

UTILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES
May 11, 2022

Call to Order

Zoom meeting called to order 5:30 pm.

Members Present: Andy Maron, Ted Jones, Charlie Averill, Svend Brandt-Erichsen, Sheina Hughes

Also Present: Chris Wierzbicki (Public Works Director); Jon Quitslund (Council liaison)
Andy Swayne (PSE), Kerry Kriner (PSE), Patrick Robinson (PSE)

PSE Project update

PSE representatives provided an update and status report on the utility's projects on the Island.

Substation Rezones and Management Plans

PSE has submitted applications to rezone substations from residential to Business/industrial. All substation sites were zoned by Kitsap County before formation of the City. They had unclassified use permits, much like the City's conditional use permit.

- Port Madison
 - All currently planned work at this substation fits within current fence
- Murden Cove
 - To execute on 10 year plan, need some expansion of fenced area.
 - Battery storage project is planned for this site. It would be located south of existing fence.
 - Site preparation planned for 2024. Battery to be installed in 2025 and operational by 2026.
- Winslow
 - Plan to expand a little to North and East, well within PSE's existing property.
 - During discussion, PSE was encourage to rename this substation Bucklin Hill, since that is where it is located and it is not within Winslow.
- Planning Commission has begun review of rezone applications.

Linear Electrical Infrastructure – Code Conflicts

- There are some City code land use requirements that pose conflicts for electric power lines. PSE seeking code amendments to accommodate maintaining existing power lines. PSE is not proposing new cross country transmission corridors. Within the critical area regulation:
 - Aquifer recharge protection area (ARPA). Requirements to protect 60 percent of parcel not compatible with configurations of utility rights-of-way.
 - Primary Utility prohibition in Cat I and II wetlands. There are existing transmission lines that cross wetlands.

Transmission line Projects

Rebuild of the Winslow Tap.

- PSE applying for permits late this summer.

- Construction planned for the summer of 2024.
- In the meantime, PSE has replaced some bad poles when they were discovered recently.

Missing link

- The route has been selected
- PSE is collecting detailed engineering data
- Expecting to apply for line use permits in late 2023
- Construction projected for 2025, with the objective of having the line operational in 2026.

During discussion, PSE explained that the timing of construction for both projects is intended to avoid service disruptions. Construction will require individual substations to be taken off line for a period of time. PSE plans to use a mobile substation at Murden Cove during construction. PSE can only take substations off line in summer, as winter power demand is too high.

Sewer District 7 Discussion

Informational Discussion -- A number of years ago, the City entered into an agreement for Sewer District 7 to provide service to up to 480 connections. Over time, all connections have been claimed. 350 have been connected and 130 are reserved. There was a review of the origin and history of this agreement, including the City service areas.

The Council directed City Staff to ask Sewer District 7 to set aside an additional 100 residential units for the City, for use over the next five years. This was in response to an evaluation of the development capacity (vacant lots) within currently served areas.

Sewer District 7 will need to upgrade its plant to handle build-out of Fort Ward. However, the upgrades might not be necessary absent the City's need to increase treatment capacity for its service territory. The City sought a commitment for additional capacity over five years because that is the estimated time needed to upgrade the treatment plant.

Public Works Update

- Rate study starts next month (June).
- CIP planning – slides presented.

Meeting Scheduling

Due to schedule conflicts, June meeting will be delayed until near the end of the month. Further communications on meeting schedule to occur in the coming weeks.

Meeting Adjourned