

**CITY OF WINTER PARK
UTILITIES ADVISORY BOARD**

Regular Meeting
500 N. Virginia Ave
Public Safety Community Room

October 26, 2016
12:00 pm

MINUTES

Present: Richard James (Chair)
Rick Baldocchi (Vice Chair)
Hugh James
Tara Tedrow
Cheryl Forney
David Gevorgyan
Jennifer Lyons

Absent: Lawrie Platt Hall

City of Winter Park Staff: Troy Attaway, Director of Public Works
Wes Hamil, Director of Finance
Dan D' Alessandro, Operations Manager Electric Utility
Terry Hotard, Asst. Director Electric Utility
Abby Gulden, Sustainability Coordinator
David Zusi, Director of Water & Wastewater Utility
Jason Riegler, Asst. Director of Water & Wastewater Utility
Debbie Wilkerson, Recording Secretary
Linda Antonion, Staff Assistant

GUESTS: None

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair R. James called the October 26, 2016, Advisory Board meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

Approval of minutes from September 28, 2016 regular meeting. Motion made, seconded and approved, unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Regular November meeting set for day before Thanksgiving and December meeting set for Christmas week, December 7th meeting to cover both instead.

The meeting focused on the financial reports that were displayed on screen. The projections for water and sewer had better revenues than expected and the bond coverage is good.

Electric side showing positive balance. More energy sold than budgeted, fuel stabilization over recovered, underground spending less than planned, bond funds transferred to unrestricted and went towards bottom line, operations accounts were underspent. Enco (which was more expensive than desired) and own operations caused some double spending but future years are promising for less expenditure. City's principal is to have a 45 day reserve and has over 10 million in reserves, 45 days for Electric would be just under 2 million so they are about compliant. The numbers are not final and are still being adjusted.

Chair asks if there are any questions regarding the financials, none are raised. Chair asks if there is a wastewater report and the response is no.

There is a discussion on possibility of removing septic tanks and reclaimed water. The costs of septic tanks removal were being assessed for different approaches and will come forth sometime in the future with a plan and possible policy of whether to advance it as a city cost initiative or get grants. Regarding the plan for the re-use of water, outlined was the bottom line of having little control over reclamation as only about 18% is used in the plant and how to improve as well as make use of the improvement.

Also discussed is the possibility of the CRA agency funding the undergrounding work in their area which would allow for additional resources being used and shortening the ten year undergrounding projection to 8 1/2 years.

Discussion switches to the financials for the Energy Conservation and Rebate program. 103 energy audits were completed. 6 commercial rebates left over from the previous year and 116 residential rebates. Goal is 150 audits and 150 rebates which they expect to reach due to re-funding of the budget.

OTHER ITEMS DISCUSSED:

Updates on sewer policy; no new updates. Attorney working to get language. Jason Riegler introduced as new Assistant Director of Water/Wastewater Utilities. Water/Sewer project (shelved since 2007) with Orange County, suddenly going ahead.

Hurricane Matthew; 800 people were out at peak during the storm versus 15,000 customers thanks to tree trimming efforts and undergrounding there were 0 feeder operations and no feeder outages. 90% of outages (caused by vegetation) were back on by Friday night. 10 Crews worked through

the night. Final customer was restored Saturday morning at 10 a.m. Most outages were restored by 3 a.m. Fuse coordination issues are being worked on.

The solar amendments are raised and discussed. At which point Mr. Todd Weaver, of 1051 Lake Bell Drive, requests a chance to address the question of the solar amendments.

FURTHER ACTION:

None

MEETING ADJOURNED:

Chair reminds of the date change for the next meeting and adjourns 1:12 p.m.