



Utility Commission Regular Meeting

Approved Minutes

City Council Chambers | 50 Natoma Street, Folsom CA 95630
November 16, 2021
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. Groat, T. Widby, Z. Akhter, D. Kozlowski, M. Menz.

ABSENT: A. Silva.

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

Business from the Floor

None

Oath of Office

Commissioner Menz took the oath of office and was welcomed to the Commission.

Minutes

Approval of the Minutes of the October 19, 2021 Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Widby motioned to accept the minutes.

Commissioner Kozlowski seconded the motion.

Motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Groat, Akhter

ABSTAIN: Commissioners Mutchler, Menz

ABSENT: Commissioner Silva

Directors' Reports

Director Yasutake:

- Data on applications received and payments issued for Water Conservation rebates, shows that residents are taking advantage of the rebates on offer. New temporary staff has been hired to help with processing of the rebates.
- Information regarding the Bi-District elections, and opportunities to draw district boundaries, is available on the City Clerk pages of the City website.
- IT / Cyber security is being discussed by the Regional Water Authority. Round table discussions are planned for mid-December, to be attended by FBI and IT staff from member agencies.
- City Council has approved the execution of an agreement to complete a Leak and Loss Detection Survey of the City's water distribution system, to be conducted early next year (2022). Folsom is one of four agencies that will receive Department of Water Resources grant funds which will cover most of the cost of the survey work.
- In response to questions from the Commission:
 - Pinhole leaks update: a Class Action lawsuit is now in the hands of legal teams
 - Impact of the storm: There were no water quality or wastewater issues, and it provided opportunity to monitor use of newly installed parallel pipe on Oak Ave. There was also the positive impact of the additional volume of water into the reservoir.
- Utility Commission December meeting
Commissioner Kozlowski motioned to cancel the December meeting
Commissioner Groat seconded the motion.
Motion carried with the following vote:
AYES: Commissioners Mutchler, Widby, Akhter, Menz
ABSENT: Commissioner Silva

Director Rackovan introduced himself to Commissioners he had not previously met.

Old Business

Solid Waste Rates Update:

Director Rackovan reported that the November 8th public meeting was attended by sixteen residents. There were questions regarding the impact on residents' bills and management of organics, but overall, it was generally understood that changes are due to the state mandate. Information has since been posted on the City website at folsom.ca.us/utilityrates.

Based on feedback from residents, changes to a typical residential bill have been added to the website, and there will be further discussion relating to the introduction of a fee for Household Hazardous Waste pick-up and the option of having a smaller can size available.

The Rate Hearing is scheduled for the December 14th City Council meeting.


Solid Waste has also updated the Garbage Collection Ordinance to incorporate terminology and organics recycling information to be consistent with SB1383 mandates. The first reading of the new 'Waste and Recycling Ordinance' was well received. The second reading is scheduled for the December 14 City Council meeting.

Director Rackovan responded to questions from commission, primarily relating to plans for community outreach to help with educating residents on the new rules for how to deal with waste.

Adjournment

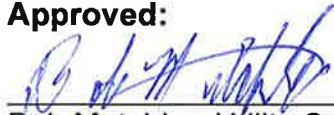
Meeting adjourned at 7:13pm

Respectfully Submitted:



Emma Atkinson, Administrative Assistant.

Approved:



Bob Mutchler, Utility Commission Chair.