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

Monday, March 21, 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 Monday the 21st day of March 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 Siffring, Member  

Absent:  

Grant Montgomery, Member  
Ron Pacourek, Member  

Also Present:  

Juan Fuentes, City Manager  
Traci Burnette, Water/Wastewater Admin. Assistant  
Christina Bruch, Electric Division Admin. Assistant  
Andy Alvarez, Sanitation Director  
Angela A. Torres, Deputy City Clerk  

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

George Szigeti, Chairman, called for review and approval of minutes of the Regular meeting held Tuesday, February 16, 2016.

George Szigeti noticed an error on page 3, under "electric rate for economic development." The section that states "10 or more employees" should be removed because the Board did not stipulate a number of employees.

Jeff Dornbusch noted that page 3; paragraph 7, of the minutes, should say that energy intensive businesses should seek qualification for a utility discount.

"Alvin Siffring moved approval of the minutes of the Regular meeting held Tuesday, February 16, 2016 as amended."

Seconded by George Szigeti
Motion carried unanimously.

Ron Fenn had comments regarding the Solar Farm and Utilities.

Discussion/Update: Electric Department – Christina Bruch, Electric Division Admin. Assistant

Christina Bruch gave a brief overview of the operations in the Electric Department, which included:

- The Veterans Center Project
- Steel Poles on Riverside and Cedar
- Lights on the north interchange
- Transformers

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-Power at the Elementary School.

Discussion ensued with no action taken.

**METER ACCESS ORDINANCE:**

**Discussion/Action: Meter Access Ordinance #669, Christina Bruch, Electric Division Admin. Assistant**

Ms. Bruch noted that the original ordinance was brought before the City Commission on February 9th, however it was not approved. The City Commission recommended that there be changes made to the ordinance, it be taken back to the Public Utility Board for recommendation, and then be taken back to the Commission for approval.

"Jeff Dornbusch moved to send Meter Access Ordinance #669 to the City Commission for approval."

Seconded by Alvin Siffring
Motion carried unanimously.

**WATER/WASTE WATER DEPT. UPDATE:**

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

Traci Burnette, Water/Wastewater Admin. Assistant gave a brief overview of the operations and maintenance in the Water and Wastewater Department.

**The Water Department update included:**

- Water leak on Cook and Bell Street
- Healing Water Plaza
- Sewer back up at the old Fire Station
- Water lines at the Rodeo Arena Grounds
- Water Trust Board Application review
- CDBG for the Manhole Replacement Project

**The Wastewater Department update included:**

- Variable Frequency Drive Failure
- Applicants for laborers at the Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Extension of the Effluent Watering Permit to include the soccer field
- Phase 1 and Phase 2A funding from USDA

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 and maintenance in the Sanitation Department.

The Solid Waste Department update included:

- Recycling
- Final Phase on Poly Carts
- Wood chipping at the landfill to prep for seeding for vegetation

Discussion ensued with no action taken.

DISCOUNT UTILITY RATE: Discussion/Update: Discount Utility Rates; George Szigeti, Chairman:

Chairman George Szigeti noted that he added some information for this agenda item he wanted to take

Chairman Szigeti would like the agenda item to be added to next month’s agenda under old business.

IMPACT FEE BOARD: Discussion/Action: Impact Fee Board; Juan Fuentes, City Manager

City Manager Fuentes noted that the City is in need of an Impact Fee Board, and it is up to Public Utility Board’s discretion on how the Impact Fee Board is structured.

The City’s intent is to try and make the Impact Fee Board Ordinance, consistent with State Statute.

Discussion ensued regarding the structure of the Impact Fee Board; however no action was taken at this time.

City Manager Fuentes noted that he will bring this item back for the Boards review.
COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD:

Jeff Dornbusch expressed his concerns regarding the Utility Billing issues.

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 18th day of April 2016, on motion duly made by Jeff Dornbusch, seconded by Alvin Siffering, and carried.

George Szigeti, Chairman
Public Utility Advisory Board