

Utility Advisory Committee Meeting, April 11, 2016

Present: Andy Maron, Emily Sato, Nancy Nolan, Jim Thrash, Steve Johnson, Jeff Kantor, and Ted Jones.

Also Present: City Council Member Roger Townsend, PW Director Barry Loveless, Tom Probst (PSE), and Robert Dashiell.

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM.
2. The 3/28 Meeting Notes were approved unanimously.
3. Public Comment was taken. Robert Dashiell noted that the Planning Commission is talking frequently about water resources and is getting into deeper detail on those subjects than the UAC.
4. The UAC continued to discuss a revised draft of the report on the Water System Plan. Discussion centered upon the following:
 - a. A new item 6. What is the implication of the area (in light pink on the report's chart) that is part of Winslow Retail Service Area? Chapter 2 explains the basis of planning and the policies and criteria for system extensions. There is a City procedure in place to citizens to ask to be added to the system. We don't expect a lot of conversions of private wells and small systems from private to public. The Capital Plan does not include additional wells to handle significant growth in these areas.
 - b. What is our timetable for concluding our report? Barry Loveless hopes to provide us the additional data requested for 2014 and 2015 on April 25th, and it is hoped the report can be concluded on that date. On May 3rd, the consultant will be presenting the plan to the City Council in a Study Session. The UAC's report will be included in that agenda packet and members are welcome to attend the study session.
5. The UAC continued review of the Utilities Element of the Comprehensive Plan elements. We reviewed revised versions of the items previously discussed. Andy gave an overview of the history of water system acquisitions on the Island. Discussion focused on three water system policies. Policy 1.5 which is about cooperation between neighboring systems. Policy 1.6 is about the potential to consolidate systems. Policy 1.7 is about the roles of the City and the PUD. The discussion was not concluded whether the UAC felt there should be a long-term goal of consolidating more water systems into the City, and if the City should insist upon a "first right of refusal" when private systems are considering selling to either the City or Kitsap PUD.
6. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.


Andy Maron, Chair