

**CITY OF TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES
PUBLIC UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD
MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2021**

MINUTES

WORKSHOP MEETING

Workshop meeting of the Public Utility Advisory Board of the City of Truth or Consequences, New Mexico to be held in the City Commission Chambers, 405 W. Third, Truth or Consequences, New Mexico, on Monday, June 14, 2021 at 5:30 pm.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL:

George Szigeti, Chairman
Jeff Dornbusch, Vice-Chairman – ABSENT
Ron Pacourek, Member
Gil Avelar, Member
Don Armijo, Member

ALSO PRESENT

Bruce Swingle, City Manager
Traci Alvarez, Community Development Director
Bo Easley, Electric Department Director
Dawn C. Barclay – Deputy City Clerk

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Pacourek made a motion to approve the agenda. Member Avelar seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

2. DISCUSSION/REVIEW/PUBLIC INPUT: Discussion and input related to Ordinance No. 664

Chairman Szigeti – He began the meeting with an opening statement. Advised the Public Citizens they were allowed 5 minutes to speak and to give their input with allowed interaction with the board members.

Ron Fenn - Suggested charging GRT on the net amount and suggested giving kilowatts as a credit vs a dollar amount. He also pointed out the City has poor contracts in regards to the transportation of

electricity which is costly to the City. John Diaz asked why the 90% rule can't be 100% rule. Board responded the minor cost goes to help fund maintenance, repairs, salaries, etc.

Ariel Dougherty - Spoke making reference from her handout that was presented at the meeting.

Marilyn Bush - Wanted to point out the City should encourage and support all private solar installs as this will help to absorb the maintenance solar costs.

Davonna Stoner-Armijo - Is in favor of a connection fee and understands the City is a business and must make decisions to help stay in the positive.

Member Armijo – Is very concerned about the solar producer becoming a business. Also should the producer incur maintained down time or moves, how is the city going to deal with that situation have to supply electricity back to the producer. He noted this meeting has given him some new views to consider.

Bo Easley, Electric Department Head – was asked by Chairman Szigeti for his opinion about the commercial solar impact on releasing some of the stress on our City generators. His replied it had some impact along with the Public Schools, VA, Hospital, Business and Residential areas limiting their usage.

Member Pacourek – suggested that once a year customers be given an opportunity to request from the utility department reimbursements of any credits that may be available.

Bruce Swingle, City Manager advised the board to gather all the inputted suggestions and make their recommendations at the next PUAB meeting so they can move on to their presentation to the City Commission.

3. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Public Utility Advisory Board, Chairman Szigeti requested for a motion to adjourn meeting. All members favored the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 21st DAY OF JUNE 2021.


George Szigeti, Chairman
Public Utility Advisory Board