



Utility Commission Regular Meeting

Approved Minutes

City Council Chambers | 50 Natoma Street, Folsom CA 95630
November 17, 2020
6:30 PM

Pursuant to Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20 and as noticed on the meeting agenda, members of the Utility Commission and staff may participate in this meeting via teleconference.

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

PRESENT: B. Mutchler, D. Kozlowski, T. Widby, D. Groat, M. Moore, R. Hess, T. Rood

STAFF PRESENT: Marcus Yasutake: Environmental and Water Resources Director
Emma Atkinson: Administrative Assistant, EWR

Business from the Floor

None

Minutes

Approval of the Minutes of the October 20, 2020 Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Groat motioned to accept the minutes.

Commissioner Rood seconded the motion.

Motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Mutchler, Kozlowski, Widby, Moore, Hess

Director's Report

Staff Vacancies:

Director Yasutake reported that three current employees are leaving the department before the end of the year. The Water Treatment Plant Supervisor and a Senior Office Assistant are both retiring; these positions have been posted and will close within the next couple of weeks. A Water Management Specialist is moving to a position with Regional Sanitation; this position will be advertised this week.

Utility Commission update:

Due to the timing of appointing and swearing in of City Council members, this is the final meeting for the Utility Commission for this year. There will not be enough Commissioners to have a quorum for meetings in December or January, so the next meeting of the Utility Commission will be in February 2021.

Director Yasutake took this opportunity to thank all who had served on the Commission during the past year. This was reiterated by Chair Mutchler.

The Commission voted to cancel the December 2020 and January 2021 meetings:

Commissioner Rood motioned canceling of the meetings.

Commissioner Kozlowski seconded the motion.

Motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Mutchler, Widby, Groat, Moore, Hess

Old Business

Pinhole Leaks Update:

Director Yasutake presented a summary of the findings of Black and Veatch and Virginia Tech University, relating to the copper pipe pinhole leaks, including the consultant's recommendations and action taken by the City to date. In addition, it was reported that the City Council passed a resolution that waives permit and inspection fees for work associated with pinhole leak repair. Director Yasutake responded to questions from the Commission.

New Business

Wastewater Collections and COVID-19:

Director Yasutake reported that various wastewater agencies are participating in studies that analyze wastewater streams looking for potential correlation with COVID-19 cases experienced in the local area. Regional Sanitation is participating locally as associated samples are usually taken from Wastewater Treatment Plants. This is a relatively new field of study so more information can be brought to the Commission when available.

Director Yasutake reported that City of Folsom employees involved in wastewater collection work have had the opportunity to participate in various webinars hosted by various wastewater agencies that provide training regarding safety, PPE and daily operations. It is noted that, based on the information from these webinars, there have not been any cases of COVID-19 related to work in the wastewater collection industry in this region.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:29pm

Respectfully Submitted:



Emma Atkinson, Administrative Assistant.

Approved:



Bob Mutchler, Utility Commission Chair.