



UTILITIES COMMISSION
FRIDAY, December 9, 2016, 7:15 A.M.
Water Treatment Plant, 555 Lincoln St.
Large Conference Room

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

1. DECLARATION OF QUORUM

A quorum being present, Chair Lanyon called the meeting to order at 7:20 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 11, 2016 MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Bova moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Nieuwsma.

The minutes were approved unanimously, 5-0.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS / COMMUNICATIONS

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

There were no announcements or communications.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Work Plan Item 1.1 Building energy efficiency benchmarking initiative – the proposed ordinance before City Council and strategy for December 12 council meeting

Chair Lanyon stated that the proposed ordinance is up for action at Monday night's council meeting. Mr. Stoneback informed the Commission that the ordinance has been revised removing small condo buildings less than 50,000 square feet leaving a total of 557 buildings. He indicated that he might be able to recommend removing all residential properties less than 50,000 square feet, if need be to save the ordinance. This would leave a total of 448 buildings in the ordinance. Chair Lanyon said that Mr. Nieuwsma and he will be in attendance and speak at the council meeting and encouraged other Commission members to attend as well.

5. STAFF REPORTS

A. Recent Electric System Outages, Basement Flooding Concerns, Water Service Interruptions, and status of 2016 improvement projects

Mr. Stoneback reported the following:

Most of the electrical outages that occurred in November were scheduled to perform maintenance. Three outages occurred that not were scheduled. He does not know the causes of the outages at this time but he will check the annual report when he receives it from ComEd.

There were relatively few basement backups in November and they were all determined to be private lateral issues.

There were no water main breaks in November. He noted that the Fire Department is finished testing hydrants.

There were quite a few Sewer Service Repair permits obtained and no Water Service Repair permits obtained in November.

B. Status of negotiations with potential new wholesale water customers

Mr. Stoneback informed the Commission that he has been meeting continuously with both Morton Grove and Niles. He is hoping to have an ordinance introduced at the first council meeting in January and then approved by the second council meeting.

C. Community-wide Water Conservation Initiative

No action was taken.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Further consideration of community aggregation future

No action was taken.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2017 budget status

Mr. Stoneback reported that the 2017 budget was approved by City Council as presented. He said that Paul Moyano has been hired as the new Senior Project Manager, and he will provide the Commission with an outline of the water and sewer projects for 2017 at the January meeting.

B. Approval of meeting schedule for 2017

Chair Lanyon directed the Commission's attention to the meeting schedule for 2017. Mr. Nieuwsma moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Shure.

The meeting schedule for 2017 was approved unanimously, 5-0.

C. Election of officers for 2017

Chair Lanyon called for the election of officers for 2017. Mr. Nieuwsma nominated Mr. Lanyon as chair and moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Shure.

Mr. Lanyon election as chair was approved unanimously, 5-0.

Chair Lanyon made a motion to nominate Mr. Nieuwsma as vice chair and moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Shure.

Mr. Nieuwsma election as vice-chair was approved unanimously, 5-0.

D. Annual report for 2016

Chair Lanyon stated that the Commission will provide the annual report for 2016 as soon as it is requested.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Nieuwsma moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Shure.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Price, Special Projects Assistant