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UTILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, September 12, 2023
Richland City Hall ~ Council Chamber
625 Swift Boulevard

Utility Advisory Committee Regular Meeting – 3:00 pm.

Vice Chair Larkin called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

Attendance: Vice Chair Dave Larkin, Committee Members Daniel Porter and Harry Staven were present. Also present were Staff Liaison and Energy Services Director Whitney, Public Works Director Rogalsky, Fire Battalion Chief (BC) Van Beek, Administrative Assistant II Mata, and Ted Light from Lighthouse Energy Consulting.

Committee members Charles Lo Presti and Roy Miller were excused.

A majority of the members of the committee were present to constitute a quorum.

Approval of Agenda

MEMBER PORTER MOVED AND MEMBER STAVEN SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PUBLISHED. THE MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Minutes

1. Approval of the July 11, 2023 Utility Advisory Committee Regular Meeting Minutes.

MEMBER PORTER MOVED AND MEMBER STAVEN SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE JULY 11, 2023 MEETING MINUTES. THE MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

Public Comments

None.

Items of Business

2. Status of Each City Utility

BC Van Beek provided updates relating to the Medical Utility budget, call volumes for 2023, new staffing recruits, Fire Station 76 progress, and supply chain concerns. American Heart Association awarded Richland Fire and Emergency Services with the Mission Lifeline award. BC Van Beek responded to questions from Members.

Director Rogalsky shared updates relating to the annual water sampling program, AMI electronic and water meter installation, and rebranding which will appear on wrapping installed on solid waste collection trucks. Director Rogalsky responded to questions from Members.

Director Whitney provided an Electric Utility update relating to AMI electric and water meter installations. He shared how supply chain issues for materials continue to impact all utilities. Director Whitney mentioned a bid will be posted to repair cable on Birch Street as there have already been 4 outages year-to-date. The findings and corrective actions related to greenhouse gas emissions audit were also shared. There were no questions by Members.

3. 2023 Conservation Potential Assessment (CPA) and Demand Response Potential Assessment (DRPA) Reports

Ted Light presented 2023 CPA and DRPA reports and answered member questions. Director Whitney asked for support from the members to recommend the CPA and DRPA revised report assessments be adopted by council.

MEMBER PORTER MOVED AND MEMBER STAVEN SECONDED THE MOTION FOR UAC SUPPORT OF RECOMMENDING COUNCIL ADOPT THE REVISED 2023 CPA AND DRPA REPORT ASSESSMENTS. THE MOTION CARRIED 3-0.

4. Solid Waste Regional Services (SWRS)

Director Rogalsky presented the SWRS. Key points covered were landfill capacity, the operation of a landfill gas polishing system, and legislation changes requiring for organic waste to be removed from landfill disposal. Director Rogalsky shared that this is an opportunity to develop a new organic waste processing facility, and the City could be a leader for the SWRS for the Tri-Cities region. Director Rogalsky asked members for feedback. Feedback was provided. Director Rogalsky answered member questions.

Unfinished Business

None.

Other Informational Items

The following informational handouts were provided to Members:

5. Capital Work Plan Update – August 2023
6. 2023 Conservation Potential Assessment and Demand Response Potential Assessment Reports
7. Horn Rapids Landfill Expansion Life Technical Memorandum
8. Organic Solid Waste Collection and Processing PowerPoint
9. Landfill Planning - Solid Waste Regional Services

Adjournment

Vice Chair Larkin adjourned the meeting at 5:05 pm.

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Reviewed by: Clint Whitney
Clint Whitney, Energy Services Director

Approved by: Charles Lo Presti
Charles Lo Presti, Chair

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