meeting to order and read the Tribal Acknowledgment.

1.b. ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Chair Kristin Lamson, Vice Chair Sherry Chilcutt, Committee member Dani Clark, Committee member Melissa Kover, Committee member Arland Schneider and Committee member Kathryn Walton-Elliott

Absent: 2 - Committee member Dennis Bloom and Committee member Donald Krug

1.c. STAFF PRESENT

Water Resources Director and Staff Liaison Jesse Barham
Drinking Water Utility Director Mike Vessey
Water Resources Engineering and Planning Supervisor Susan Clark
Water Resources Environmental Services Supervisor Timmie Maturan-Lee
Public Works Administrative Specialist Jessica Ashlee
LOTT Clean Water Alliance Executive Director Matt Kennelly P.E.
LOTT Clean Water Alliance Finance and Administration Director Justin Long

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[24-0363](#) Approval of April 11, 2024 UAC Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM UAC AND STAFF

Drinking Water Utility Director Mike Vessey provided the following information:

Discussed the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) new PFAS) standards (Per-

and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances). He shared the City's PFAS results and how they relate to the new EPA's standard. The results are also on the City's Water Quality webpage. At this point, City is monitoring the situation and waiting for the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) to review and adopt regulations, which will be minimum EPA levels. DOH decides what enforcement and remediation will be required for PFAS, and that is still to come. UAC members asked some clarifying questions regarding when the new standards will be enforced and how, also asked about the City's efforts to educate the public. Mike advised that once DOH has finalized standards the City will start education efforts. The following follow-up items were requested:

- Vice Chair Chilcutt requested the detect levels to be listed on the website; only non-detect currently listed. Mike will have the information added to the website.
- Chair Lamson requested additional briefings in future staff announcements regarding PFAS milestone activities.

Director Mike Vessey acknowledged the State's drought declaration. The City of Olympia is not affected directly because we do not rely on snowpack for our water source; we use deep ground water wells. The City has a drought response plan and staff has reviewed it. So far this year the City is below certain triggers. Staff will continue to monitor our reservoir levels.

Water Resources Director Jesse Barham announced next week is Public Service Week, and the City will recognize different departments throughout the month. National Public Works Week is May 20-24.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

[24-0364](#) Briefing on the state of LOTT Clean Water Alliance

LOTT Clean Water Alliance Executive Director, Matt Kennelly P.E. provided the briefing. UAC members and staff asked clarifying questions and thanked LOTT for the briefing.

The information was provided.

[24-0365](#) Utilities and Natural Environment Chapters of the City of Olympia Comprehensive Plan Update

Water Resources Engineering and Planning Supervisor, Susan Clark provided update. UAC members asked clarifying questions.

Chair Lamson requested City staff send email a link to the website with the recommended draft plan for new members to get up to speed on Plan and process. She also asked that if the Planning Commission and/or Social Justice & Equity Committee are available virtually, for City staff to send links to UAC Committee members.

The UAC thanked staff for the briefing.

The information was provided.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Lamson adjourned the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

Upcoming

Next UAC Meeting is June 6, 2024 at 5:30 pm. Business Items:

- Citywide 2025 Budget Drivers
- Municipal Stormwater Permit Reissuance Process