



MINUTES
UTILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, July 09, 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 3:01 p.m.

Attendance: Chair David Larkin, Vice Chair Daniel Porter, Committee Members Monica Hofstetter, Ricky Hyson, Charles Lo Presti, Bill Richmond, and Harry Staven were present. Also present were Staff Liaison and Energy Services Director Whitney, Battalion Chief (BC) Michael VanBeek, Public Works Capital Project Manager (PM) Sheldon Williamson, Council Liaison and Councilmember Ryan Whitten, and Administrative Assistant II Arturo Mata.

Approval of Agenda

VICE CHAIR PORTER MOVED AND MEMBER STAVEN SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PUBLISHED. THE MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

Minutes

1. Approval of the May 14, 2024 Utility Advisory Committee Regular Meeting Minutes.

MEMBER RICHMOND MOVED AND VICE CHAIR PORTER SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MAY 14, 2024 MEETING MINUTES. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0 (MEMBER ARRIVED).

Public Comments

None.

Items of Business

2. Status of Each City Utility

PM Williamson provided updates for Public Works. He talked of current projects for Water, Wastewater, Irrigation, and Solid Waste. PM Williamson answered member questions. Councilmember Whitten and Director Whitney provided additional input to answer member questions.

BC VanBeek provided status updates for Fire. The updates included current budget, EMS call volume and Fire run volume, and staffing. BC VanBeek also stated there is a delay for Fire Station 76 opening. BC VanBeek answered member questions.

Director Whitney provided updates for Energy Services. He went over system loads and explained how the high temperatures directly impact loads. Director Whitney gave a status update for AMI installation and capital work projects. Director Whitney answered member questions.

3. 2024 Resource Plan with Lighthouse Energy Consulting

Ted Lighthouse presented the draft 2024 Resource Plan via Zoom. He explained the reason for the plan and went over the recommended resource strategy. Director Whitney answered member questions.

Director Whitney asked for member support for presenting the draft 2024 Resource Plan to Council.

VICE CHAIR PORTER MOVED AND MEMBER HOFSTETTER SECONDED THE MOTION TO SUPPORT THE DRAFT 2024 RESOURCE PLAN. THE MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

4. 2023 Energy Services Financials

Director Whitney went over the draft 2023 Electric Utility Financial Statement. A link was shared to where the final document can be found once the statement was completed. Director Whitney went over key items which positively impacted the financials for 2023. There were no member questions.

5. Capital Work Plan (CWP)

Director Whitney presented the CWP through May 2024 and mentioned two projects were carried over from 2023 to 2024. Director Whitney answered member questions.

Unfinished Business

None.

Other Informational Items

- Electric Rates Review with Presentation by FCS – September
- Resource Adequacy – September
- Low Income Program changes with Presentation by Empower Dataworks – September
- Budgeting with Presentation from CoR Finance Director, Brandon Allen – September
- Next steps for Utilizing AMI Data – November

The following informational handouts were provided to Members:

11. RES 2024 Resource Plan UAC Presentation
12. 4Q23 RES Financials - Draft
13. RES CWP Report-May 2024
14. BPA_STriCities Report Q1 2024

Adjournment

Chair Larkin adjourned the meeting at 4:41 pm.

Prepared by: Arturo Mata
Arturo Mata, Administrative Assistant II

Reviewed by: Clint Whitney
Clint Whitney, Energy Services Director

Approved by: Daniel Porter
Daniel Porter, Vice-Chair

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