

Norwalk Utility Advisory Commission – Regular Meeting
February 11, 2019 6:00 pm
Public Works Facility

The regular meeting of the Utility Advisory Commission was called to order at 6:00 pm on Monday, February 11, 2019 by chair Newton Standridge. Members present at roll call: Newton Standridge, Ric Graves, Tim Kalvig, and Amy Hock. Absent: Dan Merriman.

Staff present: Wayne Schwartz, Public Works Director; Joseph Ballard, Assistant Director Public Works; Shelley Stravers, Public Works Administrative Coordinator. Council Liaison Jaki Livingston was also present.

Agenda

Motion by Kalvig and seconded by Hock to approve Agenda as presented. Approved 4-0.

Minutes

A motion was made by Graves and seconded by Kalvig to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2018 regular meeting as presented. Approved 4-0.

Garbage and Recycling Rate Adjustments

Schwartz reported that Metro Waste Authority sent communication to the City that there will be rate adjustments for 7/1/19. Recycling rates are going up \$.75 per household per month. Garbage is going down \$.03 per household per month. Finance Director doesn't think the City will need to pass on any rate adjustment this coming fiscal year, but we may need to consider one 7/1/20.

Colonial Parkway Detention Pond

Schwartz updated the Commission on the Colonial Park Detention Pond project that we are still working on it, but it is kind of changing a bit from how it originally started. There is a parcel southeast of Capital City Fruit that we need to build a detention pond on to serve Capital City Fruit. The thought is to make it as big as we can to serve the entire area, and not just Capital City Fruit. We can either do one big pond, or we can do two smaller ponds. The Developer is supposed to get back to us on whether they want to use a regional detention pond or not. If they do want to, then we will come back to this group if time allows, otherwise we will take it to City Council with the cost and pros and cons.

Project Updates

Service Line Program approved by City Council – Stravers updated group on the progress of this program. The logo and list of water customers has been sent to HomeServe. We are waiting for the first proposed correspondence to the residents to come back from them. We will then forward on to our City Attorney for approval before they send out.

Schwartz updated Commission on the backup generator. It is in and is operating at the booster station. If we ever lose power at the booster station there is a transfer switch

that will transfer the power over to the generator in 11 seconds. We are currently working with DMWW to get the alarms and the generator onto SCADA so we can log on and see if it's running or see if there are any alarms.

Schwartz updated the Commission on the Western Feeder Main project. The water main is all in, all full of water and pressurized as much as they can get without that booster station up and running. It has passed all the testing and is ready to go. They are hoping to start on the building the end of February or beginning of March, weather permitting. We are still hoping for a late July completion date.

Graves asked if there was any more discussion regarding the last portion of this project. Schwartz reported that DMWW has been meeting with Cumming on this. We are in favor of the project and have estimated \$2 million to build from where we stopped to 50th Ave., but a portion of that is in Cumming. So we need participation from them, which is what DMWW is working on. If Cumming doesn't want to participate, Schwartz is going to propose that we still move forward with it, Cumming just won't have the ability to tap into it. DMWW has agreed to design it and construct it next year. Once we get the booster station up and running for the new water main, we will have about a 40% increase in water. That's a pretty substantial increase.

Standridge called the meeting to adjournment at 6:21pm.

Next Regular Meeting April 8, 2019.

Newton Standridge, Chair

Shelley Stravers,
Administrative Coordinator