



CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

UTILITY BOARD HYBRID MEETING

Tuesday, February 11, 2025, at 5:00 PM

BOARD MEMBERS:

Tim O'Connell, Chair
Will Quantz, Vice Chair
George Marshall, Meredith Lehr,
Stephen Milton, Craig Olson, and Todd White

LOCATION & CONTACT

Mercer Island Community & Event Center – Zoom Meeting
8236 SE 24th Street | Mercer Island, WA 98040
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MEETING AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL, 5PM

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Utility Board Regular Hybrid Meeting Minutes of October 8, 2024 and January 14, 2025

Recommended Action: Approve Utility Board Regular Hybrid Meeting Minutes of October 8, 2024 and January 14, 2025.

2. Update on Water System Reliability Action Plan

Recommended Action: Receive report. No action necessary.

3. Presentation of Draft Work Plan

Recommended Action: Receive report

OTHER BUSINESS

4. Planning Schedule

5. Next Meeting - March 11, 2025

ADJOURNMENT



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.



UTILITY BOARD MINUTES REGULAR HYBRID MEETING JANUARY 14, 2025

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Vice Chair Will Quantz called the meeting to order at approximately 5:00 pm from a remote location. City of Mercer Island Chief of Operations Jason Kintner conducted roll call.

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

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

There were no public appearances.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Chief of Operations Jason Kintner noted that the Meeting Minutes of the October 8, 2024 Utility Board Meeting were not yet available and will be presented at the February 11, 2025 Meeting.

1. Recology Annual Report Presentation

Chief of Operations Jason Kintner introduced Recology staff, Alissa Campbell, Government and Community Relations Manager and Anthony Brocato, Senior General Manager who presented the Recology Annual Report.

The Board discussed the presentation and asked questions.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chief of Operations Jason Kintner discussed the 2025 planning schedule and work plan. He noted that the draft work plan will be presented at the February meeting.

The next Utility Board meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:49pm



UTILITY BOARD STAFF REPORT

Item (2)
February 11, 2025
Regular Business

AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION

TITLE:	Update on Water System Reliability Action Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only <input type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	Receive report.	

STAFF:	Jason Kintner, Chief of Operations Alaine Sommargren, Deputy Public Works Director Allen Hunter, Utilities Operations Manager
COUNCIL LIAISON:	Jake Jacobson
EXHIBITS:	n/a

SUMMARY

Following the water emergency in April 2023, the City contracted with Confluence Engineering to develop near- and long-term action plans to reduce the risk of future water emergencies. The scope of work includes identifying challenges and potential opportunities (including future capital projects), develop high-priority action plans, and outline implementation steps, costs and timelines.

Unfortunately, in April 2024, the City faced another water emergency along the Seattle Public Utilities Transmission Line, delaying the work and implementation of the draft Action Plans. On Tuesday night, Confluence Engineering and staff will present an update on the Water System Resiliency and Reliability work that began following the Water emergency in April 2023.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Receive report. No action necessary.