

**CITY OF WINTER PARK
UTILITIES ADVISORY BOARD**

Regular Meeting
500 N. Virginia Ave
Public Safety Community Room

June 26th, 2019
12:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Present: Paul Conway
Lawrie Platt Hall (Vice-Chair)
Richard James (Chair)
Jennifer Lyons
Jack Miles

Absent: Rick Baldocchi
Karim Arja

City of Winter Park Staff: Wes Hamil, Director of Finance
Dan D'Alessandro, Director Electric 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 12:07 pm

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

- Election of Chair and Vice Chair
 - Jack Miles elected as Chairman and Paul Conway elected as Vice-Chair.
- Approval of April and May's minutes
 - April minutes approved
 - May minutes amended and approved as amended.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Presentation by Kenick regarding the home wiring and surge protection services they supply to the utility customers and how they provide them. A request was made for the percentage that is paid to the city.
- Further editing of the white paper on the proposed rate structure. Navid outlined the changes made since the last meeting. The board reviewed each page and made some additional changes

to verbiage and structure of the paper. There was considerable discussion regarding Net Metering. The board asked if a sample bill could be provided for clarification and comparison. A motion was made and accepted unanimously to adopt the paper as amended at the meeting. The City Manager will be consulted next.

REPORTS:

- **Financial Reports** (presented by Wes Hamil)
 - A question regarding the preparation of the annual budget was raised. Wes advised that the preliminary budget has been prepared which includes a ten percent increase in the customer charge for electric. The sale of kilowatt hours is expected to be about the same. Water and Sewer are expected to have the PSC recommended index increase. Wes said he would send out the budget when it was closer to the final.
 - Water and Sewer financials are still on track. Revenues look good and the expenses are in line with expectations. Strong bottom line. Debt service coverage is good.
 - There is no definite correlation between the heating and cooling degree days versus sales. Various other causes could explain the loss of revenue but Wes will provide a breakout of the residential use. The bottom line is negative, fuel was under recovered, plus a rebate had to be given to Rollins college for mistaken billing. Electric capital spending is up slightly so far. Forecast is expected to be a break-even year. Debt service coverage is good.

- **Electric** (presented by Dan D'Alessandro)
 - He was asked to give details regarding the workshop on acquiring more of Duke's service area in Winter Park. Duke has not shown much interest in the possibility and more likely will charge even more than they have in the past for the acquisition. Alternative methods and projected costs are being considered.
 - Justin Isler provided information regarding outages. There were a few due to lightning and tree issues as well as wind events. There was an area that experienced multiple outages due to different causes on subsequent days but BrightHouse was also responsible for part of it.
 - The Fairbanks project has run into some issues including the locations of the storm drains but proceeding well. The current expectation is for the project to possibly be completed in April 2020.

- **Water** – was not present.

- **Sustainability** (presented by Vanessa Balta-Cook)
 - The EV ordinance was presented and approved by the City Commissioners.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

- Meeting adjourned at 2:02 p.m.