

**CITY OF WINTER PARK
UTILITIES ADVISORY BOARD**

**Regular Meeting
500 N. Virginia Ave
Public Safety Community Room**

**September 27, 2017
12:00 pm**

MINUTES

Present: Rick Baldocchi
Hugh James
Jack Miles
Paul Conway
Karim Arja
Lawrie Platt Hall

Absent: Richard James (Chair)
Jennifer Lyons

City of Winter Park Staff: Wes Hamil, Director of Finance
Troy Attaway, Director of Public Works
David Zusi, Director of Water and Wastewater Utility
Terry Hotard, Asst. Director Electric Utility
Dan D’Alessandro, Operations Manager Electric Utility
Linda Antonion, Recording Secretary

GUESTS: N/A

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Rick Baldocchi called the September 27, 2017 Utilities Advisory Board meeting to order at 12:07 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

Chair stated that there were no minutes to approve due to bad recording

NEW BUSINESS:

Chair asked if there were any new businesses to discuss and there were none at the time.

OTHER ITEMS DISCUSSED

Chair next requested an update from Kris Stenger regarding OUC’s solar update.

Kris Stenger explained that OUC has set up a rate structure for their customers, but with Winter Park being a purchaser not a “customer, we are needing a new agreement with OUC to be buy solar. Further discussions will take place to figure out an agreement and what our customers would be paying. Kris also discussed different options, to either purchase it straight or if we would want to lease it to a 3rd party.

Hugh James stated that he felt that the board needs to make formal recommendation to open up conversations to see how Winter Park utilities could participate as an owner or as a buyer in the solar project to possibly offer solar power as an option.

Paul Conway comments and agrees on getting both OUC & Winter Park Utilities to come up with options.

Rick Baldocchi asked Kris Stenger what it would take to be more formal with OUC. Kris replied that he would know more after a follow up phone call with OUC in regards to specifics to become a buyer.

Hugh James puts a motion on the floor asking, “that the UAB recommends that the commission approves the opening of discussions, and or entering into discussions with OUC with respect to how Winter Park may formally participate in the Stanton solar energy project.”

The Chair then ask if there was a second.

Jack Miller 2nds the motion.

All agree and the motion passes September 27, 2017 @ 12:30pm

Rick Baldocchi asked if there was anything else should be added, none was given.

The subject of the effects the hurricane had on the city came up. Paul Conway mentioned how he thought it would be beneficial if we could compare the outages that came from overhead lines vs. underground, how those numbers differ and how we can improve those numbers.

Vanessa Cook explained the display of the charging station. How to use the dashboard and some of its features. Paul Conway asked what the utilization of the stations were and if it was beneficial or not to add more stations. Vanessa explained and broke down the energy usage numbers. She shared data on how often these stations are being used and the benefits for the individual and city. She stated she would get more information on specific items that the board would like to know more about.

Wes Hamil explained his financial report. Water / sewer statement for the fiscal year showed sales in water seem to have gone up during the summer time resulting in doing very well with the budget. Spoke about how we didn't have finances in the Electric Utilities so they transferred 1 million dollars from Water Sewer Utilities. This decision will not have a negative impact on the Water /Sewer Utilities Dept. Rich Baldocchi asked if increased rates was something that was approved. Wes explained that the electric rate was approved and will have an impact of about 4%-6% on customers. Wes went on to talk about how for the past few years Electric Utilities has been carrying

the cost of the street light project. The commission chose to move that cost back to general funds, which is about \$425,000/year. Which will be helpful to the Electric Utility Department. Paul Conway asked what was the rationale for this. We answered that it was more of a proper placement for the funds. Hugh James asked how much do we charge per Terra. Troy Attaway explained that most is of Terra rate that takes an energy maintenance and replacement. Also stated that if you have decorative lights in your community you are being charged above the standard for those lights. Paul Conway asked as the city puts in more decorative lights will there be a tax charge what will come across for that. Troy explained that wherever decorative lights are installed that the residents of that area have already agreed to that and the surcharges that come along with it. Jack Miles asked how this is being handled with the underground project. Troy Attaway explained that as of right now we are not including or installing decorative lights on the poles after undergrounding is done.

There were further discussions regarding the report, including storm restoration for the recent hurricanes. The funds for the storm restoration will come out of the Electric Utility budget.

We addressed the request of several board members that wanted to see a comparison of commercial users, especially where properties were rebuilt, likely with more efficient systems. He focused on the month of Aug for the past 5 years.

Paul Conway stated he needed to be able to understand the chart better, and needed to know what drove the numbers. So it was suggested that a more definitive line needed to be drawn to show the difference between that commercial customers are using and residential and if maybe they can get the information chart before the meeting.

Troy Attaway was sitting in for Dan, who was sick. He reported on field adjustment and that we increased our field adjustments in June 1st to avoid being at 1.1 million dollars and didn't want to be but expects to over recover in Sept. Explained that we are 8.2% cheaper than Duke for a total bill for particular user (100,000 kilo watt/hour). Comparing it to our state average we are 10% below the cities goal. Sales are down at the moment in residential, not so much in commercial.

Budget review, Troy stated that we are coming in not as bad as expected, more at 425 range. He attended the FMEA Conference this last summer and it appears we are in the market at the right time. The big rates everyone else is getting we aren't paying nearly as much.

Troy Attaway discussed hurricane efforts and how with technology and GIS system we were able to ping the system and collect data and get the information from meters that did and didn't have power and able to graph that. So we were able to dispatch people off of that data from the beginning of the storm. He explained how unfortunately the loss of Duke's transformer resulted in ours going down and all of the east side, including FL Hospital to not have power. They are going to work on what they can do to avoid this from happening in the future.

FURTHER ACTION: None.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:57 p.m.