



CITY OF
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND

UTILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2019
5:00 PM
CITY HALL
COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM
280 MADISON AVENUE NORTH
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, WA 98110

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / ACCEPT OR MODIFY AGENDA /
CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE
5:00 PM

CO-CHAIR: ANDY MARON

CO-CHAIR: JEFF KANTER

MEMBERS: CHARLES AVERILL NANCY NOLAN
 STEVE JOHNSON EMILY SATO
 TED JONES

LIAISON: RASHAM NASSAR

2. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES FOR MAY 8, 2019 – 5 MIN.
3. UAC MEMBERSHIP VACANCY – 5 MIN.
4. PREPARATION FOR JUNE 18 COUNCIL STUDY SESSION – 30 MIN.
5. DISCUSSION ABOUT BROADBAND – 10 MIN.
6. DISCUSSION OF SMALL WATER SYSTEM POLICIES – 25 MIN.
7. ADJOURNMENT



Minutes

Committee Members Present: Andy Maron, Jeff Kanter, Co-chairs, Charles Averill, Steve Johnson, Ted Jones, Nancy Nolan, Emily Sato

Also Present: Council Liaison Rasham Nassar, Public Works Director Barry Loveless

The meeting was called to order at 5 p.m.

The meeting minutes of Thursday April 17, 2019 were unanimously accepted.

There was no public comment.

Membership: There are three vacancies available in June. Steve and Ted reapplied. Jeff wants to retire. Andy asked the group to encourage anyone who might be qualified to apply.

Community WiFi: The co-chairs received an email from a citizen complaining that downtown community WiFi has stopped. Barry explained that KPUD, which maintained the system, tried to turn it over to the Bainbridge Chamber of Commerce, which did not want to expend the time and money to maintain. and then to the City which similarly was not interested in the responsibility. KPUD decommissioned the system.

The council Liaison stated that the new City Manager is still working on the broadband project. She will check in with council concerning whether this project is still a priority.

Council Study Session and Periodic Review of Utilities: The UAC's recent recommendation are tentatively scheduled for the Council Study session on June 18th. Barry and Jeff will present information concerning a Fire Code update. Ted Jones will also attend and present his work on periodic review of utilities. Ted distributed copies of a possible review format for the electric utility. He will create a similar spreadsheet for cell phone and cable and direct TV.

There was discussion about possibly gathering citizen input about the utilities through the City Communications Coordinator, Kristen Drew.



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Enviro Issues was hired by Puget Sound Energy to survey the Council. The UAC discussed the importance of the Council setting the agenda for what will be reviewed rather than the utility actually being reviewed. For example, reliability including average interruption duration and frequency of interruptions is essential to any review of PSE even if Enviro Issues does not bring it up.

ETAC Presentation: Representatives Casey Schmidt and Charlie Kratzer of ETAC discussed the addition of two items to the city's 2019-20 budget: Tertiary Treatment and Stormwater Treatment. An RFQ has been issued for consultants to do a study of the current operation of the treatment plant, develop alternatives for tertiary treatment, and review potential costs. Public Works is looking for committee help with better defining objectives and reviewing the consultant's final report and conclusions. Barry will keep both committees informed.

Small Water Systems: Andy distributed an outline of a memo in progress concerning consolidation of small water systems. The future of the Emerald Heights water system was also discussed. A suggestion was made that the City should discuss assisting with their water system, as the City is already providing sewer service to the area.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 pm.

Chair

06/12/19