

UTILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 9, 2021
ZOOM MEETING

Meeting called to order at 5:45 p.m.

Members Present: Andy Maron (chair), Charlie Averill, Susan Hume, Sheina Hughes, Martin Pastucha

Members absent: Nancy Nolan, Ted Jones.

Also present: Chris Wierzbicki (Public Works Director); Chris Gonzalez (FCS Group); Rasham Nassar (City Council Liaison); Blair King (City Manager)

Minutes

April 14 meeting were approved.

City Manager Blair King

With four weeks into his new position, City Manager King introduced himself to the committee, and committee members introduced themselves. He noted that we do not yet know when the state policy on covid might be updated, once again allowing in-person public meetings.

Ferncliff Water System

Chris Gonzalez, project manager for FCS Group, helped explain options to fund extension of the city water system to the Ferncliff water system, continuing the discussion from last month. He provided figures for a range of choices depending on how much of the cost would be paid by the new participants, versus how much to be paid by the system overall.

Chris Wierzbicki noted that he was still waiting for a call back from KPUD, to get details about how they manage this kind of addition. His understanding is that the new connections pay the full amount.

It was noted that the city should establish a clear policy for these issues, as there are likely to be more such expansions in the future.

The committee asked Chris and Chris to write up what they are thinking about, so the UAC can consider it at the next meeting.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Study

Chris Wierzbicki noted that he had given a presentation to the City Council. Last time the plant was improved, it was to improve reliability, not to significantly expand capacity. He noted that usage is generally consistent with what had been expected at the last expansion.

Andy noted another question to be considered next time: What is the build-out capacity that could eventually be served by the existing plant.

Public Works Update

The council will discuss (Aug. 3) what the groundwater management plan will look like. That will provide information for how committees will follow up.

Rasham reported on a discussion with Puget Sound Energy, regarding their plan for a new transmission line to link the substations. They are receiving public comments now and will then present to the full council.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

E-signature Approval

Co-Chair

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