

**Utility Advisory Committee**  
**March 10, 2021**  
**Meeting (Zoom) Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM: Andy Maron – Chair

Members present: Andy Maron, Ted Jones, Susan Hume, Sheina Hughes, Charles Averill, Martin Pastucha, Nancy Nolan (arrived late)

Also Present: Council Liaison: Rasham Nassar; Chris Wierzbicki – Public Works Director

**Call to Order/ Roll Call/ Acceptance of Agenda/ Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest**

None declared

**Approval of Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2021**

Motion to approve – Andy Maron, Seconded – Ted Jones, Motion Approved by Members Present

**Discussion of Ferncliff Water System**

Chris Wierzbicki summarized the discussions to date with Ferncliff HOA and the possible option of the city to acquire the private water system. Ferncliff HOA members John McCallum, Matt Gleason, and David Weeding discussed the history, current conditions, number of services, system assets. They also discussed options they are considering for the future of their water system. Discussion ensued between the Committee members, HOA Members, and Public Works Directors regarding process and timeframe for evaluation of system by City Consultants, and criteria to consider in determining the merits associated with city assumption of system.

**Public Works Update**

**A. Taylor Well (Chris Wierzbicki)**

Chris reviewed the issues associated with the Taylor Well and discussed the options for determining source of water for Rockaway Beach Water System. These options included rehabbing existing well, drilling new well, coordinate on intertie with KPUD, or option to have KPUD take over system and serve with their assets in the area. He also discussed hire a professional service firm to update the options and costs.

**B. Extending Service Area Boundaries (Chris Wierzbicki)**

Chris discussed a potential change in Service Area Map cover areas currently not within service area of Washington Water, KPUD, or the COBI. Discussion was focused on small areas that are currently not claimed and whether other entities are better able to service them. It was left that this should be part of a larger discussion regarding all Service Areas of the Island including Rockaway Beach and Bill Point and how best to determine the boundaries.

**C. Beach Sewer Main Replacement (Chris Wierzbicki)**

Chris updated the Committee on correspondence he received from a resident objecting to the replacement of the sewer main on the beach with individual grinder pumps and new sewer main on land versus in the bay and how the assumptions of the city used to determine the best options are wrong based on Bremerton City example. Chris reported on the Bremerton example and how it was not a relevant comparison to proposed project. Committee also discussed options for

Chris to communicate this information to the resident and options for moving forward.

### **WRIA 15 Plan**

Chris Wierzbicki discussed with the committee members the meeting held with city committee representatives to discuss the WRIA 15 Plan and issues of concerns with the required mitigations proposed in the plan and the assumptions regarding the number of additional new wells to be drilled in the 20-year period the plan covers. After discussion regarding potential impacts of the mitigations, the validity of the assumptions, and the options for addressing the questionable assumptions, Chris indicated that he would draft a letter for comment before forwarding a recommendation to the City Council.

### **Review of 2021 Work Plan and Next Meeting Agenda Planning**

Andy Maron discussed with Chris and Committee members the status of the items on the 2021 Committee Workplan. These include following items and status:

- 1) Major Project Review – ongoing
- 2) Small Water System Policy – complete
- 3) Fire Code Upgrade – complete
- 4) FOG – upcoming
- 5) CCAC/UAC Comments on PSE Franchise – ongoing
- 6) Groundwater Management Plan – upcoming
- 7) Stormwater Management Plan – upcoming
- 8) Comcast Franchise Discussion – April 2021

In addition, the following items were discussed for inclusion on the April 2021 Committee Agenda.

- 1) Comcast Franchise
- 2) South Service Area
- 3) Ferncliff Water System
- 4) Wastewater Treatment Plant Studies

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 PM

*E-signature Approval*

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Co-Chair

08/11/2021