



Meeting Minutes - Draft

Utility Advisory Committee

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Thursday, April 6, 2023

5:30 PM

City Hall, Room 207

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dennis Bloom called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

1.A ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Chair Dennis Bloom, Vice Chair Kristin Lamson, Committee member Sherry Chilcutt, Committee member Dani Clark, Committee member Donald Krug, Committee member Arland Schneider, Committee member Virginia Towne and Committee member Eleanor (Pat) Vernon

Absent: 1 - Committee member JP Anderson

1.B. STAFF PRESENT

Water Resources Director/Staff Liaison Jesse Barham
Waste ReSources Director Gary Franks
Interim Drinking Water Utility Director Susan Clark
Drinking Water Quality Supervisor Mike Vessey
Drinking Water Quality Specialist Cheri Reimers
Administrative Specialist Lindsay Walker

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[23-0312](#) Approval of March 2, 2023 Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM UAC AND STAFF

Chair Bloom welcomed new UAC members Sherry Chilcutt and Virginia Towne. New Committee member JP Anderson had a conflict and was not able to attend the meeting tonight.

Vice Chair Lamson noted she will not be at the May UAC meeting.

Chair Bloom and Mr. Barham attended the Community Livability and Public Safety (CLPS) meeting on March 22 for the annual meeting with the advisory committee chairs and staff liaisons. Each advisory Committee Chair gave a brief overview of the committee's 2023-2024 work plan and the 2022 committee accomplishments. UAC members expressed an interest in having volunteers from each committee to form another committee to share ideas. Staff noted there is potential for something similar to this idea for the City's comprehensive plan update.

Mr. Barham noted that the UAC's 2023-2024 work plan was approved the City Council on March 28. LOTT Clean Water Alliance staff requested to remove from the UAC work plan the rate item scheduled in September. LOTT is on a bi-annual budget cycle, so there's no information to provide in 2023. Staff will keep this as a placeholder and ask LOTT at a later date if they have any other topics to present to the UAC.

Susan Clark announced that the State Department of Health sent the City a letter extending their review period to 90 more days for the City's Water System Plan. If the City gets comments back from the State, City staff will address those comments. Staff plans to return to the UAC most likely August to request UAC support for the Plan.

Mr. Franks informed the UAC that the Waste ReSources Plan is scheduled for final adoption by the City Council on April 11.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

[23-0313](#) General Facility Charges for Solid Waste

Mr. Franks provided the briefing. The City determined that they have no statutory authority to assess waste management GFCs and OMC 13.12.210 and should be repealed as part of a more comprehensive update to OMC Title 13.

Staff are tentatively scheduled in May to propose changes to OMC's related to waste management which will include the repeal of OMC 13.12.210.

Information only. No action requested.

[23-0314](#) Drinking Water Quality Program Update

Mr. Vessey and Ms. Reimers provided the briefing. Committee members asked staff some clarifying questions and discussed the information provided the presentation. The UAC thanked staff for the briefing.

Information only. No action requested.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Bloom adjourned the meeting at 6:58 pm