



MINUTES
UTILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, March 12, 2024
Richland City Hall ~ Council Chamber
625 Swift Boulevard

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

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

Attendance: Chair David Larkin, Vice Chair Daniel Porter, Committee Members Roy Miller, Charles Lo Presti, Monica Hofstetter, Ricky Hyson and Harry Staven were present. Also present were Staff Liaison and Energy Services Director Whitney, Public Works Director Rogalsky, Battalion Chief VanBeek, Councilmember Whitten, and Administrative Assistant II Mata.

Member Bill Richmond was excused.

Approval of Agenda

VICE CHAIR PORTER MOVED AND MEMBER HYSON SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PUBLISHED. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-1.

Minutes

1. Approval of the January 09, 2024 Utility Advisory Committee Regular Meeting Minutes.

CHAIR LARKIN REQUESTED THE MEETING MINUTES BE CORRECTED. VICE CHAIR PORTER MOVED AND MEMBER LO PRESTI SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 09, 2024 MEETING MINUTES WITH THE REQUESTED CHANGE. THE MOTION CARRIED 5-0.

Public Comments

None.

Items of Business

2. Status of Each City Utility

Director Whitney provided an update for City View Substation # 1 construction. He also mentioned he would provide updates for Energy Services within business items after the other utility status updates are presented There were no questions.

Director Rogalsky provided updates for landfill operating hours, the Atlas Agro project, radiological testing on potable water, and the construction of a replacement water system pump station near Queensgate Dr. He briefly covered the four funds of Public Works utilities. Director Rogalsky mentioned that the City of West Richland has submitted a request to the City for future

potable water requirements, and the planning is in motion. Director Rogalsky answered member questions.

BC VanBeek provided updates on medical utilities. He shared the budget is on track, call volume has increased 8.7% since 2023, staff for Station 76 are being trained and the station is on track to open in June 2024, and provided an equipment update. BC VanBeek also shared Fire plans to bring an item to Council to increase the medical utilities cost. BC VanBeek answered member questions.

3. BPA Projects Update

Director Whitney provided updates for BPA projects in the City. He referred to the links and attachments in the agenda packet for more information. There were no member questions.

4. Atlas Agro Documents

Director Whitney went over the documents related to the Atlas Agro project. After completion, there could be 150-250 new jobs in the area. Director Whitney also explained there is an agreement between BPA and the City, and other agreements between Atlas Agro and the City as BPA cannot directly provide service to Atlas Agro. There will be additional agreements in the future. Director Whitney answered member questions.

5. Advanced Metering Infrastructure

Director Whitney provided a progress update for AMI meter installations and discussed the components to the AMI project remaining to be completed. He went over MyMeter capabilities. MyMeter is set to replace eCare. He also went over the expectation to have an outage map that will show real-time information. Director Whitney answered member questions.

6. Solar Battery Update

Director Whitney provided an update for the Solar Battery at the Horn Rapids Solar, Storage, and Training site. He referred to the attached graphs which show energy generation from February 2023 through February 2024. Director Whitney also went over current energy rates and approximated future costs. Director Whitney answered member questions.

7. ABCs for BBCs Training

Director Whitney provided details for an upcoming training session for BBCs that will be taught by Ken Harper on May 2, 2024. There no member questions.

Unfinished Business

None.

Other Informational Items

8. Tour of Biogas Facility at Landfill – May 2024
9. AMI Benefits to Customer – May 2024
10. Low Income Program – May 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
15. Strategy AMI
16. 2024 Strategic Plan – Presentation

The following informational handouts were provided to Members:

17. BPA_STriCities Report Q4 2023
18. Memorandum of Understanding with Atlas Agro North America Corp. for future provisions of electric service
19. BPA Cost Allocation Agreement with Atlas Agro North America Corp.
20. Reimbursable Agreement with the Bonneville Power Administration for Preliminary Engineering Activities and Facilities Study of Transmission Request No
21. AMI Installation Counts
22. Mtr 4975 Summary – HRSST 2-2023 through 2-2024
23. Mtr 4975 Peak Day Generation on 7-2-2023
24. Mtr 4975 Daily Peaks – HRSST 2-2023 through 2-2024
25. Mtr 4975 Daily Energy – HRSST 2-2023 through 2-2024
26. Long_Term_Price_Curve_Sheet
27. RES CWP REPORT-December 2023

Adjournment

Chair Larkin adjourned the meeting at 4:48 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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