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**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE
MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2008
5:15 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE FEBRUARY 6, 2008 PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

6. Solid Waste Division Report. (Bill De Grande)
7. Wastewater Management Division Report. (Costy Kassisieh)
8. Water Division Report. (Gary Martinez)
 - a. Long Range Water Supply Plan Report. (Claudia Borchert)
 - b. Capital Improvements Project Report. (Brian Snyder)
 - c. Buckman Direct Diversion Project Report. (Rick Carpenter)
 - d. Water Rights Acquisition Report. (Dale Lyons)
 - e. Water Budget Administration Office Report. (Amanda Martinez)
 - f. Water Reservoir Supply Status Report. (Allan Hook)
 - g. Water Conservation Project Report. (Daniel Ransom)
9. Report on Energy Plans for the Next Two Years. (Nick Schiavo)

CONSENT CALENDAR

10. Request for Approval of Emergency Professional Services Agreement with URS Corporation for an Independent Analysis and Review of Water Service Line and Meter Setting Freeze-Ups for the Amount of \$35,770 Inclusive of NMGRT. (Brian Snyder)
11. Request for Approval of the Professional Services Agreements for Transport and Disposal of Water Treatment Plant Residuals (Sludge).
 - a. Waste Management for the Amount of \$97,287.00 Exclusive of NMGRT. (Robert Gallegos)
 - b. Rhino Environmental for the Amount of \$58,068.00 Exclusive of NMGRT. (Robert Gallegos)
12. Request for Approval of Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement for the Total Amount of \$335,397.01 Exclusive of NMGRT for Security Guard Services with Chavez Security Services for the City of Santa Fe Water Facility (RFP #07/41/P). (Michael Gonzales)
13. Request for Approval of Amendment No. 5 to the Construction Services Agreement with Triman Construction Industries for the Amount of \$929,003.18 Inclusive of NMGRT for Sewer Line Pipe Bursts and Point Repairs for Phase I of the Sewer Rehabilitation Project. (Lisa Sandoval)
14. Request for Approval of Amendment No. 1 to the Legal Services Agreement between the Buckman Direct Diversion Board and Long, Pound & Komer for the Total Amount of \$95,000 Inclusive of NMGRT. (Rick Carpenter)
15. Request for Approval of the Purchase of One (1) Ford W-31 One Ton Extended Cab from Bob Turner Ford Country for the Amount of \$30,673.00. (Bill de Grande)
16. Request for Approval of Professional Services Agreement with University of Arizona for the Tree Ring Study in the Amount of \$104,226.00 Exclusive of NMGRT. (Claudia Borchert/Dale Lyons)

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**MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF SANTA FE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE
Wednesday, April 2, 2008**

1. CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Public Utilities Committee was called to order by Councilor Rebecca Wurzburger, Chair, at approximately 5:15 p.m., on April 2, 2008, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councilor Rebecca Wurzburger, Chair
Councilor Christopher Calvert
Councilor Matthew E. Ortiz
Councilor Ronald S. Trujillo

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Councilor Rosemary Romero

OTHERS PRESENT:

Galen Buller, Public Utilities Director
Stephanie Lopez, Public Utilities
Marcus Martinez, Assistant City Attorney
Melessia Helberg, Stenographer

There was a quorum of the membership present for conducting official business.

NOTE: All items in the Committee packet for all agenda items are incorporated herewith to these minutes by reference. The original Committee packet is on file in the Public Utilities Department.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Councilor Ortiz moved, seconded by Councilor Calvert, to move the Consent Agenda discussion prior to Informational Items, and to approve the Agenda as amended.

VOTE: The motion was approved unanimously on a voice vote.

4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Councilor Ortiz moved, seconded by Councilor Trujillo, to approve the following consent agenda as amended.

VOTE: The motion was approved unanimously on a voice vote.

Chair Wurzburger asked that in the future, all agendas will have a "Public Comment" item.

