

City of Olympia
Utility Advisory Committee Summary Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 17, 2009
5:30 p.m. to 7:26 p.m.

A. Meeting began at 5:46 p.m.

1. *Roll Call*

Members Present: Mary Groebner, Dick Allen, Deborah Pinsonneault, Michael Young, Emily Lardner, Karen Rogers, Dean Mason, and Lana Hamilton

Members Absent: Carol Law

Members of Public: Tim Rogers

Staff Present: Rich Hoey, Dan Daniels Ursula Euler, Nanci Lien, Donna Buxton, Andrea Sanchez-Turner, and Jay Burney

2. *Approval of Meeting Minutes*

- Approved the August 6, 2009, summary meeting minutes.

3. *Acceptance of Agenda*

- Approved the September 17, 2009, agenda.

B. Comments from the Public in Attendance

No public in attendance.

C. Information Sharing

1. *Recognition/Celebration*

- Members celebrated Tim Rogers and his time on the committee. Members and staff will miss Tim's insight and dedication. Jay commented that as Chair, his questions were always respectful and added great value to the discussions and decisions of the committee. Tim's advice to new members: "Know your strengths. Each person has an area of expertise, use this when looking at what you are reviewing."

2. *Nisqually Water Shed Planning Unit Brochure*

- Donna Buxton provided a copy of the Nisqually Watershed Planning Unit newsletter. The newsletter highlights the work done by the implementing governments. This particular issue features Mayor Doug Mah, City of Olympia, and Cynthia Iyall, Nisqually Tribal Chairman.

3. *Announcements from Members and Staff*

- Jay reminded UAC members the tour of McAllister Springs is on September 25. Those attending need to be at the Maintenance Center by 8:30am. The tour will take approximately three hours. Also, UAC Work Plan Forms are due to Andrea no later than September 25.
- The next UAC meeting is in two weeks (October 1) here at the Associates building. Customer Rates is on the agenda.

4. *Planning Commission Update*

- No Planning Commission update due to Carol Law's absence.

D. Business of the Evening*1. Operating Budget Review*

- Nanci did a brief overview of the City budget, detailing each fund.
- The 2010 budget is on the November 2 City Council meeting.
- Rich provided a detailed explanation of the funds in Water Resources. City Council asked the utilities to try and put forth a 0% rate increase for 2010. The Water Resources budget is not changing much from last year's budget.
 - *Stormwater*: The 2010 budget comes in at 1% over the 2009 budget. The budget increased \$38,908 from 2009's budget.
 - *Wastewater*: The increase from 2009 to 2010 in this budget is \$792,409; \$775,810 is due to the increase of rates by LOTT. Age and infrastructure is an issue with this utility.
 - *Drinking Water*: This utility's budget is volatile, because weather and people's behaviors influence revenues. The budget for 2010 came in below 2009 budget (\$606,985).
- Dan provided a detailed explanation of the funds in Waste ReSources. The goal for Waste ReSources is a 0% increase as well per Council direction. To achieve this, the 2010 budget does dip into some reserve funds. Fuel and salary and benefits have the most effect on this budget.
 - *Drop Box*: Tonnages are down in this utility due to diversion and the economy. The budget for 2010 is \$364,494 below the 2009 budget.
 - *Residential*: This utility made some changes operationally to improve efficiencies, however, the cost of recycling is up from \$0 to \$35 per ton. As a result, the 2010 budget is \$54,644 above 2009's budget.
 - *Commercial*: Overall, the garbage tonnages are down due to diversion of 190 tons to organics. There is an increase in container maintenance and delivery due to the age and use of the carts. The 2010 budget is \$28,601 below the 2009 budget.
 - *Organics*: Because diversion is happening, the utility is using more labor time for collection. The utility also had added costs in 2009 due to the one-time purchase of the pails for customers when implementing this Program. The 2010 budget is \$13,241 above 2009's budget.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.