



CITY OF
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Utility Commission Regular Meeting

Approved Minutes

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

Call to Order

Chair Menz called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Roll Call

PRESENT: M. Menz, A. Ross, A. Silva, B. Vempati, T. Widby.
ABSENT: Z. Akhter, L. Ladd,
STAFF PRESENT: Todd Eising: Utilities Section Manager, EWR
Brian Reed: Engineering Manager, Public Works
Emma Atkinson: Administrative Assistant, EWR

Business from the Floor

None.

Minutes

Approval of the Minutes of the June 20, 2023, Regular Meeting.
Commissioner Silva motioned to accept the minutes.
Commissioner Ross seconded the motion.
Motion carried with the following vote:
AYES: Commissioner Menz, Vempati, Widby.
ABSENT: Commissioners Akhter, Ladd.

Directors' Reports

Mr. Brian Reed reported on behalf of Public Works (PW):

- The solid waste scheduled rate increase was implemented on July 1, resulting in most residential customers experiencing a 15% increase in associated charges. Additional increases of 1% and 5% are scheduled for the next 2 years. Mr Reed summarized other increases in solid waste charges.
- The FY 24 budget included 3 new positions (a refuse driver, an environmental specialist and a solid waste manager, which is a new classification). PW is currently recruiting for 2 more refuse drivers (one being the new position identified in the budget, and the second being a limited term position). The FY24

budget also includes three promotional positions to reclassify 3 refuse drivers to senior refuse drivers. These will assist management with training and scheduling.

- It is the 1-year anniversary of the green bin roll out; mandatory organics and recycling carts were recently rolled out in the Lakeside Mobile Home Park. This is the first limited space community to be fully compliant. Work in these communities is an ongoing focus for the recycling team.
- A firm has been selected through RFP to design electric charging infrastructure for Fleet.
- Mark Rackovan 'unretired' last week and will continue as Public Works Director for the next couple of years.

Mr. Todd Eising reported on behalf of Environmental and Water Resources (EWR):

- The Water Treatment Plant's Lead Plant Mechanic has resigned. The position has already been advertised with a closing date next week, and interviews will hopefully be held early in August. The Water Management Coordinator is retiring as of September 1st. Thanks to advance notice of this retirement, final interviews for the replacement have already been completed. EWR is also working towards hiring two new positions which were identified in the rate study and approved in the FY24 budget. These will be Grade 3 operators, with one based in the Water Quality division, and the other in Utility Maintenance, Water division.
- Night work will start next week on a sewer pipeline project along Folsom Boulevard. EWR is working closely with City Communications staff to provide notification to residents about traffic impacts. EWR had hoped the project would coincide with Regional Transit work in the same area to minimize traffic lane closure impacts, but unfortunately Regional Transit had to delay their project until winter when EWR would not be able to complete the sewer project work. EWR is now finalizing details for ongoing work, considering the changes in Regional Transit's project schedule. This is a large project, so updates will be provided at future meetings.
- EWR has received proposals for Water Vision from two consultants. Interviews with both have been completed, and results are being evaluated. EWR anticipates going to council soon for approval for the agreement, and we are looking forward to getting the process going.

New Business

- **Environmental and Water Resources FY 2022/23 Capital Improvement Plan Recap:**

Mr. Eising presented a recap of the CIPs projects from the past fiscal year and responded to questions from the Commissioner.

SECAP project: Commissioner Ross "Will this just be nighttime work or will there also be daytime work?" *Most of it will be completed during the day. The aim is to work long days to limit costs and impacts on traffic.*

Empire Ranch Well Project: Commissioner Widby "Would the golf course be willing to pay for this project?" *If they are then this project might be reinstated.*

Folsom South Control Valve Project: Commissioner Menz "Does the land around Aerojet fall within the City of Folsom? *It is not technically 95630, but we do provide water service to this area.*

WTP Backwash Project: Commissioner Menz "Is there an operational cost saving?" *There isn't a significant cost saving but more significantly, it allows us to recycle 10% of the water, so reducing use of surface water. So, the main advantage is this is maximizing water use.*

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:



Emma Atkinson, Administrative Assistant.

Approved:



Mark Menz, Utility Commissioner Chair.