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

Monday, November 16, 2015  

Action Minutes  

REGULAR MEETING  

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, in the City Commission Chambers of said City, on Monday the 16th day of November 2015 at 5:30 P.M.  

PRESIDING OFFICER: The meeting was called to order by George Szigeti, Chairman, and Angela A. Torres acted as Secretary.  

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

George Szigeti, Chairman  
Jeff Dornbush, Vice-Chairman  
Alvin Siffring, Member  

Absent:  

Jan Bennett, Member  

Also Present:  

Juan Fuentes, City Manager  
Boaz Easley, Electric Division  
Christina Bruch, Electric Administrative Assistant  
Traci Burnette, Water/Wastewater Administrative Assistant  
Jesus Salayandia, Water/Wastewater Director  
Andy Alvarez, Sanitation Director  
Sarah Garduno, Engineers Inc.  
Angela A. Torres, Deputy City Clerk  

QUORUM: There being a quorum present the Board proceeded with the business at hand.
APPROVAL OF AGENDA: George Szigeti, Chairman, called for approval of the Agenda.

"Alvin Siffring, moved approval of the Agenda as submitted."

Seconded by Jeff Dornbusch
Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: George Szigeti, Chairman, called for review and approval of minutes of the Regular meeting held Monday, September 21, 2015.

"Alvin Siffring moved approval of the minutes of the Regular meeting held Monday, September 21, 2015 as submitted."

Seconded by Jeff Dornbusch
Motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None.

CONCERNS REGARDING UTILITY BILLS: Discussion: Concerns Regarding Utility Bills; Ellen Evans:
Item postponed due to the absence of Ms. Evans.

REPLACEMENT OF UTILITY POLES: Discussion/Update: Replacement of Utility Pole on Southwest Corner of Cedar & Riverside – Boaz Easley, Electric Division Director:

Boaz Easley, Electric Division Director, and Christina Bruch, Electric Administrative Assistant reviewed their Power Point presentation with the Board regarding Utility Poles that are in need of replacement within various areas of the city.

Mr. Easley explained that an RFP is not required for the replacement of the poles.
ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT UPDATE:

Discussion/Update: Electric Department - Boaz Easley, Electric Division Director:

Boaz Easley, Electric Division Director gave a brief overview of the operations in the Electric Department.

Discussion ensued with no action taken.

WATER CONSERVATION PLAN UPDATE:

Discussion/Update: Water Conservation Plan - Sarah Garduno, Engineers Inc.:

Sarah Garduno, Engineers Inc. briefly reviewed the Water Conservation Plan with the Board which included:

Post Water Usage
Existing Water Conservation Efforts
Local Conditions
Data Collection
Assessing the PWS Performance
Setting Water Grids
Public Involvement, Education & Outreach

Discussion ensued with no action taken.

WATER/WASTE WATER DEPT. UPDATE:

Discussion/Update: Water/Wastewater Department - Jesus Salayandia, Water/Wastewater Director

Jesus Salayandia, Water/Wastewater Director, gave a brief overview of the operations in the Water and Wastewater Department.

Traci Burnette, Water/Wastewater Administrative Assistant gave a brief overview of various grants that are currently in the works.

Discussion ensued with no action taken.

SOLID WASTE DEPT. UPDATE:

Discussion/Update: Solid Waste Department; Andy Alvarez, Sanitation Director

Andy Alvarez, Sanitation Director gave a brief overview of the operations in the Sanitation Department.

Discussion ensued with no action taken
Discussion/Action: Public Utility Advisory Board Vacancy

The Board asked that this item be postponed until the next meeting so that both applicants can be present.

Jeff Dornbusch asked that Usage of Gray Water be added to next month's agenda.

Chairman George Szigeti asked that Electric Rates for Economic Development be added to next month's agenda as well.

None.

There being no further business to come before the Public Utility Advisory Board, Alvin Siffring, Chairman, declared the meeting adjourned.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 21st day of December, 2015, on motion duly made by Alvin Siffring, seconded by Jeff Dornbusch, and carried.

George Szigeti, Chairman
Public Utility Advisory Board