

UTILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2017
CITY HALL
COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM
280 MADISON AVENUE NORTH
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, WA 98110

Minutes

1. Call to order

Present: Chair: Andy Maron

Members: Emily Sato, Steve Johnson, Nancy Nolan, and Jim Thrash

Staff Rep: Barry Loveless

Guest: BIFD Fire Marshal Luke Carpenter

2. Acceptance of Minutes: Unanimously approved.

3. Public Comment: None

4. Casey Street Water Company. Barry advised that the owner of the CSWC had approached COBI with an offer to sell its system. CSWC is located in COBI's assigned service area, and, though not presently served by COBI, is in an area between two COBI water transmission mains.

After discussion, the committee voted unanimously to recommend that the staff proceed with negotiations with the owners for acquisition by COBI of the Casey Street system.

- 4a. 'Washington Water Company. Jim informed the committee that the Washington Water Company had notified Place 18 and three other island water systems it manages of its intent to terminate its service contracts with them. Discussion by the committee led to the following **Motion:** The UAC recommends the city consider how it can assist the formerly WWC managed systems by managing or acquiring these systems, consistent with the policies in the Comprehensive Plan. Passed four to zero with one abstention (Jim Thrash).
- 5. Water / Sewer Rate Study. The committee discussed further amendments to the draft memo to the council recommending the city contract for a rate study. The committee voted to approve the amended memo unanimously.
- 6. Fire Code Impact: Luke Carpenter discussed with the committee fire flow and other water system issues in complying with fire code requirements. Jim Thrash distributed a draft memo from the Thrash/Kantor subcommittee, for discussion at next UAC meeting.
- 7. Proposed SSWM Rate Increase for 2017-18. Barry Loveless reported on his briefing of the council on the proposed rate increase.
- 8. Election of Officers. The committee agreed to defer this issue until its next meeting.
- 9. Meeting Time Change. It was agreed to change the regular meeting dates of the committee to the second and fourth Wednesday from 5-7 PM.



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- 10. Meeting Date Change. It was agreed to cancel the September 27 meeting, and schedule a special meeting on October 4 at 5:00 PM.
- 11. The meeting adjourned at 5:50 PM.

Andy Maron, Chair

10/4/17