PUBLIC UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES, NEW MEXICO

Monday, May 18, 2009

REGULAR MEETING
Minutes

TIME & PLACE: The Public Utility Advisory Board of the City of Truth or Consequences, New Mexico, in the County of Sierra, and State of New Mexico, met in Regular Session in full conformity with the Law and Ordinances of said Board, at the Commission Chambers of said City, on Monday the 18th day of May, 2009 at 5:30 P.M.

PRESIDING OFFICER: The meeting was called to order by Alvin Siffring, Chairman and Ellen Lindsey acted as Secretary.

ATTENDANCE: Upon calling the roll the following members were reported present:

Alvin Siffring, Chairman
Mike Potia, Member
James Hunt, Member
Al Wilkinson, Member

Also Present:

Bernadine Garcia, Utility Office Manager
Dwaine Solana, Building Inspector
Ellen Lindsey, Deputy City Clerk

Absent Was/Were:

Bill Jacka, Vice Chairman

QUORUM: There being a quorum present the Board proceeded with the business at hand.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Alvin Siffring, Chairman called for approval of the Agenda.

“James Hunt moved approval of the Agenda as submitted.”

Seconded by Mike Potia
Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Alvin Siffring, Chairman called for review and approval of minutes of the Regular meeting held Monday, March 16, 2009.

“Al Wilkinson moved approval of the minutes of the Regular meeting held Monday, March 16, 2009 as submitted.”

Seconded by James Hunt
Motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None.

SUMMARY REPLAT – ASHBAUGH CONSTRUCTION, CO., INC: Dwaine Solana approached the podium and stated this request went before the Planning & Zoning Commission at their regular meeting of May 5th and that Commission approved the summary replat and stated there doesn’t seem to be any utilities in that area and the application meets all of the requirements. He stated staff recommends approval of this summary replat.
Discussion ensued.

“James Hunt moved approval of the Summary Replat submitted by Ashbaugh Construction, Co., Inc.”

Seconded by Mike Potia
Motion carried with Members Siffring, Hunt, Potia & Wilkinson voting aye.

SUMMARY
REPLAT: BARTOO
SAND & GRAVEL, INC:

Dwaine Solana stated this request also went before the Planning & Zoning Commission at their regular meeting of May 5th and that Commission approved the summary replat and stated there doesn’t seem to be any utilities in that area and the application meets all of the requirements. He stated staff recommends approval of this summary replat.

Discussion ensued.

“Mike Potia moved approval of the Summary Replat submitted by Bartoo Sand & Gravel, Inc.”

Seconded by James Hunt
Motion carried with Members Siffring, Hunt, Potia & Wilkinson voting aye.

CONSERVATION
STUDY:

No action taken.

FINANCIAL
REPORT:

Bernadine Garcia, Utility Office Manager went over the Electric and Water Utility Operating Report.

Ms. Garcia stated that the billing was changed to have electric rate and then the pass-through rate, which used to be combined, and it was separated. She stated this has caused a lot of issues in the Utility Office because people don’t understand what the pass-through rate is. She stated she doesn’t remember if it was the Utility Board that made the recommendation to split it up or if it was just the City Commission that said to split it up, but she remembers that Lola Polley wanted it broken up.

She stated she didn’t know if that is an issue for the Utility Board to think about putting it back as one line item on the bill because it does confuse a lot customers and trying to explain what the difference is and explaining what a pass-through rate is, is difficult for her office staff. She stated it’s something to think about, if this board wants to leave it the same way, it can be done, it’s not an issue, it’s just trying to make life easier for the customer reading the bill.

Alvin Siffring stated he thinks the suggestion for the pass-through being on a separate line item came from this board as he remembers.

Discussion ensued.

It was the consensus of the Board to leave the pass-through as a separate line item on the billing.

Ms. Garcia stated there has been a proposal from the Sanitation Supervisor Leonard Carrillo that some businesses are going to be put on poly carts and the rates will change for those who get the poly carts. She stated Mr. Carrillo will be taking this to the City Manager for his comments and then it will come to this Board and then to the City Commission depending upon approval.

Discussion ensued with no action taken.
ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Public Utility Advisory Board Alvin Siffring, Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

APPROVAL: PASSED AND APPROVED this 15 day of June, 2009, on motion duly made by Michael Potter, seconded by Bill Jackson, and carried.

Alvin Siffring, Chairman
Public Utility Advisory Board