



CITY OF RIALTO
REGULAR MEETING OF THE UTILITIES COMMISSION
June 18, 2024 - 6:00 P.M.
MINUTES

The Regular meeting of the Utilities Commission of the City of Rialto was held in the Civic Center Council Chambers located at 150 S. Palm Avenue, Rialto, California 92376, on Tuesday, June 18, 2024.

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This meeting was in accordance with the provision of the **Government Code §54956** of the State of California.

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CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairperson June Hayes called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

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ROLL CALL

The roll call was taken by Nicole Hemmans, Senior Administrative Analyst.

Present:

- Chairperson Barbara Rickman
- Vice-Chairperson June Hayes
- Commissioner James M. Shields
- Commissioner Richard “Kim” Chitwood

Absent:

- Commissioner Kevin C. Kobbe

City staff present:

- Amy Crow, Administrative Analyst
- Nicole Hemmans, Senior Administrative Analyst
- Toyasha Sebbag, Assistant to the City Manager

Also present:

- Robert Lee, Customer Service Manager – RWS/Veolia
- Stephanee Valencia, Operations Supervisor – RWS/Veolia
- Frank Garza, Wastewater Chief Plant Operator –RWS/Veolia
- Brandon Stallings, Construction Manager – RWS/Veolia

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairperson Rickman led the pledge of allegiance.

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**MOMENT OF SILENCE/
INVOCATION**

Nicole Hemmans led the invocation.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Regular Meeting of May 21,
2024.

Chairperson Rickman asked if there were any comments pertaining to the meeting minutes from May 21, 2024.

- ◆ None.

Action

- ◆ Vice-Chairperson Hayes made a motion to approve.
- ◆ Commissioner Shields seconded.
- ◆ All in favor.
- ◆ Motion passed.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Chairperson Rickman asked if there were any oral communications from the audience of items not on the agenda.

- ◆ None

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NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM 1-UC-24-1511

Monthly activity report for City of Rialto Waste Management Services. (RECEIVE AND FILE)

Mrs. Crow went over the Monthly Waste Management Report for the month of May 2024.

Questions & Comments

- ◆ None.

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ITEM 2- UC-24-1506

Consideration of 2023 Consumer Confidence Report.

Consideration of 2023 Consumer Confidence Report for Drinking Water presented by Toyasha Sebbag.

Staff recommends that the Utilities Commission recommend that this item be placed on the City Council and Rialto Utility Authority agenda to receive and file the 2023 Consumer Confidence Report for Drinking Water.

Questions & Comments

- ◆ Vice-Chairperson Hayes stated she is concern on the increase in the average *Arsenic level* from .52 in 2022 to 6.7 reported in 2023.
- ◆ Vice-Chairperson Hayes asked for the meaning of Public Health Goals (PHGs) and its importance?
 - Stephanie Valencia with RVS/Veolia advised that Public Health Goal is a contaminant level which the EPA would like the detection level to be at or under. The PHGs are the levels of

contaminants in drinking water that do not pose a significant health risk if consumed over a lifetime. It is a level which the EPA would like detection to be at or under.

- ◆ Vice-Chairperson Hayes asked what are the actions taken if the PHG is exceeded?
 - Stephanie Valencia with RVS/Veolia advised that when a PHG is exceeded testing is required quarterly.
 - Toyasha Sebbag added that the Public Health Goals numbers are derived from the lowest levels we can test for a constituent. The Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) is the amount that can affect one in a million people over a 70-year lifespan of being exposed to arsenic. Arsenic is tested every 3 years. When test levels are near the MCL testing is increased to quarterly testing.

- ◆ Chairperson Rickman and Vice-Chairperson Hayes want to make sure the City is proactive and taking adequate action in our response to Arsenic.

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ITEM 3- UC-24-1505

2024 County Property Tax Roll for delinquent wastewater payments. (RECEIVE AND FILE)

Placement of charges on the 2024 County Property Tax Roll for delinquent wastewater payments presented by Nicole Hemmans.

Questions & Comments

- None.

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ITEM 4- UC-24-1508

Veolia's Operations and Maintenance Monthly Report (RECEIVE AND FILE)

Receive and File the Monthly Operations Report from Veolia for the month of March.

Customer Service update provided by Robert Lee:

Questions & Comments

- None.

Water update provided by Stephanie Valencia:

Questions & Comments

- ◆ Vice-Chairperson Hayes asked if the new hydrants being installed are struck by a vehicle will it release water into the air?
 - Per Mrs. Valencia, the new hydrants will not release water into the air as the older versions did.

- ◆ Vice-Chairperson Hayes asked when are the old hydrants updated?

- Per Valencia, hydrants are replaced when they are damaged and/or malfunctioning and a new check valve is installed to prevent water loss if struck by a vehicle.
- ◆ Vice-Chairperson Hayes requested the amount of funding received from the State Water Project.
 - Mrs. Valencia will provide this information at the next meeting.

CIP update provided by Brandon Stalling:
Questions & Comments

- ◆ Commissioner Chitwood asked if there is construction going on at the intersection of Foothill and Sycamore.
 - Per Mr. Stalling, it appears a median is being installed along with paving. However, this is not a capital project with Veolia.

Wastewater update provided by Frank Garza:
Questions & Comments

- ◆ Vice-Chair Hayes asked for an update on the Bell Press.
 - Per Mr. Garza, one broke down yesterday and is being repaired.
- ◆ Vice-Chair Hayes asked what is done when both Bell Press are not working?
 - Per Mr. Garza, when both bell presses are not working an outside contractor is brought in to perform the de-watering.

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OLD BUSINESS

Item 1 – UC-24-1512
 Previous Discussion

- ◆ None.

Questions & Comments

- None.

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Item 2 – UC-24-1509

To Do List

Future Agenda Items:

1. Presentation on the Rialto Habitat Nature Center.
2. AB 1572 – Restrictions on Irrigation of Nonfunctional Turf.
3. Final Construction Work Authorization (FCWA) for the Department of Water Resources Bureau of Reclamation (DWR/BOR) Automatic Meter Infrastructure (AMI) Project.
4. FCWA for the Bureau of Reclamation 3A Groundwater Treatment Plan.
5. FCWA for Safe Routes to Schools.
6. Water View Presentation.
7. WIFIA application/Agreement.
8. Water and Wastewater Rate Adjustment

Questions & Comments:

- ◆ None

**UTILITIES MANAGER'S
UPDATES**

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- ◆ None.

Questions & Comments:

- None

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

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- ◆ Vice-Chairperson Hayes provided an update on Sunrise Ranch.

- ◆ Vice-Chairperson Hayes provided an update on Cactus Basins.

Questions & Comments:

- None

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ADJOURNMENT

- ◆ Vice-Chairperson Hayes made a motion to adjourn.
- ◆ Commissioner Kobbe seconded the motion.
- ◆ Motion Carried.

- ◆ Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.