

**CITY OF WINTER PARK
UTILITIES ADVISORY BOARD**

Regular Meeting
500 N. Virginia Ave
Public Safety Community Room

July 24th, 2019
12:00 p.m.

MINUTES

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

Absent: none

City of Winter Park Staff: Wes Hamil, Director of Finance
Jennifer Kissel Guittard, Analyst Budget Perf. Measurement
David Zusi, Director of Water & Wastewater Utility
Jason Riegler, Asst. Director of Water & Wastewater Utility
Wayland Paxman, Engineer Water & Wastewater Utility
Dan D'Alessandro, Director Electric Utility
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
Todd Weaver, City Commissioner
Tate Scott, newest U.A.B. member
Robert Dornbush, potential U.A.B. member

CALL TO ORDER:

- Meeting called to order at 12:01 pm

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:

- May minutes signed
- June minutes approved
- Introduction of new Board member Tate Scott
- Introduction of possible new Board member Robert Dornbush

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

- None

REPORTS:

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

- Water/Sewer looking good. 1.412 million bottom line also following last year's trend. Debt service coverage comparable with last year. Revenues up a little. Sales in terms of thousands of gallons 4.51 million a little higher than last year. Costs within budget. Investment earnings will wash out in the end.
 - Electric sales averaging at about 430 million kwh versus 425 million kwh projected. Sales in dollars close to target as are expenses. Spending on undergrounding slightly ahead of budget. Bottom line is a bit better than was seen in May. Fuel cost under recovered at \$391,000.
 - * Info was added segregating residential and non-residential sales. Heating and Cooling degree days are not quite tracking with commercial sales.
 - The third payment to Duke Energy for the Ravaudage area is about to be paid.
- **Water** (present by David Zusi) The rooftop solar for the water plant has been approved by the City. A visit has been made to the plant to determine how much can be generated. He offered for the board to have a meeting at the plant once the installation was in place so they could see it.
 - **Electric** (Presented by Dan D'Alessandro and Justin Isler) The question of how to get more of the residents to underground was raised and discussed. Project G is halted until required DOT training for working around rail lines is accomplished. Further undergrounding along Denning is planned. Generally undergrounding has been challenging this past year. Regarding outages; there was a high wind event that caused a lot of outages as trees were pushed or fell into the lines. Even though the work was thought to have been done at nightfall a lightning strike that weakened a line caused an outage the next day when the line fell.
A breaker that had to be, was replaced, at the Canton substation after considerable cost and wait for the replacement. Duke has a new program with the state to underground areas that have poor reliability and some of the city may fall under the program.

NEW BUSINESS:

Heating/Cooling degree days: *Paul Conway made several observations regarding the Heating and Cooling degree days and requested comments which elicited further information from the FMPA representative. He requested a sub-committee (of Paul Conway, Richard James, Dan D'Alessandro, Jerry Warren [an outside consultant], Wes Hamil, Tate Scott and Robert Dornbush [if he is assigned to the Board] be formed to discuss the subject. Lawrie Platt-Hall asked if the trend of energy conservation could be projected to show the rate of reduction in usage over the last ten years to determine future consumption.

White paper: The amended white paper was reviewed for the changes requested at June's meeting, slight changes were made. Further discussion revolved around a possible cost of service study and a work session with the Mayor and Commissioners regarding the paper.

An amendment to expand the meeting time from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. was raised and approved.

Solar Bills: Several redacted bills from solar customers were presented as examples of the billing process. Wes Hamil explained the information on the bills as to what was credited and billed. The board does not believe that a change is necessary in net metering at this time.

Septic tanks: David Zusi brought a Power Point presentation that had previously been shared with the Commission during a work session. There are over 5,000 septic tanks within the city's system and over a 1,000 within the city. The presentation included how a septic tank system works, a map of the entire service area and what areas are served by septic. Some customers would like to get away from the septic tanks but the cost is expensive, especially if it has to be contracted out. The state only provides a very small grant to assist with the costs. Studies were done on the lakes to determine the impact of the septic tanks on the water quality but it is a very small to negligible impact. Discussion ensued as to whether the sewer system should be expanded but few customers would be interested in paying for their share of the cost to switch over.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

- Meeting adjourned at 3:13 p.m.