

UTILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes - July 18, 2024

Meeting called to order by Co-Chair Averill at 5:30 pm

Members Present: Co-Chair Charlie Averill, Wanda Schulze, Andy Maron, Sheina Hughes (Zoom), Martin Pastucha (Zoom and in person), Ted Jones (Zoom) , Council Liaison Jon Quitslund

Absent: Svend Brandt-Erichsen,

Also Present: Chris Wierzbicki, Public Works Director

1. Public Comment: Committee members discussed the policy recently adopted by the council for public comment at advisory committee meetings. The Committee felt that some of the provisions in the policy varied from the manner in which it has operated in the past, particularly in the taking of comments from interested or affected public during discussion of specific agenda items and availability of the UAC for members of the public to bring concerns about issues impacting City utilities. The Committee felt that it might in the future vary from the new policy on those subjects when necessary or expeditious.

2. Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest: None

3. Council Liaison Report. Councilmember Quitslund reported that the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) will be released on July 26, 2024, and that a 60-day comment period will follow. Mr. Quitslund encouraged committee members to review the DEIS, and suggested the Committee may wish to submit comments. The Committee tentatively scheduled this item for the September meeting.

4 a) Minutes of 6/12/24 were not available and were not approved.

b) Stormwater System Plan:

PW Director Wierzbicki presented a draft of a Preliminary Implementation Cover Memo for the Stormwater System Plan for discussion. During the discussion, it became apparent that the Committee favored a prioritization of the

150 recommendations in the System Plan such as in the Cover Memo, but believes a 3-5 page “Executive Summary” of the Plan should also be prepared.

c) Draft 2025 Capital Improvement Plans (CIP):

PW Director Wierzbicki briefed the Committee on his preliminary draft of the CIPs of the three utilities, to be approved by the City Council later in the year. He explained suggested changes in the three plans, explained the reasoning for each, and sought feedback. The Committee made various comments on each plan, and generally supported the changes.

Ted Jones departed the meeting at 6:30.

d) Comprehensive Plan Utility Element Review - Public Sewer

The Committee continued discussion of the public sewer section of the current Utility Element to gauge whether changes might be made. The Committee discussed Policies U 12.5 (re-use), U 12.6 (effluent discharge), U 12.7 (tertiary treatment), and U 12.8 (Sewer District No. 7), and determined that more in depth analysis and discussion will be necessary on those topics when crafting the policies for the 2025 Comp Plan Update.

The Committee inquired about how effluent in the Day Road “light manufacturing area” is being treated in the Comprehensive Plan.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.



Co-Chair