



UTILITY BOARD MINUTES

REGULAR HYBRID MEETING

OCTOBER 8, 2024

Note: Due to an error, the video recording of this meeting was not saved, thus these minutes have been drafted from staff recollection of the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Chair Tim O'Connell called the meeting to order at approximately 5:00 pm from a remote location.

Chair Tim O'Connell, Vice Chair Will Quantz, Board Members Meredith Lehr, Craig Olson, Todd White, Steve Milton and Council Liaison Jake Jacobson participated remotely using a video teleconferencing platform by Zoom. Board Member George Marshall was absent.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

There were no public appearances.

REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Utility Board Regular Hybrid Meeting Minutes of September 10, 2024

Motion was made to:

Approve the Utility Board Regular Hybrid Meeting Minutes of September 10, 2024.

Motion approved unanimously.

2. 2025 EMS Rate Discussion/ Recommendation

Finance Analyst Ben Schumacher introduced Angie Sanchez Virnoche and Chase Bozett project consultants with FCS Group. He then presented the proposed EMS rate increases.

The Board discussed the presentation and asked questions of staff

A motion was made to:

Recommend the City Council increase the EMS Utility rate by 1.21% for FY 2025.

Motion approved unanimously.

3. 2025 Water Rate Discussion/ Recommendation

FCS Consultant Angie Sanchez Virnoche presented the proposed Water rate increases.

The Board discussed the presentation and asked questions of staff.

A motion was made to:

Recommend the City Council increase the Water Utility rate by 8.0% for FY 2025.

Motion approved unanimously.

4. 2025 Sewer Rate Discussion/Recommendation

FCS Consultant Angie Sanchez Virnoche presented the proposed Sewer rate increases.

The Board discussed the presentation and asked questions of staff.

Motion was made to:

Recommend the City Council increase the Sewer Utility rate by 4.5% for FY 2025.

Motion approved unanimously.

5. 2025 Stormwater Rate Discussion/Recommendation

FCS Consultant Angie Sanchez Virnoche presented the proposed Stormwater rate increases.

The Board discussed the presentation and asked questions of staff.

Motion was made to:

Recommend the City Council increase the Stormwater Utility rate by 8.0% for FY 2025.

Motion approved unanimously.

6. Long-Term Water Infrastructure Response and Alternatives

Chief of Operations Jason Kintner noted that included in the Utility Board packet for the meeting was the materials presented to the City Council on long-term water infrastructure response and alternatives.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Board reviewed the planning schedule for future meeting agenda items.

The next Utility Board meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:30 pm.