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UTILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, January 09, 2024
Richland City Hall ~ Council Chamber
625 Swift Boulevard

Utility Advisory Committee Regular Meeting – 3:00 p.m.

Chair Lo Presti called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Attendance: Chair Lo Presti, Vice Chair Dave Larkin, Committee Members Roy Miller, and Daniel Porter were present. Also present were Staff Liaison and Energy Services Director Whitney, Public Works Director Rogalsky, Battalion Chief Van Beek, Council Member Van Dyke, Power Operations Manager Trevor Wilkerson, and Administrative Assistant II Mata.

Members Bill Richmond and Harry Staven were excused.

Utility Advisory Committee Election

CHAIR LO PRESTI MOVED AND MEMBER PORTER SECONDED THE MOTION FOR VICE CHAIR LARKIN TO BE APPOINTED AS CHAIR

MEMBER MILLER MOVED AND VICE CHAIR LARKIN SECONDED THE MOTION FOR MEMBER PORTER TO BE APPOINTED AS VICE CHAIR

Approval of Agenda

MEMBER MILLER MOVED AND MEMBER PORTER SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PUBLISHED. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

Minutes

1. Approval of the November 14, 2023 Utility Advisory Committee Regular Meeting Minutes.

CHAIR LO PRESTI REQUESTED THE MEETING MINUTES BE CORRECTED. MEMBER MILLER MOVED AND MEMBER LARKIN SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 14, 2023 MEETING MINUTES WITH THE REQUESTED CHANGE. THE MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

Public Comments

None.

Items of Business

2. Status of Each City Utility

BC Van Beek discussed 2023 budget highlights and items budgeted for 2024. He provided updates for 2023 call volume, future staffing, and Fire Station 76 construction. BC Van Beek also mentioned the Resource Navigator position is now a permanent position, and a Richland Paramedic was recently recognized at a national level. There were no questions.

Director Rogalsky provided updates for Public Works. He mentioned this time of year is slower, and the construction of the sewer plant project is progressing. There were no questions.

Director Whitney provided updates for AMI meter installations and City View Substation construction. He also mentioned the 2023 Capital Work Plan is being worked, and Energy Services is looking to start improvement/renewal projects. Director Whitney responded to questions asked by Members.

3. Recent US Government Negotiations on Lower Snake River Dams (LSRD) and BPA Provider of Choice Contracts

Director Whitney shared information about the U.S. Government negotiations on LSRD and BPA Provider of Choice contracts. Other renewable energy sources will be needed, and there are concerns due to high costs. Director Whitney responded to questions asked by Members.

4. BPA Reserve Distribution Clause (RDC)

Director Whitney shared what the RDC is and where it comes from. BPA announced the final record of decision in December of 2023. The City of Richland is estimated to receive \$3.4 million in credits. This will help to offset and defer rate increases in 2024. There were no questions.

5. BPA Requested Outage Response Example

Power Operations Manager, Trevor Wilkerson, shared sample messaging for a BPA requested outage used in 2021, and what steps the City takes to notify customers with as much notice as possible. The City does have messaging and contingency responses if needed to respond to weather, equipment failures or system constraints. Trevor responded to questions asked by Members.

6. Atlas Agro Non-Potable Industrial Water Supply Rate

Brooke, from FCS Group, presented via Zoom the cost of service analysis for the non-potable water utility. This model will help to commence negotiations with Atlas Agro for a year-round non-potable water supply. There were no questions for Brooke.

Director Rogalsky responded to questions asked by Members.

7. Additional member questions and comments

Director Rogalsky responded to member questions about irrigation use and metered irrigation services.

Members requested an update for solar battery data.

Unfinished Business

None.

Other Informational Items

8. Tour of Biogas Facility at Landfill – March 2024
9. AMI Benefits to Customer – March 2024
10. Low Income Program – March 2024
11. Reliabilities Stats and Inventory Spares – May 2024
12. Tour of Fire Station 76 – May 2024
13. Resource Adequacy – July 2024
14. Electric Rates Review – September 2024

The following informational handouts were provided to Members:

15. 2023.11.14 UAC Minutes
16. Proposed CRSO Stay – PPC Updated BPA Ratepayer Impacts 12-15-23_Final
17. Final FY 2024 Power DD Credit Estimates by PF Customer 121523
18. BP24-Dollar-Infographic
19. Mid-C Forward Price Curves 2021-2028
20. BPA Requested Outage Response Example
21. Richland Irrigation RR and COSA – Final

Adjournment

Chair Larkin adjourned the meeting at 4:25 pm.

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Reviewed by: Clint Whitney
Clint Whitney, Energy Services Director

Approved by: David Larkin
David Larkin, Chair

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