



# Minutes

DEPARTMENT of PUBLIC UTILITIES  
ADMINISTRATION

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**Salt Lake City  
Public Utilities Advisory Committee  
Minutes  
January 26, 2017**

The Public Utilities Advisory Committee meeting was held at 7:30 a.m. on January 26, 2017 at the Public Utilities Main Conference Room, 1530 South West Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah 84115. Committee members present were Roger Player, Ted Boyer, Kent Moore, Sydney Fannesbeck, and Lynn Hemingway. Committee members Colleen Kuhn and Ted Wilson were excused from the meeting. Salt Lake City Public Utilities employees present were Laura Briefer, Jesse Stewart, Kurt Spjute, Carly Castle, and Janine Calfo. Also in attendance were Rusty Vetter, Salt Lake City Attorney's Office; Nathan Zaugg, Corollo Engineering; and Mike Wilson, Metropolitan Water District.

## **Welcome and Introductions**

Ted Boyer made mention that there be a resolution to recognize Tom Ward for his service to the PUAC, as he has left the Salt Lake City Public Utilities to become director of Sandy City Public Utilities. Sydney Fannesbeck moved and Roger Player seconded.

## **Approve Minutes of December 8, 2016 Meeting**

Committee member Roger Player moved and Committee member Kent Moore seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2016 meeting, as submitted. All members present voted aye.

## **Financial Report - Kurt Spjute**

Kurt Spjute presented the Department's financial report. Budget issues will include significant sewer utility projects such as infrastructure and nutrient removal work at the Water Reclamation Facility, and upgrades to the sewer collection system.

Kurt reported that the Water Fund will be out of debt by next year. Delinquent receivables have dropped considerably at 2.2 percent of total accounts receivable. All operation funds are spending below budget.

## **Budget Process and PUAC Budget Subcommittee for FY 2017-2018 Public Utilities Budget – Kurt Spjute**

Kurt asked the members of the PUAC to choose members to serve on the Budget Subcommittee. He explained the process and timeline required for the sub-committee. Kent Moore, Ted Boyer, Roger Player, and Ted Wilson offered to serve on the committee.

## **Watershed Issues at the Utah Quality Growth Commission – Laura Briefer**

Laura Briefer attended a Quality Growth Commission meeting in July of last year. The Commission discussed state law that grants cities' extraterritorial jurisdiction to manage their municipal watersheds. Salt Lake City's watershed regulations are related to protecting the water resources from pollution. The focus of the Quality Growth Committee meeting was on Salt Lake City and whether or not to eliminate or limit the City's extraterritorial jurisdiction. Several newspaper articles that had been written on this issue were distributed to the PUAC members.

The issues raised by the Quality Growth Commission were water rights issues rather than watershed issues. Laura reported that she invited the Quality Growth Commission to tour Public Utilities facilities and watersheds to gain a better understanding of Salt Lake City's water resource management.

## **2017 Legislative Session – Rusty Vetter, Carly Castle**

Carly Castle distributed a list of bills that are currently being discussed during this legislative session that are related to water interests, and

Lynn Hemingway mentioned that Joel Briscoe has spent time with Public Utilities and is very supportive.

Laura spoke about Senator Jani Iwamoto's bill that would allow public water suppliers to apply for instream water rights. This could be an opportunity manage water rights in an integrated management frame. Some parties are concerned about municipalities who are using water rights to acquire more water.

## **Final Comments – Laura Briefer**

Laura informed the Committee of the Utah Water Users Workshop taking place in St. George in March. Public Utilities typically offers to pay for registration for members who are interested in attending. Interested members can contact Janine Calfo.

## **Meeting Adjourned at 8:31 a.m.**

**Next meeting will be Thursday, February 23, 2017**

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