

CITY OF REDLANDS
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES/PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
Monday, December 1, 2014 at 4:00 P.M.
Regular Meeting
Municipal Utilities & Engineering Department Conference Room
35 Cajon Street, Suite 15A, Redlands, CA

MINUTES

Commissioners Present:

Stephen Stockton, Chairperson
Mark Stanson
Richard Hernandez
Tim Landis
Norman Miner
Bill Bayne

Absent:

Shane Wellborn (excused)

Staff:

Chris Diggs, Interim MUED Director
Mike Pool, Engineering Manager/Interim City Engineer
Cecilia Griego, Water Conservation Coordinator
Celina Suarez, Senior Administrative Analyst
Jane Weathers, Senior Administrative Assistant

Guest(s):

Dennis Bell

I. Municipal Utilities/Public Works Commission - Call to Order, Roll Call and Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting on October 6, 2014

The regular meeting of the Municipal Utilities/Public Works Commission (MU/PWC) was called to order by Chairperson Stockton. The minutes of the regular meeting of October 6, 2014, were unanimously approved. (A minor edit was made following the Commission's approval and corrected minutes were re-distributed).

II. New Business

- A. Roundtable Introduction and Introductions of Recently Appointed Commissioner William Bane and Reappointed Commissioner Mark Stanson (Steve Stockton)

A roundtable discussion ensued which involved all present providing a brief introduction.

- B. Water Conservation Update and Water Basin Status (Cecilia Griego, Water Conservation Coordinator)

Ms. Griego provided an update on water conservation and the current mandatory watering restrictions implemented July 31, 2014, due to the drought, including percentages of reduction in water consumption. In August the City saw a 17% reduction, in September a 7% reduction, and in October a 3% reduction. These percentages are calculated by comparing the same month in a prior year (August 2013 vs. August 2014, etc.).

- C. Presentation of WIReD for Pipes (Chris Diggs, Interim MUED Director)

Mr. Diggs presented an overview on the Water Infrastructure Rehabilitation Deployment Program (WIReD). Within the City there exists 30 miles of pipe with an average age of 81 years old which requires replacement. This old pipe contributes to a high number of leaks and equates to unnecessary water loss and expenses. Additionally, each year roughly 6 miles of pipe should be replaced to keep pace and not further increase the 30 mile backlog. Currently the City budgets \$3.5 million for pipe replacement annually or approximately 4 miles of pipe.

Commissioners asked questions related to funding sources, budget, bonding, and utilizing a phased approach. Furthermore the commission requested that the information be taken to the Utility Advisory Committee at their next regular meeting, as it relates to rate adjustments.

III. Communications

A. Commissioner Reports and Requests for Future Agenda Items

For the next regular meeting, Commissioners requested the following items to be added to the agenda: updates on the Redlands / Alabama project and Opal Basin if there are any.

IV. Public Comment

None

V. Adjournment

Chairperson Stockton adjourned the meeting.

Celina Suarez

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