



Minutes

DEPARTMENT of PUBLIC UTILITIES
ADMINISTRATION

**Salt Lake City
Public Utilities Advisory Committee
Minutes
February 23, 2017**

The Public Utilities Advisory Committee meeting was held at 7:30 a.m. on February 23, 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 Colleen Kuhn. Salt Lake City Public Utilities employees present were Laura Briefer, Jesse Stewart, Marian Rice, Kurt Spjute, Derek Velarde, Dale Christensen, Sybilla Dalton, Jason Brown, Karryn Greenleaf and Janine Calfo. Also in attendance were Nate Salazar, Salt Lake City Council; Nathan Zaugg, Corollo Engineering; Donald Champenois, AECOM; Trevor Lindley, Brown and Caldwell; Keith Larson, Bowen and Collins; and Mike Wilson, Metropolitan Water District.

Welcome and Introductions

Kent Moore moved and Roger Player seconded a motion to make Ted Boyer as the Chair of the PUAC. Roger Player nominated and Kent Moore seconded a motion to make Colleen Kuhn the Vice-Chair. All members present voted aye to approve appointments.

Approve Minutes of January 26, 2017 Meeting

Committee member Roger Player moved and Committee member Sydney Fannesbeck seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2017 meeting, as submitted. All members present voted aye.

Financial Report - Kurt Spjute

Kurt Spjute presented the Department's financial report. The Bond Rating for Public Utilities came back from Moody's as AA1 and S & P as AAA. This is the same rating the Department had previously.

Kent Moore asked how much in new bonds will be issued. Kurt explained that we will be picking up about \$84 million in new bonds.

PUAC Budget Subcommittee Report – Ted Boyer

The subcommittee received the preliminary budget proposal. Ted Boyer mentioned that the accounting practices that are currently being used offset capital improvement costs, even though those costs won't be paid until future years. This would require large and constant rate increases until projects are completed. Management and staff are working to change the practice to show only current capital costs.

To accommodate large capital projects, sewer and water rate increases are needed may. It is unclear what the magnitude of the increases will be until the accounting issues are resolved. The next meeting PUAC Budget Subcommittee will be held on March 21st. Laura has retained a public relations firm to address public outreach regarding potential rate increases.

Customer Service Division Overview – Sybilla Dalton

Sybilla gave a short synopsis of what the Customer Service Department provides. A PowerPoint presentation outlined the number of calls taken, bankruptcies and write offs, the number of families assisted with Project Water Assist and Customer Service Survey results.

Sybilla included a hand out of comments regarding customer service that have been received by the Department.

Legislative Update – Rusty Vetter, Carly Castle

Laura Briefer gave an update on bills submitted that affect water policy during this year's legislative session.

Northwest Quadrant Overview – Jason Brown and Derek Velarde

Derek Velarde discussed the role of Public Utilities for the Northwest Quadrant. He gave an overview of the draft Drainage Master Plan and flood plain analysis.

Kent Moore asked if the Department has had discussions with the property owners about building the drainage correctly the first time. Derek has met with the owners and is working on moving the development plan to include designs that look toward the further buildout in the future.

Closed Session under Utah Code 52-4-205

Committee member Kent Moore moved and Sydney Fannesbeck seconded a motion to enter into closed meeting for the purpose of discussing the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property when public discussion of the transaction would disclose the appraisal or estimated value of the property under consideration or prevent the public body from completing the transaction on the best possible terms pursuant to Utah Code Section 52-4-205(1)(d).

In Attendance: Roger Player, Ted Boyer, Kent Moore, Sydney Fannesbeck, and Colleen

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Kuhn. **Absent:** Ted Wilson and Lynn Hemmingway

The closed session adjourned, and the regular meeting was called back into session at 8:50 a.m. No additional business was discussed, and the regular meeting was adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

The next PUAC meeting will be Thursday, March 23, 2017 at 7:30 a.m at Salt Lake City Department of Public Utilities Administration Building.

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