



Meeting Minutes - Final

Utility Advisory Committee

City Hall
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Thursday, May 5, 2022

5:30 PM

Virtually

Register to attend:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Y0IT9bfYTxWRgDWUgTABfQ

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Bloom called the meeting to order.

1.A ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Committee member Donald Krug, Committee member Kristin Lamson, Committee member Jason Selwitz, Committee member Eleanor (Pat) Vernon, Committee member Roger Wilson, Committee member Arland Schneider, Committee member Dani Clark and Vice Chair Dennis Bloom

1.B. STAFF PRESENT

Water Resources Director/Staff Liaison Eric Christensen
Waste ReSources Director Gary Franks
Waste ReSources Senior Planner Ron Jones
Senior Program Specialist Sue Barclift

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Waste ReSources Plan item was moved before the Street Sweeper item.

The agenda was approved as amended.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[22-0435](#) Approval of UAC April 7, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Committee member Clark noted the minutes should distinguish between Committee member Clark and City staff Susan Clark. The minutes were amended to add "Susan" instead of Ms. Clark.

The minutes were approved as amended.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM UAC AND STAFF

Staff provided the following updates:

Advisory committee meetings will remain virtual until further notice. Staff will keep the UAC informed about any updates.

COVID-19 has had little impact on City operations. Operations are as close to normal as they have been since the public health emergency began.

Requested ideas from the UAC for the utility insert, Five Things.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

[22-0449](#) 2022 Waste ReSources Management Plan Update

Staff Franks and Jones presented the Waste Plan update including key findings after having a consultant take a comprehensive review of the Utility. They presented key policy issues/considerations to receive input as staff begin drafting the plan. The draft plan will be shared with UAC members when it's available for review and staff will present and receive input at a future meeting.

Staff noted the City Manager approved a rate increase for the Saturday Drop-Off site. This service has not had a rate increase since 2010. After a 45-day public notice period (signed by the City Manager on April 25, 2022) the rate increase will go into effect. The increase will be a \$3.00 per transaction fee.

The information was provided.

[22-0436](#) Street Sweeping Program Update

Staff Barclift provided the briefing. The UAC asked clarifying questions and thanked staff for the briefing.

The information was provided.

[22-0439](#) Discount Irrigation Water Rates for Urban Agriculture

Eric Christensen provided the briefing and recommendation to the UAC.

Committee member Schneider moved, seconded by Committee member Lamson, to support staff with developing a discount on irrigation water rates for urban agriculture. The motion carried unanimously.

[22-0440](#) Discounted General Facility Charges

Staff Christensen provided the briefing. Committee members asked clarifying questions and thanked staff for the information.

Committee members made a motion to approve the recommendation to develop a program to incentivize low-income housing by providing a discount (or exemption) on general facility charges (GFCs) at the time of development. The motion carried unanimously.

[22-0441](#) Elect UAC Officers

Committee member Clark moved, seconded by Committee member Vernon, to approve Vice Chair Bloom as Chair and Committee member Lamson as Vice Chair. The motion carried unanimously.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Bloom adjourned the meeting at 7:53 pm.

UPCOMING

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 2, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.