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

Tuesday, February 16, 2016

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 Tuesday the 16th day of February 2016 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 Dornbusch, Vice-Chairman
Alvin Siffing, Member
Grant Montgomery, Member
Ron Pacourek, Member

Also Present:

Juan Fuentes, City Manager
Jesus Salayandia, Water/Wastewater Director
Boaz Easley, Electric Division Director
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.

Chairman George Szigeti asked for a moment of silence for the passing of former Board Member Jan Bennett.
"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 Tuesday, January 19, 2016.

"Jeff Dornbusch moved approval of the minutes of the Regular meeting held Tuesday, January 19, 2016 as submitted."

Seconded by Alvin Siffring
Motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:
None.

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, which included new additions to the ICIP projects, Sierra Vista Hospital project, T & D Transformers, the Veterans Center Project, and the Municipal Schools Project.

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 and maintenance in the Water and Wastewater Department.

Discussion ensued with no action taken.
SOLID WASTE DEPT. UPDATE: Discussion/Update: Solid Waste Department; Andy Alvarez, Sanitation Director:

There was no report regarding the Solid Waste Department.

ELECTRIC RATE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Discussion Recommendation: Electric Rate for Economic Development; George Szigeti:

Chairman George Szigeti noted that he would like new businesses with a dedicated store front, that have 10 or more employees, to receive a discounted electric rate for the first few months of business. His incentive is for businesses to come to our downtown area. The stipulation would be that they would have to stay in the area for a 5 year period.

City Manager Fuentes suggested that the Board submit something in writing to City staff, so that it can be reviewed by the City Attorney.

Alvin Siffring noted that he was concerned about the discounted utility rates because he feels that something done for Economic Development should be at a higher scale.

Jeff Dornbusch suggested that energy intensive businesses be the ones who qualify for a utility discount.

Chairman George Szigeti noted that they would have to look into doing a percentage discount on the rates.

Jeff Dornbusch is supportive of the idea.

"Ron Pacourek moved that Chairman George Szigeti draft a discount rate proposal, and bring it back to the Board for review."

Seconded by Jeff Dornbusch
Motion carried unanimously.
COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD: Ron Pacourek thanked his fellow members for the opportunity to serve on the Board.

COMMENTS FROM STAFF: None.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Public Utility Advisory Board, George Szigeti, Chairman, declared the meeting adjourned.

APPROVAL: PASSED AND APPROVED this 21st day of March, 2016, on motion duly made by Alvin Safford, seconded by George Szigeti, and carried.

George Szigeti, Chairman
Public Utility Advisory Board