

UTILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING
MAY 12, 2021
ZOOM MEETING

Minutes

Committee Members Present: Ted Jones, Andy Maron, Charles Averill, Susan Hume, and Sheina Hughes

Others Present: Chris Wierzbicki (COBI Public Works Director), and Chris Gonzalez (FCS Group)

Members Absent: Martin Pastucha, Nancy Nolan

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM and the agenda reviewed. The Chair asked for any conflict-of-interest disclosures, and none were disclosed.

Minutes

No minutes were presented.

Ferncliff Water Main Extension

The memo prepared by FCS group was presented to the committee for review and discussion. The memo presented options for the Ferncliff water extension and preliminary order of magnitude costs. The discussion of the committee focused on the option for construction (Alternative A or B) and the cost recovery from the benefiting parcels. The presentation covered the options for cost recovery through the following methods.

- A. Local Facilities Charge
- B. Monthly Water Rate Surcharge
- C. System Participation Fee (SPF)
- D. Monthly Water Rates
- E. Hybrid Approach

The committee discussion focused on the options for cost recovery and where to assign the burden of recovery. The committee recommend that the consultant provide some additional information on the options and review what other utility providers were doing to recover costs. The discussion concluded with a general agreement that the cost recovery was going to be a compromise between benefiting parcels paying full cost or the City paying full cost, however no recommendation was made regarding the percentage.

Wastewater Treatment Plant

The Public Works Director, Chris Wierzbicki, presented the Murraysmith memo that will be presented to council.

The memo provided background on the following:

- The results of the sampling and analysis of the industrial/commercial dischargers to the Winslow wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) indicated that they were not contributing significantly and therefore it was not necessary to require pretreatment at this time. Continued monitoring is required.
- Contaminants of Emergent Concern (CEC) at the Winslow WWTP were reviewed. There are no near-term plans to enforce regulation on CEC removals. However, these requirements will be difficult to implement at the Winslow WWTP and be costly from a construction and operating/maintenance costs.
- The priority to meet new nutrient removal requirements at the Winslow WWTP. The plant is approaching design capacity and will need to be re-rated (???) in the next few years
- The Winslow WWTP will have to meet new nutrient reduction regulation that become effective in late 2021.

Chris to recommend focus on the capacity based on Murraysmith recommendations.

The committee focused on the perceived changes in capacity in 1990's vs 2008 vs now. Improvements in 2009-10 were supposed to create capacity for 20 years. but we appear to be there 10 years. The committee asked for background on the reason for the perceived capacity changes.

Public Works Update

A) Water Model Update/New Tank

Model results are suggesting some additional fire flow upgrades. One of these upgrades is Wyatt Way near the traffic circle construction. The water main extension will be completed on northside of Wyatt prior to final paving.

B) PSE Franchise Meeting

Link on the Bainbridge Island Homepage for upcoming meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:35 PM.

E-signature Approval

Co-Chair

7/14/21