



CITY OF
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND

UTILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 2017
CITY HALL
COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM
280 MADISON AVENUE NORTH
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, WA 98110

Minutes

Members Present: Andy Maron (Chair), Jeff Kanter^e, Steve Johnson, Nancy Nolan, PW Director Barry Loveless

Also Present: Robert Dashiell and Deboraⁿ Lester (KPUD)

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM.
2. The July 12, 2017 minutes were approved.
3. There was no public comment.
4. The potential Water and Sewer Rate Study was discussed. Andy Maron reported he had contacted the FCS Group consultants with questions about the frequency and nature of water system rate studies and heard from them that local municipal water providers often conduct such studies about every five years and usually after a Water/Sewer System Plan is prepared, and that costs ranged from \$75,000 to \$125,000. Such studies typically focus on revenue requirements and cost of service analysis. The committee is also interested in possible analysis of system development / connection charge practices, likely for an additional cost in the range of \$10,000 to \$20,000. It was agreed Andy would prepare a draft memo the City Council recommending a rate study for consideration by the committee.
5. The committee agreed to invite a representative of Washington Water Service to its next meeting.
6. Fire Code Impacts on Water Service. Jeff Kanter gave a brief report on his subcommittee's recent efforts.
7. The subcommittee will draft a memo to the city council about the obstacles to water system upgrades in the fire code, and that the city should explore modifying the fire code to account for the different needs and costs in providing rural and urban fire flows, and how increased flexibility might be made part of the Fire Code.
8. Barry Loveless presented rate history and analysis for a recommended rate increase for the SSWM utility. Barry will bring additional back up numbers and information on this issue to the next meeting.
9. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM.

Andy Maron, Chair

8/9/17

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