



CITY OF REDLANDS
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES/PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION

APPROVED
at MUPWC regular
meeting on June 5,
2017

MINUTES

Special Meeting
Monday, April 17, 2017, at 4:00 P.M.

City of Redlands
Municipal Utilities and Engineering Department
Conference Room
City Council Chambers
35 Cajon Street

I. Municipal Utilities/Public Works Commission - Call to Order, Roll Call and Approval of Minutes of Special Meeting on March 6, 2017

The special meeting of the Municipal Utilities/Public Works Commission (Commission) was called to order at 4:10 pm by Chairperson Stockton with a roll call of five commissioners present and the following commissioners unexcused: Shane Wellborn and Tim Landis. Below is the list of those present.

Commissioners Stephen Stockton, Bill Bayne, Norman Miner, Richard Hernandez and Mark Stanson, Commission liaison Council Member Jon Harrison, Quality of Life Director Chris Boatman, Municipal Utilities and Engineering Director Chris Diggs, Assistant Quality of Life Director Tim Sullivan, Senior Administrative Technician Jane Weathers, and guests Richard Meyers, Arlan Einertson, Steve Rogers, Carol James, and Dennis Bell.

A motion was made by Commissioner Minor and seconded by Commissioner Hernandez to approve March 6, 2017, special commission meeting minutes and was unanimously approved.

II. Continued Business

a. Discussion and Possible Action of Solid Waste Rates

Director Boatman provided an update on the proposed solid waste rates, overview of the rate study, and current state of the solid waste enterprise previously presented to and discussed with the Commission and the community in various forums since February. The last solid waste rate increase was in 2010 and included rates projected to 2014. A discussion and synopsis ensued concerning anticipated expenses and revenues, regulation changes, landfill cell life expectancy and landfill growth, recycling requirements, and solid waste division staffing. Should the Commission recommend the proposed rate increases, staff would seek Council's approval and authorization to begin the Proposition 218 rate hearing process.

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Chairperson Stockton praised staff for their diligent work through the rate study and appreciated their responsiveness to the Commission's and public's concerns and suggestions.

Chairperson Stockton entertained a motion for a recommendation of a rate adjustment as presented. Commissioner Miner made a motion which was seconded by Vice Chairperson Stanson to recommend the rate increase of twelve percent in September 2017, twelve percent in September 2018, and five percent in September 2019. Chairperson Stockton asked for any further discussion on the motion, and with none the motion carried unanimously.

b. Discussion and Possible Action of the Commission's Annual Presentation to City Council of Accomplishments and Goals

A draft PowerPoint was shown which reflected the Commission's accomplishments and goals to be presented to City Council at their meeting in May. Additionally, the Commission's recommendation for the solid waste rate adjustments would be included in its presentation to Council. Following Chairperson Stockton's presentation he sought input from fellow commissioners.

III. Public Comment - *(for items not listed on this agenda, but within the jurisdiction of the Commission. Note that no general discussion of such items, or action on such items, may be taken by the Commission. At this time, the Commission will provide an opportunity for the public to address them on the subject which is scheduled on this notice. Please limit your comments to three (3) minutes).*

Mr. Meyers expressed concern of noted dollars and percentage reduction in recyclables. Mr. Einertson stated there is nothing showing in the model where to decrease costs and rather it only shows an escalating increase in costs. An observation made by Mr. Rogers focused on the rationale of reserves dependent upon payment for a new cell and instead urged staff to explore a new agreement with the Edison Power Plant that would financially benefit the City. Mr. Bell asked that the Proposition 218 ballots include return postage paid envelope to make it easier for the public to provide votes/responses.

IV. Communications

a. Commissioner Reports and Requests for Future Agenda Items

No reports or requests were made at this time.

V. Adjournment

a. The meeting was adjourned at 5:07 PM.

Jane Weathers

Jane Weathers, Senior Administrative Technician