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

Monday, April 18, 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 18th day of April 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
Grant Montgomery, Member
Ron Pacourek, Member

Also Present:

Juan Fuentes, City Manager
Kathy Clark, City Commissioner
Robbie Travis, Building Inspector
Jesus Salayandia, Water/Wastewater Director
Bo Easley, Electric Division Director
Andy Alvarez, Sanitation Director
Traci Burnette, Water/Wastewater Admin. Assistant
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.

"Jeff Dornbusch, moved approval of the Agenda as submitted."

Seconded by Ron Pacourek
Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

George Szigeti, Chairman, called for review and approval of minutes of the Regular meeting held March 21, 2016.

George Szigeti would like for BFD on page 3 of the minutes, to be written out.

Jesus Salayandia noted that the term is VFD (Variable Frequency Drive).

"Jeff Dornbusch moved approval of the minutes of the Regular meeting held Monday, March 21, 2016 as amended."

Seconded by Alvin Siffring
Motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

Comments from the Public:

Klaus Whitten had comments regarding meter issues.

Commissioner Kathy Clark had comments regarding Meter Access Ordinance # 669, and she also addressed Mr. Whitten’s concerns during her public comment.

WATER CONSERVATION PLAN UPDATE:

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

Ms. Garduno gave an update on the Water Conservation Plan, noting that they submitted their extension letter and should be hearing a response by May.

Discussion ensued with no action taken.

DISCOUNT UTILITY RATES:

Discussion/Action: Discount Utility Rates; George Szigeti, Chairman:
George Szigeti, Chairman noted that the copy before them is merely a draft and any modifications may be added if necessary.

Ron Pacourek had questions regarding who would be responsible for enforcement if the ordinance is adopted.

“Ron Pacourek moved to table this item until further information is received from City Staff.”

Seconded by Jeff Dornbusch
Motion carried unanimously.

**IMPACT FEE BOARD:**

**Discussion/Action: Impact Fee Board; Juan Fuentes, City Manager**

City Manager Fuentes noted that this item has been brought before this Board to simply amend the membership and make of the current Board. In order to move forward with this item we will need a formal recommendation from this Board.

“Jeff Dornbusch moved that the City adopt two additional members for a two year term, in addition to the current Public Utility Advisory Board, for the purpose of Impact Fee issues.”

Seconded by Alvin Siffring
Motion carried unanimously.

**METER ACCESS ORDINANCE:**

**Discussion/Action: Meter Access Ordinance #669; George Szigeti, Chairman**

Boaz Easley gave a brief overview of the intent to adopt ordinance #669.

Commissioner Clark noted that City Staff amended the ordinance to reflect her concerns and now she is bring it back to this board for any added recommendations.

George Szigeti noted that the section that allows meter readers to make judgement regarding vicious animals should remain unaltered due to the fact that they are the ones on the properties.

Jeff Dornbusch noted that he believes it should be the homeowner’s responsibility to give City Staff proper access to the meters.

Ron Pacourek recommended that the City provide the Public with cards so that they can read their own meters.
Commissioner Clark noted that the process Mr. Pacourek is recommending would take time to establish, and the City is need of a solution as soon as possible.

Chairman George Szigeti moved that Bo and Commissioner Clark make any needed changes to the proposed ordinances and bring it back before the Board at next month’s meeting.”

Seconded by Jeff Dornbusch
Motion carried unanimously.

REQUEST FOR CITY WATER-
227 TURTLEBACK AVE & 1440 E. RIVERSIDE:

Discussion/Action: Request for City water at 227 Turtleback Ave; Mark & Denez Thornton and 1440 E. Riverside; Patricia Johnson:

Building Inspector Robbie Travis brought this item before the Board because the applicants at 227 Turtleback Ave, and the applicants at 1440 E. Riverside are requesting City Utilities be added to their property across the river.

Alvin Siffring noted that he believes this is a great idea. However, this issue has been brought before this Board several times in the past, and nothing has ever been established due to the fact that it is a very expensive project and there is a lack of funding to get this sort of thing established.

Building Inspector Robbie Travis noted that they may be able to get Federal Funding for this project.

“Jeff Dornbusch moved that the City start the process for City Utilities to be added to the other side of the River.”

Seconded by George Szigeti
Motion carried unanimously.

WATER/WASTE WATER 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 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.

Discussion ensued with no action taken.

ELECTRIC DEPT UPDATE:

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

Boaz, Electric Department Director, gave a brief overview of the operations and maintenance in the Electric Department.

Discussion ensued with no action taken.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD:

Comments from the Board:

Ron Pacourek asked that City Staffs presentations be moved to the top of the agenda. Preferably after Comments from the Public. He also asked that Ordinance #664 be added to next month's agenda for discussion and he will submit an email prior to the meeting with information he would like to discuss.

COMMENTS FROM STAFF:

Comments from Staff:

There were no comments from Staff.

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 14th day of May, 2016, on motion duly made

by John Darnel, and carried.

by Ron Pacourek, and carried.

George Szigeti, Chairman
Public Utility Advisory Board