



UTILITY BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES JULY 11, 2017

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Kwan Wong called the regular meeting of the Utility Board to order at 7:06 p.m. in the Council Chambers Room at City Hall, 9611 SE 36th Street, Mercer Island, WA.

ROLL CALL:

Chairman Kwan Wong, Vice Chair Tim O'Connell, Mary Grady, Brian Thomas and Will Pokorny Stephen Milton. Wisenteiner was absent.

City Staff: Jason Kintner, Public Works Director, Engineer, Anne Tonella-Howe, Assistant City Engineer, Brian McDaniel, Utilities Operation Manager, Rona Lin, Water Utilities Engineer and Asea Sandine, Recording Secretary were present.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

BOARD ELECTIONS

Chairman Wong introduced new Board Member Mary Grady. Staff and the Board introduced themselves to Board Member Grady. Staff conducted an election for Chair and Vice Chair. Board Member O'Connell nominated Wong for Chair. Board Member Deboer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Board Member Wong accepted the nomination and was elected Chair. Board Member Thomas nominated O'Connell for Vice Chair. Board Member Wong seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Board Member O'Connell accepted the nomination and was elected Vice Chair.

BOOSTER CHLORINATION PROJECT UPDATE

Kintner shared that a lot of work has taken place as the result of the Water Advisory Event. Staff are optimistic that the City will conclude the Event Action Plan soon. He advised this project was budgeted for 2017-18 and is currently at sixty percent design. Staff will seek authorization from Council for construction in 2018. Kintner noted some departmental accomplishments within the water utility include: data collection has tripled; the department is implementing an Enterprise Asset Management system to make better decisions regarding operations; the department is working towards improved strategies for avoiding system contamination and improved operations. The strategies include: maintaining positive pressure, maintaining adequate disinfectant residuals and preventing cross connections. McDaniel added that in an emergency such as a precautionary Boil Water Notice, this booster project aids in the efficient and adequate introduction of disinfectant to be distributed evenly to the entire distribution system.

NORTH MERCER WAY INTERCEPTOR PROJECT.

Tonella-Howe shared that she had not received anything further from King County other than noted they are preparing their thirty percent design which should be out for review in the fourth quarter 2017. She shared that King County continued with their preferred alternative of running pipe as outlined and did not re-evaluate the path along Luther Burbank Park or going into park. Board Member Thomas voiced his continued concern of mitigating roadway impacts for residents and hopes this concern does go not unnoticed.

WORK PLAN:

Thomas shared that he has been privy to social media angst regarding how far behind the City is in infrastructure maintenance. He is interested in how much catch up is needed and shared that messaging will be critical for the rate discussion. Board Member Grady suggested a comparison in relationship a select sample jurisdiction.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:30 PM

Asea Sandine
Recording Secretary