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Utility Commission Regular Meeting

Approved Minutes

City Council Chambers | 50 Natoma Street, Folsom CA 95630
April 18, 2023
6:30 PM

Call to Order

Chair Menz called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call

PRESENT: Z. Akhter, L. Ladd, M. Menz, A. Silva, B. Vempati,

ABSENT: A. Ross, T. Widby

STAFF PRESENT: Marcus Yasutake: Environmental & Water Resources Director
Mark Rackovan: Public Works Director
Emma Atkinson: Administrative Assistant, EWR

Business from the Floor

None.

Minutes

Approval of the Minutes of the March 21, 2023, Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Silva motioned to accept the minutes.

Commissioner Ladd seconded the motion.

Motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Akhter, Menz, and Vempati.

ABSENT: Commissioners Ross, Widby.

ABSTAIN: None.

Directors' Reports

Director Rackovan reported that the City is hosting the City Works Day on May 17 at Lions Park, providing an opportunity for elementary school students and the general public to learn about the work of various City departments. On the same day, the American Public Works Association is also hosting a ROADEO competition at the Rodeo grounds where operators from local agencies will demonstrate their skills using construction equipment.

Director Rackovan also announced he will be retiring effective July 31st this year.

Commissioner Menz: Is there any plan to prepare for the various retirements of senior staff that are anticipated during the next few years?

Director Rackovan: Public Works has conducted a succession planning effort through which Senior Civil engineers have participated in rotating Assistant Director responsibilities and in the budget process, so the dept is well positioned and capable of filling retirements. The Community Development department also has qualified personnel to fill the roles of potential retirees. The Parks and Recreation Director is also retiring, and a replacement has been selected.

Director Yasutake: As part of City-wide succession planning, each department has submitted a list of potential retirees to the City Manager. In EWR the current Section Manager is closer to retirement than the Director. There is one confirmed employee who will be retiring within the year, and there are potential candidates for this position within the department.

Director Yasutake reported that a new employee has started in the Utility Maintenance division, so there is just one open position within the department. At the City Council's first meeting in May, the full budget from all departments will be presented.

The Waste Discharge Requirement, associated with closure of the landfill at the current Corporation Yard on Leidesdorff, is expected to be rescinded within the month. This is good news as it removes the burden of regulatory requirements.

Old Business

- **Folsom Water Vision Update:**

Director Yasutake summarized the proposed planning effort for water supplies for the City, including the development of a stakeholder group. This was presented to City Council in February, so the full presentation and discussion is available on the appropriate webcast. Information was also presented to the Planning Commission and the Parks and Recreation Commission. City Council agreed with the stakeholder group approach. They requested that all members of the Utility Commission participate in the stakeholder group, therefore it is proposed that stakeholder group meetings be scheduled to coincide with Utility Commission meetings. It is expected that there will be up to 6 meetings starting in September 2023, and wrapping up by end of following year.

Director Yasutake reported that there are already volunteers to join the stakeholder group from the Planning Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission and City Council. He has also been in contact with various businesses and organizations within the community. Commissioners were invited to reach out to Director Yasutake for further discussion.

New Business

- **Environmental and Water Resources Fiscal Year 2023-24 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Preliminary Budget:**

Director Yasutake explained the funding sources (rate funds and capital funds) used by the department. He then provided detail of four new projects proposed to start in the new fiscal year, and responded to questions from the Commission:

Tower Tank Rehabilitation Project:

Commissioner Menz: Is this an existing tank, or new construction? *Existing.*

Commissioner Vempati: How often do tanks need to be recoated? *It can vary, but usually after about 20 years. It is possible to do spot repairs on the inside or outside. For this tank, due to its condition, it makes more sense to recoat the entire tank.*

Commissioner Menz asked if service will be impacted. *No – work is completed during winter when there is the lowest for water.*

Commissioner Menz: Will they return and complete the outside later? *Work on the inside and outside is completed within the same window. This is the more cost effective approach.*

Water Treatment Plant Caustic Soda System Project:

Commissioner Vempati: What is the typical pH of the water? 8.5.

Basin 4 Sewer Project Phase 2:

No questions

Basin Orangevale Ave and Mountain Oak PS Rehabilitation Project:

No questions

Director Yasutake informed the Commission that he will provide a status update on Fiscal Year 2022-23 CIP projects at the July meeting.

Adjournment

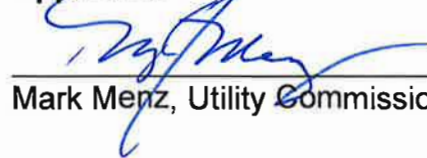
Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:



Emma Atkinson, Administrative Assistant.

Approved:



Mark Menz, Utility Commissioner Chair.