

Utility Advisory Committee Meeting, March 8, 2017

Present: Andy Maron (Chair), Jeff Kanter, Emily Sato, Nancy Nolan, Jim Thrash

Also Present: City Councilmember Roger Townsend, PW Director Barry Loveless, Robert Dashiell, Amy Tousley (PSE)

1. The Meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm.
2. February 22 Meeting notes were modified to reflect the priority of the SSWM expense study and were approved unanimously.
3. Public comment was taken. PSE commented regarding the power outage from earlier in the day.
4. The UAC discussed the recently-passed final form of the Comprehensive Plan in the Utility Element.
5. Barry Loveless described proposed Kitsap ^{Public} County Health District regulations to Group B water systems (between 2 and 14) connections. According to the ^{district} county, there are 144 Group B systems on Bainbridge out of a total of approximately 870 county-wide. They are hoping to finalize the regulations by the end of the year. The proposed changes could be substantial, because it would include some evaluation of wells at transfer of real property (similar to septic). am
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6. The UAC divided the items on the 2017 work plan into subcommittees to take a preliminary look and report back. Water and sewer rate structure
 - a. ~~Review water and utility rate study.~~ The last rate study (2009) of the utilities was reviewed for knowledge of the history and the form of prior rate studies, with an eye towards future studies.
 - b. A 2017 SSWM operating expense study was discussed. Is it worth doing together with a look at sewer operating expenses? The calculation of the allocation of overhead and FTEs was discussed. There was interest in studying the capital improvements. It was not clear that there was a glaring concern with SSWM operating expenses. The subcommittee will continue to look at these questions.
 - c. Small water systems. Step one is to determine what they are and where they are. There are approximately 183 A and B level systems. Many systems are managed and operated by KPUD and Northwest Water. The subcommittee will continue to work to get the systems located on a map.
 - d. Fire code Impact on Water Utilities. Members have talked to fire district commissioners and are continuing to gather information. It was noted it is difficult to review this subject in isolation. The subcommittee will continue its contacts with the fire district.
7. The Meeting was adjourned at 5:52 pm.



Andy Maron, Chair

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