

UTILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 18, 2024

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Co-Chair Jones at 5:30 pm

Members Present: Ted Jones (Co-Chair), Charlie Averill (Co-Chair), Andy Maron, Svend Brandt-Erichsen (Zoom and then in-person), Martin Pastucha (Zoom and then in-person)

Also Present: Chris Wierzbicki (Public Works Director), Jon Quitsland (Council Liaison)

Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest: None

Minutes: Minutes of January 18 and March 21, 2024, were unanimously approved.

Utility Element of Comprehensive Plan: The Committee began a preliminary review of the Utilities Element of the City's 2017 Comprehensive Plan. The Committee had the following comments:

Goals U-1 thru U-9: These goals apply to all utilities. It should clearly state as such.

U-1: Add "businesses and governments"

U-2: Should we add "being a leader in the region"?

U-3: Is this limited to quantity only, or do utility providers plan for other factors such as environmental or cultural impacts?

U-4: This covers two topics – ensuring environmentally responsible and encouraging carbon neutrality. Should this be split into two goals? Also, should add "to the extent practicable" or other appropriate language.

U-5 and U-6: No change.

U-7: Is notice only "before" seeking approval, or throughout the process?

U-8: No change.

U-9: Add a provision requiring periodic reporting on progress toward goals and policies or some other method of accountability regarding compliance

U-10: Move from Potable Water to "all utilities" section.

U-11.1: Change to "maintain maps of water systems" and reference the Ground Water Management Plan.

U-11.2: City is not an approved Satellite System Management Area (SMA), so change to state "City should evaluate becoming a Satellite System Management Area."

U-11.3: Obtain data from Planning Department on creation of new water systems during development process since 2017 before considering modification of language of this goal.

U-11.4 and 11.5: Delete.

U-11.6: Is this redundant with U-8? Should this be changed from "encourage" to "City should actively promote" or similar language?

U-11.7: No change.

U-11.8: Should this be expanded?

U-11.9: Should this reference regulatory requirements for education?

Groundwater Management Plan: PW Director Wierzbicki updated the committee on the revisions to the planned modeling scenarios.

Water System Business Plan: The consultant is completing the assemblage of data about all water systems on Bainbridge Island. Next is analysis based on the data and development of strategies.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.


