



Citizen's Water Advisory Committee
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Citizen's Water Advisory Committee

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Citizen's Water Advisory Committee was called to order by James Barry, Vice Chair, on Wednesday, April 4, 2007, at 7:04 a.m., in the City Information Technology Building, 480 West Paseo Redondo, First Floor, Pueblo Conference Room, Tucson, Arizona.

1. Call to Order

Members Present:

James T. Barry, Vice Chair
Martin M. Fogel
Robert Logan
Evan Canfield
John R. Carhuff
Keith Gentzler
James Horvath
Adam Smith
Daniel J. Sullivan
Sarah T. Evans
Ursula Kramer

Appointed by:

City Manager
Mayor
Ward 4
Ward 6
City Manager
City Manager
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Members Absent:

Frank J. Boyle, Chair
Lori Lustig
Carol Zimmerman
Corina A. Baca

Appointed by:

Ward 3
Ward 1
Ward 2
Ward 5

Others Present:

Tina Lee, Council Administrative Assistant, Ward 2
Holly Lachowicz, Council Administrative Assistant, Ward 3
David Modeer, Tucson Water Department, Director
Marie Pearthree, Tucson Water Department, Deputy Director
Barbara Buus, Tucson Water Department
Bill Richardson, Pima County Wastewater Department
David Cormier, Tucson Water Department
Diane Kusel, Arizona Department of Water Resources

Fernando Molino, Tucson Water Department
Frank Kern, City Attorney's Office
Ilene Grossman, Tucson Water Department
Jackie Gudanowski, Recording Secretary, City Clerk's Office
Jeff Biggs, Tucson Water Department
John O'Hare, Tucson Water Department
John Thomas, Tucson Water Department
Karen Wilson, Pima County Regional Flood Control District
Mitch Basefsky, Tucson Water Department
Pat Eisenberg, Tucson Water Department
Patricia Pittenger, Recording Secretary, City Clerk's Office
Rich Williamson, Red Rock Utilities
Trucynda Hawkins, Tucson Water Department

2. Call to Audience

No one spoke.

3. Approval of Minutes – February 21, 2007, March 7, 2007 and March 9, 2007

It was moved by Committee Member Fogel, duly seconded, and carried by a vote of 11 to 0 to approve the minutes as presented (Chair Boyle, and Committee Members Baca, Lustig and Zimmerman were absent).

4. Director's Report

a. Recent and Upcoming Mayor & Council Items

David Modeer, Tucson Water Director reported:

- At the March 20, 2007, Mayor and Council meeting, there was a Public Hearing on the System Equity Fee increase and the Water Resource Fee. The Mayor and Council vote on the fees will occur at the April 4, 2007 meeting.
- At the March 20, 2007, Mayor and Council meeting, the change in the policy that related to the CWAC terms for the City Manager CWAC appointees was approved by Mayor and Council. Also at that meeting, the implementing ordinance for the Tucson Water Department Drought Preparedness and Response Plan was approved.
- At the March 22, 2007, Environmental, Planning Resources Management Subcommittee meeting the financial plan was presented. The EPRM directed staff to take the financial plan to the full Mayor and Council. An update on Colorado River items and CAP was also given, along with updates on the Drought Plan and the Mineral Outreach Program - Decision H₂O.

- On March 27, 2007, the Mayor and Council approved the acquisition of a parcel located near Thornydale Road and Linda Vista Boulevard for a potable water supply well.
- On April 4, 2007, the Council is requested to approve the transfer of the “Y-5” well site to Pima County for a library in the Town of Marana.
- On April 11, 2007, staff is scheduled to provide the Mayor and Council with an update on the Water Waste Enforcement program
- On April 17, 2007, staff will present the FY 2007-FY 2012 Financial Plan at the Mayor and Council Study Session. At the Regular Session the Mayor and Council will be asked to adopt the plan.
- On April 24, 2007, staff will provide an update on the Reclaimed Water System to the Mayor and Council.

b. Other items of interest

David Modeer, Tucson Water Director reported:

- The paper recently stated that there would be a water crisis in three years, but it is unclear where that information came from. Our understanding is that it may be between five to seven years before a shortage would occur. He would pursue this issue further.

Committee Member Gentzler asked if there was any indication from the Mayor and Council that they had any further interest in the Regionalization Study.

David Modeer stated that he had not heard anything in regards to such a study. The Southern Arizona Leadership Council wanted to continue the discussion on the issue, but he had heard nothing from the Mayor and Council.

- David Modeer stated that there was an initiative petition filed with the City Clerk relating to water service and garbage rates.

5. Proposed FY 2008 Rate Structure

Barbara Buus, Tucson Water Department, gave an overview of the proposed FY 2008 water rate schedule (the CWAC hand-out attached). She stated that this schedule, and its underlying customer class revenue targets developed on a cost of service basis, is contingent on the Mayor and Council’s adoption of the Tucson Water financial plan on April 17 (CWAC approved this plan on March 9). If Council approves the financial plan, particularly the FY 2008 portion of the plan, and if CWAC approves the proposed FY 2008 water rate schedule, the rate schedule and related material will be presented to the Mayor and Council on May 1, 2007. At that time, the Council will be requested to adopt a notice of intention

to increase water rates and schedule a public hearing on the proposed FY 2008 rate schedule.

Discussion followed.

It was moved by Committee Member Carhuff, duly seconded, to approve the FY 2008 class revenue targets and rate schedule as presented.

Vice Chair Barry called for a role call vote.

Upon roll call results were:

Aye: Vice Chair Barry, Committee Members Canfield, Carhuff, Evans, Fogel, Gentzler, Horvath, Kramer, Logan, Smith, Sullivan;

Nay: None

Absent/Excused: Chair Boyle, Committee Members Baca, Lustig, Zimmerman.

Motion passed 11 to 0.

Vice Chair Barry stated that the committee would post a tentative meeting notice on April 18, 2007. Should the Mayor and Council not approve of the plan, CWAC would need to meet on that date. He invited all of the CWAC members to come to the Mayor and Council meeting on April 17, 2007 to watch the results of this meeting.

6. Letter to Mayor and Council, Subject: FY 2007 - FY2012 Financial Plan

It was moved by Committee Member Carhuff, duly seconded to send a letter to Mayor and Council in behalf of CWAC to approve the FY 2007 – FY 2012 Financial Plan.

It was amended by Committee Member Kramer, duly seconded for the letter to strike the reference "For FY 2008, the CWAC recommends that the cost-sharing with other entities on relocations/replacements related to road improvements adhere to historical precedent."

Committee Member Carhuff stated that he agreed to the amendment.

Vice Chair Barry called for a role call vote.

Upon roll call results were:

Aye: Vice Chair Barry, Committee Members Canfield, Carhuff, Evans, Gentzler, Horvath, Kramer, Logan, Smith and Sullivan.

Nay: Committee Member Fogel

Absent/Excused: Chair Boyle, Committee Members Baca, Lustig, Zimmerman.

Motion to send the letter to Mayor and Council with the amendment passed 10 to 1.

7. Community Conservation Task Force

Report was given by Fernando Molina and Evan Canfield.

Discussion followed.

No action was taken.

8. Subcommittee Reports

No reports were given.

9. Call to the Audience

No one spoke.

10. Adjournment 9:00 a.m.

Attachment: Tucson Water: Rate Packet Information