

**CITY OF WINTER PARK  
UTILITIES ADVISORY BOARD**

**Regular Meeting  
City Compound  
1409 Howell Branch Rd., Bldg. 14**

**April 24, 2019  
8:30 a.m.**

**MINUTES**

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**Present:** Karim Arja  
Rick Baldocchi  
Paul Conway  
Lawrie Platt Hall (Vice-Chair)  
Richard James (Chair)  
Jennifer Lyons  
Jack Miles

**Absent:** None

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

**Guests:** F.M.P.A representative Navid Nowakhtar

**CALL TO ORDER:**

- Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

- February subcommittee minutes approved as amended (to be brought as amended to the next meeting for the members not present at the sub-committee).

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

- None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Use of action minutes approved for future meetings
- White paper (that compiles the rates review and issues) discussion (White paper, including footnotes, still under construction and to be ready for the May meeting review) covering rate adjustments needed due to infrastructure costs and declining revenues.

- There were suggestions of requesting that both the City Manager and the Commissioners review the subject.
- FMPA's presentations reviewed including PURPA reform.
- An agenda item to discuss providing solar power to customers through the utility was suggested for a future meeting (OUC is offering to their customers).
- Review of EV draft ordinance. A vote taken to support the crafting of the EV ordinance was approved unanimously.

**REPORTS:**

**Financial Reports** (presented by Wes Hamil)

- Water/Wastewater revenue close to budget forecast, projecting a solid year despite that the usage rates were increased but not the base rates. The type of rate structure also doesn't cover increasing fixed costs even more than is occurring with Electric.
- Electric kwh sold in first six months better than last year at the same time. Decorative lights are at the maximum funds available and any more requests will have to wait until the next fiscal year. A request was made to compare Heating/Cooling days trend over the past years with the graphs for electric sales.

**Water/Wastewater** (presented by David Zusi)

- A future meeting will need to be dedicated to the topic in order for a summary to be presented of all the different things that the Water utility does. The commission has requested a work session on eliminating septic systems.

**Electric** (presented by Dan D'Alessandro)

- A board member requested data on how many poles are still standing throughout the city but there is no data available. A potential position is being requested to have someone hired to verify the GIS data in the field. Questions were also raised regarding the in-home wire protection and surge protection that is handled through a third party. Updates were provided on the projects underway.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:**

- Meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m.