

Dec. 7, 2015 UAC meeting.

Present: Andy Maron, Jim Thrash, Jeff Kanter, Nancy Nolan, Steve Johnson, Emily Sato, Ted Jones

Also present: Public Works Director Barry Loveless, Councilmember Val Tollefson, Tom Brobst (Puget Sound Energy), Robert Dashiell, Debbi Lester, Dick Allen

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm.
2. Barry Loveless discussed the schedule for presentation of the consultant's draft Water System Plan to the UAC, starting with a briefing at the December 14 meeting.
3. Public Comment: Dick Allen commented on the reserves being held by the City for the Water Utility, and his view that they are excessive. He asked that some mechanism be developed for return of those reserves to the ratepayers, or expenditure of those reserves for the benefit of the rate payers. (Mr. Allen left the meeting at the conclusion of his comment.)

Robert Dashiell commented on the City Council's recent consideration of earlier UAC recommendations and his frustration that no action has been taken. He also expressed the view that there should be explicit provision for ratepayer representation either on the UAC or on the City Council.

Debbi Lester commented on her surprise at how quickly the City Council had elected to spend upwards of \$250,000 studying the Island Power proposition, and expressed concern that the UAC membership included one or more Island Power proponents. Andy Maron pointed out that the UAC had not to this point been asked to be involved in this issue at all.

4. Andy Maron invited attention to the draft of the Water Resources Element of the Comprehensive Plan, which is much reduced with the transfer of utility issues to the draft Utility Element. It was agreed to report to the Planning Department that, other than removing (and moving) the utility components, the UAC had not otherwise dealt with this element.
5. The Committee spent the rest of the meeting discussing drafts to the Comp Plan's Utilities Element, with specific discussion of the General, Potable Water, Electric, Solid Waste and Telecommunications provisions. Assignments were made for additional drafting to be presented at the next meeting.
6. Adjourn at 6:35 pm. Next meeting is on Dec. 14 at 4:30 pm.

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Andy Maron, Chair Date