



**WATER SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
Wednesday, October 27, 2021
City Council Chambers**

Call to Order/Roll Call

10:14 AM

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS / CITY STAFF:

Mayor Deborah Robertson
Mayor Pro Tem Ed Scott
Marcus Fuller, City Manager
Robert Messinger, City Attorney
Tom Crowley, Utilities Manager
Angela Perry, City Council and City Manager's Executive Assistant

OTHER MEMBER ATTENDEES:

June Hayes, Utilities Commissioner
Steve Dopudja, Consultant
Peter Luchetti, Table Rock Capital
Rolf Ohlemutz, Table Rock Capital
Megan Matson, Table Rock Capital
Evan Kominsky, Ullico

Public Comments: None

Review/ Approval Of Minutes: Accept as part of the Report.

Discussion Items

**1) 21-0771 WaterSMART Program Application for the Advanced Metering.
Committee Comments/Recommendations**

Tom said thanks to the new grant writer, they will be submitting a grant for \$2 million and he will be soliciting support letters. 30 days after submittal there has to be a Resolution done, so it will be coming to the November 9th meeting. Mayor Robertson mentioned a letter that Tom will bring to her to sign, Rialto Basin Groundwater Council.

2) 21-0772 Extraterritorial Wastewater Service Agreement with Chandi Enterprises, LLC, for the property located at 10951 Cedar Avenue, Bloomington.

Committee Comments/Recommendations

Tom talked about the convenience store/gas station. They will be connecting into the Santa Ana sewer line. Bring agreement to council for approval. Mayor Pro Tem Scott asked why is there a line there, Tom explained. Mayor Pro Tem Scott asked about the

fees that we get, Tom explained. Mayor Pro Tem Scott whose wastewater do they comply with and Tom said ours. Storm water is under County and regional board, we don't have jurisdiction. Tom said we'll bring it as a consent item at the next meeting.

3) 21-0765 Final Construction Work Authorization (FCWA) for the Sycamore Sewer Lift Station Upgrade Project in the Amount of \$1,056,875.

Committee Comments/Recommendations

Tom talked about what will run through the lift station. West Yost completed the final design. Received 2 proposals, recommend Ferreira Construction be the company to put the project together. June ended the conversation.

4) 21-0769 First Amendment to the Dopudja and Wells Consulting's Professional Services Agreement to Provide Additional Recurring Services and Staff Support Assistance for the Rialto Utility Authority and Utilities Division.

Committee Comments/Recommendations

Tom said he would like to bring an Amendment to next Council Meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Scott wants a breakdown of project specific of what Steve is working on. Mayor Robertson wants the breakdown before the Agenda comes out. Peter said to separate water from wastewater.

5) 21-0778 Discussion on Water and Wastewater Security and a Request for Proposal Approach

Committee Comments/Recommendations

Steve said that Marcus asked that they pull a proposal he has the draft RFP and spoke to a consultant. He passed out a Scope of Work and showed PowerPoint. Mayor Pro Tem Scott has concern about the costs and Mayor Robertson concurred. Mayor said what is the objective, need to discuss how are we going to get this done. Mayor Pro Tem Scott talked about this list and how they meet with Steve and came up with the list. He said that now the list is covering the whole city. Mayor Robertson has said that parks are to be removed – Steve will remove. Mayor Pro Tem Scott is saying that the Concession shouldn't have to pay for this, when they're city facilities. Marcus was trying to make it understood the reason for the whole list and then pulling the wastewater/water out as priority. Mayor Robertson is asking who will be monitoring – Tom said it will have to be Operations. He said that the system would monitor 24/7 via signals. He also said it would be expandable to include other features in the city. Steve explained why the list was as long as it is. He talked about what he discussed with the consultant.

City Attorney explained what they should be looking at then Steve responded. Mayor Pro Tem Scott feels that Arron should be here as well to take a look at this project due to his IT background. Mayor Robertson said what should be the starting point. Marcus talked about how to present priorities to the rest of Council. Mayor Robertson wants to

know if there can be something done by January 2022 and put back on agenda. Marcus said with holidays it may be February.

6) 21-0777 Discussion on Microgrid and the Basis of Design Report

Committee Comments/Recommendations

Megan gave presentation. She said that things are looking good. Looking for cash savings. Gas production is unlevel during the day, but the goal is to move to leveling it off. The goal is to get new gravity equipment. Mayor Pro Tem Scott asked if the funds are in the capital budget. Peter said he believes we do. Tom and Megan said it would be added to the Guaranteed Maximum Process (GMP). Mayor Pro Tem Scott said that he just wants to clear it with legal. Marcus said this is just modifying the scope – Megan explained. Marcus and Robert Messinger will look at it. Marcus asked if they have vetted the AQMD and asked about the sums regarding all the stuff that going to go with the engine – Megan said yes. He gave an example of what happened in Palm Springs. Tom asked about cost implications. Tom said that an amendment Final Construction Work Authorization (FCWA) maybe needed. Mayor Robertson wants to make sure that dialogue happens outside of the meeting with subject experts.

7) 21-0775 Rialto Utility Authority Financial Update

Committee Comments/Recommendations

Pete gave PowerPoint presentation. Mayor Pro Tem Scott talked about what Edison did when they changed things. Robert said that we should be able to do it in an Ordinance. Mayor Robertson asked how many residents were in arrears, Tom said about 800. Mayor Robertson said what can the resident do to get a percentage off their bill. Mayor Pro Tem Scott said we already have a payment plan, we should just adjust it and work the arrears at the end. Tom will send information to Robert Messinger to confirm legal ability.

Mayor Pro Tem Scott said that he will guarantee that three people on the Council will not support rate increase. He said that we need to come up with a program and use some of the ARPA to buy us some time. Mayor Robertson said is there a partnership with the County for resources.

Mayor Robertson said we may need to look at another 218. Peter said that is an option that we can consider.

June and Mayor Pro Temp Scott discussed the implications of raising rates versus not raising rates. Mayor Pro Tem Scott said not to bring it in November or December, because the Council won't pass it.

Marcus asked what do they need over the next 18 months? Peter believes \$4 Million. Mayor Pro Tem Scott said what you will need to see what you can cut from Veolia – Peter said he can talk about that. Mayor Robertson said how we are helping customer services on the business side. Peter said the big problem is decrease in water

consumption. Mayor Pro Tem Scott said over the years. Marcus said in the current budget there is already a cost coverage issue and work in the spring using ARPA to stabilize the cost.

Mayor Robertson asked about how much is in the environmental fund is in the budget for Recycling and what do we do with it. Mayor Pro Tem Scott said go have a workshop about rates. Peter said that this Part 1 was just operational, and Part 2 will be on Capital.

UPDATES

8) 21-0774 Updates

- Septic Systems in the City of Rialto
- State Water Resources Control Board Arrearages Application
- Lake Rialto Preliminary Design and Potential Grant Submittals
- RWS Memorandum to Water Subcommittee Regarding Meter Reading

Committee Comments/Recommendations

Mayor Robertson asked City Manager and City Attorney to go back and look at the Concession.

Peter said that he can send sections if that is helpful. Mayor Pro Tem Scott said put a rate increase and workshop on Council Agenda, for December's meeting.

Next Subcommittee Meetings

November 17, 2021

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.