



UTILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2018
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
CITY HALL
COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM
280 MADISON AVENUE NORTH
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, WA 98110

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / ACCEPT OR MODIFY AGENDA /
CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE
5:00 PM

CO-CHAIR: ANDY MARON

CO-CHAIR: JEFF KANTER

MEMBERS: CHARLES AVERILL NANCY NOLAN
 STEVE JOHNSON EMILY SATO
 TED JONES

LIAISON: RASHAM NASSAR

2. ACCEPTANCE OF MEETING NOTES – JULY 11, 2018 & AUGUST 8, 2018
3. PUBLIC COMMENT – 5 MIN.
4. INTERNET/CELL STUDY DISCUSSION (DOUG SCHULZE) – 30 MIN.
5. PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE – 5 MIN.
6. RATE STRUCTURE (BARRY LOVELESS) – 75 MIN.
7. ANNUAL ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIR – 5 MIN.
8. COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER
9. ADJOURNMENT
7:00 PM

Minutes

Call to Order / Roll Call / Accept or Modify Agenda / Conflict of Interest Disclosure

Present:

Chair: Andy Maron

Vice Chair: Jeff Kanter

Members: Emily Sato, Ted Jones, Nancy Nolan, Steve Johnson, Charles Averill

Council Rep: Rasham Nassar

Staff Rep: Barry Loveless

Acceptance of Minutes: Unanimously approved.

Public Comment: Amy Tousley, Puget Sound Energy

- Ad in *The Islander* about tree trimming is a requirement of the Memorandum of Understanding with COBI.
- On 5 June Karen Brubaker gave a presentation on renewables to the Council.
- A lot of ongoing involvement with COBI staff. Thankful for cooperation with Public Works on both public and private projects.
 - i. On 4 July they provided an upgrade to the power boxes used for parade announcers.
 - ii. Working with WSF on plans to provide more electricity to electric ferries.
- PSE has a continuing interest in low impact development, Critical Area Ordinance, Waterfront Management Plan, Island Center Subarea Plan, extended moratorium on development, and the Landmark Trees Ordinance.
- On Miller Road, burial of the lines was cheaper than alternate of moving the poles and trimming trees much further back. Private developers are already required to underground everything new.
- Planning a town hall in 2019.
- Steve Johnson said he'd like PSE to periodically brief UAC on rates, reliability and environmental impact (carbon reduction and Integrated Resources Plan). Andy said he'd put that on a future UAC agenda.

Introduction of New Member: Charles Averill

- On City Council for most of the 90's
- On Planning Commission for most of the 2000's
- Investment background
- Parents used to own BI Review
- Considers himself an environmentalist and an advocate of "good" government.

Water and Sewer Rate Structure Study and CIP Update and Public Works Update (Barry Loveless):

- FCS Group – Chris Gonzales is principal author. He led us through a slide show and discussion. Ted Jones asked Barry Loveless to post this presentation on both the public and private portals.
 - i. Scheduled to present to Council on August 21.
 - ii. There are few grants available for sewer and water projects.
 - iii. Cities do not usually get fined for sewer spills unless there is a pattern or gross negligence.
 - iv. It's unusual for a city to have zero debt on a utility like we do for Water.
 - v. Current funding does not have a depreciation account to build capital for replacement of assets. FSC will recommend we do.
 - vi. UAC asked that KPUD and Sewer District 7 rates be shown for comparison on slide 14.
 - vii. Schools are in our water rate structure as commercial, but they drive the system needs for fire flow. UAC members suggested we may need an "industrial" rate.
 - viii. UAC wants to know who the customers in the "other" category are.
 - ix. Law prohibits the City from giving service away to any class of customer, but heavy discounts are allowed.
 - x. If City wanted to improve sewer effluent quality (raise the level of service) that would show up first in the Capital Improvement projects.

Adjournment 7PM. Upcoming meeting schedule was revised.

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Andy Maron at 5:00PM.

Committee members present: Andy Maron, Jeff Kanter, Steve Johnson, Ted Jones, Nancy Nolan, Emily Sato, and Charles Averill.

Also present: Public Works Director Barry Loveless, Council Liaison Rasham Nassar, FCS Consultant Chris Gonzales, and Finance Director Ellen Schroer.

No public comment was provided.

Acceptance of meeting notes of July 11, 2018 was deferred.

Discussion of the FCS draft Water and Sewer Rate Study continued. Ellen Schroer and Chris Gonzales responded to questions from Jeff Kanter and other members of the committee. Chris reviewed the scope of the study. The committee discussed the "system investment policy" and what level of system reinvestment should be provided, and other issues in the draft Study.

The committee suggested the consultant's briefing for the council be postponed until the UAC could complete its recommendations, likely in late September.

Barry Loveless reported on the status of the water pump station rehabilitation projects.

The Internet / Cell Study Discussion and Election of Committee Chair were deferred to the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00PM.