



Minutes

DEPARTMENT of PUBLIC UTILITIES
ADMINISTRATION

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

The Public Utilities Advisory Committee meeting was held at 7:30 a.m. on October 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, Lynn Hemingway and Sydney Fannesbeck. Salt Lake City Public Utilities employees present were Laura Briefer, Jesse Stewart, Holly Mullen, Rusty Vetter, Marian Rice, Jason Brown, Kurt Spjute, Jason Draper, and Karryn Greenleaf. Also in attendance were Nathan Zaugg, Carollo Engineering; Trevor Lindley, Brown and Caldwell; Keith Larson and Mike Collins, Bowen Collins; Lehua Weaver, Salt Lake City Council; Will Peterson, AECOM; Jeff Silvestrini, Millcreek; and Mike DeVries, Metropolitan Water District.

Welcome and Introductions

Committee Chair Ted Boyer and Public Utilities Director Laura Briefer welcomed the attendees.

Approve Minutes of September 28, 2017 Meeting

Committee member Roger Player moved and Committee member Kent Moore seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2017 meeting, as submitted. All members present voted aye.

Financial Report - Kurt Spjute, Finance Administrator

Public Utilities Finance Administrator Kurt Spjute presented the Public Utilities' financial report. A copy of Kurt's presentation is attached. Laura mentioned the comprehensive rate study and the Rate Advisory Committee, which is composed of more than 30 stakeholders from different backgrounds giving input into different rate structure scenarios. The next Rate Advisory Committee meeting will be in November.

Committee Chair Ted Boyer asked if there were many complaints about the increase in sewer charges and if the economic impact was too severe. Kurt mentioned that some of the non-profit entities have been concerned.

Flood Plain Management in Salt Lake City - Jason Draper, SLC Flood Plain Administrator

Public Utilities Engineer and Flood Plain Administrator Jason Draper gave a presentation regarding flood plain management (attached). Jason explained the different types of flooding, how flood plains are defined, and where the different flood zones are in Salt Lake City. Since 1983, Salt Lake City has joined the National Flood Insurance Program regulatory program. Flood Insurance Rate Maps were updated in 2012.

Committee Chair Ted Boyer asked a question regarding the elevation of the road being constructed in the Northwest Quadrant for the new prison. Jason noted that the road is located in the floodplain and will need to be placed at the correct elevation to meet flood plain requirements. Committee member Sydney Foncesbeck asked about building codes with regard to floodplains, specifically buildings such as East High School that were flooded during the July flood event. East High School was flooded during the event, but is not located in the flood plain.

Public Utilities Project Delivery System - Jason Brown, Chief Engineer

Public Utilities' Chief Engineer Jason Brown gave a presentation (attached) describing the system that is being used to manage and track Public Utilities' capital projects.

Jason explained that each project manager can track the projects through an automated system. Individual project engineers are giving feedback to streamline the service. Jason gave a handout that is a sample of a project status report.

A question was asked as to whether one project manager is assigned to follow each project. Jason responded that we will be using a "cradle to grave" method and that there will be one manager that follows the entire process.

Update on the State Water Right Adjudication in the Salt Lake Valley - Jesse Stewart, Deputy Director

Public Utilities' Deputy Director Jesse Stewart gave an update regarding the ongoing Utah Lake-Jordan River watershed adjudication process (attached). The state Engineer's Office has hired additional staff to make sure that the adjudication keeps moving forward. There are several areas that are currently in different parts of the water right adjudication process. Some of these areas are within the National Forests and involve some additional negotiations.

The Department of Public Utilities and the City Council Office have been sending out some messaging to the public to keep them informed of the process and to help answer their questions.

Other Business

Committee Chair Ted Boyer mentioned watershed protection issues that were recently in the news. Laura provided a brief update about legislative committee meetings where watershed protection was discussed, including at the Water Development Commission and the Commission for the Stewardship of Public Lands. Both committees discussed Salt Lake City's extraterritorial jurisdiction and surplus water agreements. Neither Committee made any decisions on the issue.

The next PUAC meeting will be December 7th, 2017 at 1 PM at Tracy Aviary. This will also be the annual PUAC holiday luncheon.

Closed Session Pursuant to Utah Code Section 52-4-205

SALT LAKE CITY DEPARTMENT of PUBLIC UTILITIES

1530 SOUTH WEST TEMPLE

STREET

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH 84115



Committee member Kent Moore moved and Committee member 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).

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

