

**Utility Advisory Committee
February 10, 2021
Zoom Meeting
Minutes**

Committee Members Present: Andy Maron & Ted Jones, co-chairs, Charlie Averill, Sheina Hughes, Nancy Nolan

Also present: Public Works Director Chris Wierzbicki, Councilmember Liaison Rasham Nassar

Absent: Susan Hume, Martin Pastucha

Meeting called to order by Ted Jones at 5:30 p.m. No conflicts of interest were stated.

Minutes of the January 20 meeting were unanimously approved.

Public Works Update:

Chris reported that the City Council at its last meeting, approved the Small Water Systems resolution. The Fire Code update is on the consent agenda for the February 23 meeting, so it is expected to pass.

At the next council meeting, Chris will update the City Council regarding the process for updating the franchise agreement with Puget Sound Energy. The joint Utility Advisory Committee and Climate Change Advisory subcommittee will continue to hold meetings as we go through the process of negotiating the new franchise agreement. The schedule has not yet been determined, but the franchise expires in April 2022, so the City is hoping to have a final draft sometime in the first quarter of 2022. Legal counsel is working on a draft for discussion purposes, which should be ready in about a month, so the committees can likely move forward from there.

The city's new hydrologist will begin work on February 22, working on the groundwater management plan.

Intertie Project:

City and KPUD are working on an intertie between the Rockaway Beach water system and the KPUD system. This is intended for use only in emergency situations.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Esignature Approval

Co-Chair

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