

**CITY OF WINTER PARK
UTILITIES ADVISORY BOARD**

Regular Meeting
500 N. Virginia Ave
Public Safety Community Room

February 27, 2019
12:00 pm

MINUTES

Present: Karim Arja
Paul Conway
Lawrie Platt Hall
Jennifer Lyons
Jack Miles

Absent: Richard James (Chair)
Rick Baldocchi
Dan D'Alessandro, Director Electric Utility
Justin Isler

City of Winter Park Staff: Wes Hamil, Director of Finance
David Zusi, Director of Water & Wastewater Utility
Jason Riegler, Asst. Director of Water & Wastewater Utility
Kris Stenger, Asst. Director of Building and Planning
Michael Passarella, Engineer Electric Utility
Vanessa Balta-Cook, Sustainability Planner
Linda Antonion, Recording Secretary

Guests: F.M.P.A representatives

CALL TO ORDER:

- Meeting called to order at 12:12 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

- Approval of minutes delayed until next meeting.
- Decision regarding time that the meetings should be held is also delayed but the recommendations are: from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., or keep the original noontime but try to limit the meeting to one hour.
- Lawrie Platt Hall elected as Vice-Chair

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

(presented by Kris Stenger)

- Presentation detailing cost of the EV charging stations to determine if it is worthwhile to provide the service at a cost to the user; though the city is not currently planning to add more stations. A fee would not be able to be put into place until the fee schedule is posted in October. 70% of those charging their vehicles are from outside the city. A vote on pursuing whether or not to charge for the service has been delayed until the Director of the Electric Utility is in attendance.

(presented by the F.M.P.A)

- Presentation regarding the PSC jurisdiction of Municipal Electric Utilities. Gradual rate increases should not trigger a PSC review but a change in the rate structure could. While the PSC's jurisdiction is limited; they have jurisdiction over the structure so an introduction of a tiered rate structure could require justification. The report outlined the reasons why a review could happen and what the Electric Utility's justification to the PSC should be and what condition must be met. It also illustrated two different approaches to a rate increase.
- The F.M.P.A representative agreed to have preliminary discussions with consultants regarding the cost of a service study.
- Lawrie Platt Hall assigned herself an action item to create a first draft of the top points regarding the rate issues for presentation to the city commissioners.

ACTION ITEMS:

- See New Business

REPORTS:

Sustainability (presented by Kris Stenger during the New Business discussion)

- Sustainability's action plan has goals for reduction in greenhouse gas inventory. A plan is being developed for alternative fuel vehicles. Contract negotiations for selecting a solar package to be leased & placed atop either or the Magnolia facility and the Water Treatment facility. The 2020 goal is 30% renewables mostly consisting of the F.M.E.A solar array and the Covanta solar energy supply, and a 10% reduction in city buildings' energy consumption. The 2030 goal of 25% needs reinvestment in the city's facilities.

Financial Reports (presented by Wes Hamil)

- Sales of water in thousands of gallons is comparable to the same period from last year. Revenues are close to budget. Investment earnings looks good.
- Electric KWH sales should hit target. Undergrounding spending is on track with the budget. Good bottom line with strong debt service coverage. Fuel costs were reduced again in January.

Water/Wastewater (presented by David Zusi)

- The Water department is looking at a system wide software upgrade. The Automatic metering information system is about 10 years old and the software for it is several upgrades out of date. The upgrade will occur in conjunction with the Tyler system being implemented by the city. The new software provides more essential utility systems information.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

- Meeting adjourned at 2:01 p.m.