



# Minutes

DEPARTMENT of PUBLIC UTILITIES  
ADMINISTRATION

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**Salt Lake City  
Public Utilities Advisory Committee  
Minutes  
April 26, 2018**

The Public Utilities Advisory Committee meeting was held at 7:30 a.m. on April 26, 2018 at the Salt Lake City Department of Public Utilities, 1530 South West Temple, Salt Lake City, UT 84115. Committee members present were Colleen Kuhn, Lynn Hemmingway, Ted Boyer, Roger Player, Sydney Fannesbeck, Kent Moore, and Ted Wilson. Salt Lake City Public Utilities employees present were Laura Briefer, Jesse Stewart, Rusty Vetter, Kurt Spjute, Mark Christensen, Jason Brown, Stephanie Duer, Carly Castle, Marian Rice, Jason Draper, Holly Mullen and Janine Calfo. Also in attendance were Will Peterson, AECOM; Nate Salazar, Mayor's Office; Sam Owen, City Council Office; James Dixon, Carollo Engineering; Jeff Silvestrini, Mayor of the City of Millcreek; and Karen Nichols, HDR.

## **Welcome and Introductions**

Committee Chair Colleen Kuhn and Public Utilities Director Laura Briefer welcomed the attendees.

## **Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting (March 22, 2018)**

Mr. Ted Wilson moved and Committee member Mr. Ted Boyer seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the March 22, 2018 meeting. All members present voted aye.

## **Financial Report – Mark Christensen, Finance Administrator**

Public Utilities Finance Administrator Mark Christensen presented the Public Utilities' financial report. A copy of Mr. Christensen's presentation is attached.

Water Sales are up by \$1.8 million and Sewer sales are up \$6.1 million, primarily due to rate increases. All operations are below budget and on target. The budget process went well for the City Council. The City Council will hold public hearings on May 15th and June 8th. Public Utilities will send out a post card to customers to inform them of the public hearings and more information on the rate increases. The rate study is getting close to finalization.

## **Public Engagement 101 – Holly Mullen, Public Engagement and Communications**

Public Utilities Public Engagement and Communications Manager, Holly Mullen, made a presentation of Public Engagement 101. A copy of Ms. Mullen's presentation is attached.

Ms. Mullen is filling a new position that was created last August. She came from Mayor Biskupski's office, where she filled a communication position for the first 18 months of the term.

Holly is bringing the Public Utilities message to several different platforms that include social media, making sure to reach as many people in as many communities as possible.

Mr. Wilson mentioned that the rate process this year had more engagement by the public than previous processes. The by-product was a lot of understanding of the Department by a larger group of constituents.

Ms. Sydney Fannesbeck asked about high density neighborhoods (like the Capital District and The Avenues) and consideration of new growth by the City Council. Ms. Fannesbeck would like to know that the growth impact is on the existing system and the current capacity limit. Her concern is related to current homeowners that are opening their homes for extra occupants. Mr. Wilson mentioned that there are ordinances that exist regarding occupancy of structures. Director Briefer indicated that Public Utilities does review capacity for all new multiple occupancy structures that are built.

Mr. Wilson asked Ms. Briefer to come up with a draft letter regarding Public Utilities future plans on growth for consideration at the next PUAC meeting.

**Northwest Quadrant Status –  
Jason Draper, Development Review Manager/Floodplain Manager**

Public Utilities Development Review Manager, Jason Draper, presented the status of development efforts in the Northwest Quadrant of Salt Lake City. A copy of Mr. Draper's presentation is attached.

Mr. Boyer asked if the lake pumps in the area have been turned on recently. It was noted that they were not used, but that they are maintained. Ms. Fannesbeck voiced a concern about water levels and compromising the infrastructure that will be built in the area. Mr. Draper replied that there are requirements to fill three to four feet of fill to raise the property for the new structures. The prison is scheduled to open in early 2020.

Ms. Briefer mentioned that there has been discussion about the landfill and the probability of an Inland Port in that area. There will be intensive State oversight of the project.

Mr. Draper also showed a short three minute video prepared by a real estate agency regarding their vision for the inland port.

**Wrap-up of 2018 Legislative Session –  
Carly Castle, Special Projects Manager**

Public Utilities Public Special Projects Manager, Carly Castle, presented a wrap-up of the 2018 legislative session. A copy of Ms. Castle's presentation is attached.

Ms. Castle gave a synopsis of the bills that were considered and what the current status is. All but one bill impacting Public Utilities presented failed this session. Four of the bills will continue into the interim legislative session. Ms. Briefer is hoping that the interim legislative session will allow more conversation and better outcomes on these bills.

Ms. Briefer proposed a legislative sub-committee of the PUAC for the interim legislative session. Meeting of a special session for the inland port has been promised.

### **Other Business**

Ms. Briefer thanked everyone who worked on the budget and legislative session.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:06 a.m.**  
**Next meeting will be held on May 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m.**

