



CITY OF
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND

UTILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2018
CITY HALL
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, WA 98110

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Andy Maron at 5 p.m.

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

Also present: Public Works Director Barry Loveless, and Council Liaison Rasham Nassar, Chris Gonzalez FCS Group by teleconference

No public comment.

Tour of City Utilities: The tour will be on Saturday October 20 from 9 am to noon. All of the City Council members (minus Sarah Blossom) are going. UAC members Emily Sato and Steve Johnson may attend as well. Charlie and Ted will not be in town on the 20th. Andy will check in with City Council about a possible 2nd date.

Rate Study, SPFs (System Participation Fees): Chris Gonzalez by teleconference call summarized his water and sewer SPF update report dated October 2018.

The committee discussed the exclusion of donations and grants from the calculation of the City costs for the utilities, and that CIP projects for the next six years are included in the calculations for SPFs. A State statute applicable to water/sewer district allows for up to 10 years. CoBI does not currently have a 10-year CIP. It was concluded that it is inconsistent with current industry standards to not deduct for donated assets.

The committee asked that an * be added to page 8 exhibit 6 of the report that notes that South Island Sewer customers are paying approximately \$10,000 to ~~KPUD~~ ^{KSD#7} for collection fees.

Commercial accounts are defined as everything that isn't single family or multifamily. There was discussion about how actual fire protection requirements affect the numbers and a request that other city comparables be included as part of the presentation of the report. The committee and the consultant agreed that any changes during the council's consideration of the CIP will affect the final recommended numbers for water and sewer rates. A request was made that a "simplistic table" showing cost v. denominator be included on page 2 under Methodology.

CIP Discussion: Water and sewer system plans were done by the city in 2015 and 2016, and the proposed CIP is derived from those plans. More in depth design development and engineering studies were then done on some projects. Sewer projects on New Brooklyn have been started, the projects in Lower Lovell and Sunday Cove have not been started, but have been presented at length to the UAC earlier in the year by Gray and Osborn. There have been sewer spills down there. Public Works has an annual \$30,000 to \$40,000 program that jets out and does maintenance on the lines. The committee asked whether the projects could be postponed until the treatment plant bond issue has been paid off and Barry advised that postponing is risky due to a possibility of failure and the desire to reduce the maintenance costs. The committee moved to advise City Council that the UAC has reviewed the Public Works Department's pending CIPs for water and sewer, and have no objections as presented.

SPF Memorandum: Andy and Jeff will draft the recommended revisions for the next meeting. Chris will prepare a new SPF report. Public Works will review next steps with FCS Group.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

The next UAC meeting is October 24th.


Andrew Maron and Jeff Kanter, Co-Chairs