



MEETING MINUTES

UTILITIES COMMISSION

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2018, 7:15 A.M.
Water Treatment Plant, 555 Lincoln St.
Large Conference Room

Members Present: C. Bova, D. Lanyon, R. Shure, M. White
Members Absent: D. Everhart, J. Nieuwsma, E. Rosenberg
Guest Present: D. Grumman
Staff Present: K. Jensen, A. Price
Staff Absent: D. Stoneback
Presiding Member: D. Lanyon

1. DECLARATION OF QUORUM

A quorum being present, Chair Lanyon called the meeting to order at 7:17 a.m.

Chair Lanyon informed the Commission that Mr. Stoneback will not be present at today's meeting due to a death in the family.

2. APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 8, 2017 MEETING MINUTES

Mr. White moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Bova. All approved.

The minutes were approved unanimously, 4-0.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Work Plan Item 1.1 Building energy efficiency benchmarking initiative – progress report on ordinance implementation plan

Mr. Jensen provided a draft report on building energy efficiency. He said the purpose of the document is to show the components that would be included in a report but not necessarily the format or the exact wordings, as it will change pretty substantially in terms of how it is presented to council. He said what he is mostly looking for in terms of feedback is content, and whether the Commission feels there are specific things that should or should not be included or should be framed differently, which would be very helpful in developing the final template. He said this report will be put on the City's website and sent to City Council in the City Manager's Friday packet as an update. He would like to keep the report to two pages summarizing the impact of the ordinance in its first year and then two pages that would be a sample Building Energy Scorecard to give the Council an idea of what each individual building owner is also receiving. There would be additional analysis done by staff on the energy performance of the buildings but it would not be included in this report, it would be used internally to consider what additional outreach could be done. The Commission made some suggestions on ways to improve the report such as specifying that the first year effort only includes Type 1 Buildings, explaining what an Energy Star Score is and what it means to be eligible, and tweak the pie charts a little. Chair Lanyon also suggested

showing the Aldermen how benchmarking is helping the City get closer to reaching the goal of the Climate Action Plan. Mr. Jensen said that he would make the changes suggested by the Commission and would also include a one page memo explaining what the report and score card are.

b. Street Lighting Study – update on consultant progress and preparation for the next meeting of the advisory committee

Mr. Shure informed the Commission that the next Steering Committee meeting will be held on January 23. Chair Lanyon said that the topics of discussion at the Steering Committee will be feedback from the public meeting that was held in early December, the status of the Talmadge lights, the results of some additional studies, and whether additional lighting level measurements should be made on some streets, and the consultant's survey of other communities.

4. STAFF REPORTS

a. Recent Electric System Outages, Basement Flooding Concerns, Water Service Interruptions, and status of 2017 improvement projects

Chair Lanyon noted the following:

There was an uptick of power outages in December, but all outages were scheduled to perform improvements.

There were a number of water main breaks in December, two of which were listed at the same address on Lawndale Avenue. He thinks this may be a duplicate and will ask Mr. Stoneback for clarification at next month's meeting.

Mr. Bova said he would like Mr. Stoneback to provide comments on the 2017 total year power outages, basement backups and water main breaks in a summary at the February meeting.

All of the 2017 Capital Improvement Projects for which updates were provided seem to be moving along well. He will ask Mr. Stoneback to go over the report in more detail at the February meeting.

b. Status of negotiations with potential new wholesale water customers and update on the Skokie rate impasse

Chair Lanyon said he does not know of anything new with the negotiations, but he has been following the metering station project at Golf and McCormick. Since the last Commission meeting an issue has come up about where Morton Gove and Niles are going to install a pumping station on the MWRD property in Skokie south of Golf Road in Sculpture Park, but it got held up because of the engineering plans that were submitted to the MWRD. There will be a water main connection within Evanston's city limits on the north side of Golf Road which will then go over to the Skokie city limits into the pumping station. He hopes Mr. Stoneback will have some more details to report at the February meeting.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

6. NEW BUSINESS

None

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS / COMMUNICATIONS

a. Forthcoming Public Works Agency activities relative to the Utilities Commission

There were no announcements or communications.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Angela Price
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