

UAC Committee Meeting – January 11, 2016

Present: Andy Maron, Jim Thrash, Jeff Kantor, Ted Jones

Also Present: Public Works Director Barry Loveless, Finance Director Ellen Schroer, Councilmember Roger Townsend, Tom Brobst (PSE), Robert Dashiell, Joe Deets, Roth Hafer

1. The Meeting was called to Order at 4:30 pm.
2. Meeting Notes from December 14 were approved.
3. During public comment, Roth Hafer spoke regarding energy efficient options for electric power generation and the possibility of a bio fuels facility at the current transfer station. Mr. Dashiell also spoke about his objection that the city council did not take action in 2015 to eliminate taxes on city owned utilities.
4. Ellen Schroer, Finance Director, spoke to the Committee regarding planning for the City's 2 year bi-annual budget ('17-'18) and proposed modifications to Resolution No 2016-03 as it pertains to capital and operating reserves. (See Section 5.3) It was recommended that the city adopt a policy which sets operating reserves at a level equal to 120 days expenditure for the Storm and Surface Water Fund and 60 days for other utilities. This financial policy is recommended to provide cash flow for seasonal variations due to collection biannually from property taxes. The City needs any input from UAC in January or early February at the latest. The committee asked Ms. Schroer to report about the amount and run rates in the operating and capital accounts.
5. The Committee went through the Utilities Element of the Comp Plan. Policies regarding solid waste, telecommunications, electrical, storm water, energy efficient buildings and other issues were discussed. Members were asked to continue to work on provisions.
6. The Committee discussed the draft Water System Plan that was presented to the Committee by Carollo, and a plan for reviewing that document and making recommendations to the Council. Mr. Loveless noted that the city staff is independently reviewing the report.
7. Adjourn at 6:30 pm.

 Jeff Kantor, Vice Chair

Andy Maron, Chair,

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