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## Minutes

1. Call to Order / Roll Call / Accept or Modify Agenda / Conflict of Interest Disclosure  
5:00 pm  
Present:  
    Co-Chairs: Jeff Kanter  
    Members: Charles Averill, Ted Jones, Steve Johnson, Emily Sato,  
    Council Rep: Rasham Nassar  
Absent:  
    Andy Maron, Nancy Nolan, Barry Loveless
2. Acceptance of Minutes from February 27, March 7 and March 14 with no corrections.
3. Public Comment: None.
4. Report on FCS Rate Study Presentation to Council. Jeff, Ted and Rasham had attended. Council member Sarah Blossom questioned how commercial sewer rates had gotten so out of balance in ten years such that they would need nearly 20 percent increases for the next three years. At the Council meeting the consultants said they did not believe that the prior analysis took into account the biological loading at the sewer plant which is higher for commercial waste. Jeff showed in our meeting that the proposed commercial sewer rates are only slightly higher than for an equivalent volume from residential users. We agreed Jeff would send a supplemental memo to the Council explaining that. Further it was discussed that commercial is a broad category. If the City were to break it down into more groups, say separating offices from food establishments, the increase would be even higher for restaurants than what is proposed.
5. Report on CCAC/UAC meeting. Council members Joe Deets, Matt Tierman and Leslie Schneider met with Steve Johnson and CCAC members about how to approach the PSE franchise agreement preparation. Those present did not believe that the City is limited to right-of-way issues in the negotiation. It was proposed that a joint subcommittee be established on the PSE periodic review. From UAC, Steve and Ted volunteered. We believe Nancy may be interested as well. We discussed the role of the WA UTC in regulating PSE. Steve explained that UTC has sent people to community meetings in the past on a variety of topics, not just rates.
6. Finalize Heightened Review memo for Council. Several UAC members felt that we should dive in full force on three utilities at once. PSE needs to start and will take a long time. Members felt that we should propose a slower start on cable and cell phone utilities since the technology and the markets are changing rapidly. Since the group has never studied these before, there is a steep learning curve. We will need to do some self-educating before we make progress on them. Ted will revise the memo accordingly.



7. Review of 2019 Work Plan. Jeff led the discussion.

- a Rate Study for Sewer and Water. Nearing conclusion. Council has heard recommendation and is planning outreach through notices to rate payers and hearings.
- b Small Water System. Andy and Nancy are working on it.
- c Heighted Review. Revised memo to Council to be presented at next UAC meeting.
- d Storm water. Council approved a \$100k placeholder in the budget for a study.
- e Sewer. Council has approved a similar placeholder for a study of tertiary treatment.
- f Capital Investment Program. We have reviewed that several times with Barry.

Rasham noted that d) and e) were both proposed by Council member Ron Peltier during the budget discussions and are also assigned to ETAC. Ron had also had discussions with managers of the Governor's Orca Task Force. UAC discussed having a joint strategy meeting with ETAC. They meet 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays from 3-5. Next one is 18 April. Rasham is liaison to ETAC too. Jeff will consult ask ETAC if their chairman can come to our 8 May meeting.

8. Adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Co-Chair

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