CONSENT CALENDAR

10. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF EMERGENCY PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH URS CORPORATION FOR AN INDEPENDENT ANALYSIS AND REVIEW OF WATER SERVICE LINE AND METER SETTING FREEZE-UPS FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$35,770, INCLUSIVE OF NMGR. (BRIAN SNYDER)
11. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENTS FOR TRANSPORT AND DISPOSAL OF WATER TREATMENT PLANT RESIDUALS (SLUDGE).
 - A. WASTE MANAGEMENT FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$97,287.00 EXCLUSIVE OF NMGR. (ROBERT GALLEGOS)
 - B. RHINO ENVIRONMENTAL FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$58,068.00 EXCLUSIVE OF NMGR. (ROBERT GALLEGOS)
12. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$335,397.01 EXCLUSIVE OF NMGR FOR SECURITY GUARD SERVICES WITH CHAVEZ SECURITY SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF SANTA FE WATER FACILITY (RFP #07/41/P). (MICHAEL GONZALES)
13. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 5 TO THE CONSTRUCTION SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH TRIMAN CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRIES FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$929,003.18 INCLUSIVE OF NMGR FOR SEWER LINE PIPE BURSTS AND POINT REPAIRS FOR PHASE 1 OF THE SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT. (LISA SANDOVAL)
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15. *[Removed for discussion by Councilor Calvert]*
16. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA FOR THE TREE RING STUDY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$104,226.00 EXCLUSIVE OF NMGR. (CLAUDIA BORCHERT AND DALE LYONS)

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE FEBRUARY 6, 2008, PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING.

Chair Wurzburger noted that four of the five members of the Committee are new to the Committee, but will vote to approve the minutes as part of their duties in order to approve the minutes.

MOTION: Councilor Trujillo moved, seconded by Councilor Ortiz, to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 6, 2008, as submitted.

VOTE: The motion was approved unanimously on a voice vote.

CONSENT DISCUSSION

15. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) FORD W-31 ONE TON EXTENDED CAB FROM BOB TURNER FORD COUNTRY FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$30,673.00 (BILL DeGRANDE)

Councilor Calvert asked if the vehicle runs on alternative fuels.

Mr. DeGrande said all vehicles purchased this year run on bio-diesel. He is getting a test vehicle which runs on LNG from Clean Energy in the next two months to test for two weeks, noting the City of Albuquerque also is getting one.

Councilor Calvert said it would help until the Committee is comfortable that this policy is being implemented, to mention those things on the agenda.

Chair Wurzburger asked in the future, staff bringing any vehicle purchase before this Committee to please clarify whether or not the vehicle runs on alternative fuels.

Mr. DeGrande said he wasn't going to purchase this vehicle, but he got an extraordinary deal on it which saved \$50,000.

MOTION: Councilor Calvert moved, seconded by Councilor Trujillo, to approve this request.

DISCUSSION: Councilor Trujillo said the question is whether alternative fuel will be used in the vehicle.

Mr. DeGrande said they are going to try. The issue is that they have 50 vehicles and one place to fill up, and he is working on a schedule for that.

Councilor Calvert said if this is an issue, we need to talk to Mr. Romero about fuel and such.

VOTE: The motion was approved unanimously on a voice vote.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Chair Wurzburger thanked all of the Councilors who have agreed to serve on this Committee. She said this Committee is her number one priority, noting when she ran for her second term, she ran on a platform of sustainability, noting both Councilors Calvert and Ortiz are committed to that as well. She believes it is time for the PUC to return to the work and leadership which Councilor Ortiz so beautifully demonstrated. She said during her first two years in office there was more work on water than has happened for a while. She said we are going to return this Committee to be a policy committee and we will be discussing key issues, such as fuel. She said hopefully we can make a tremendous impact on how we address the issue of sustainability in Santa Fe whether it is water or energy. She commended staff for developing the reports this evening. She would like staff to give the Committee a context on what has happened in the past two years, and at future meetings we will be discussing what kinds of changes need to happen, and specifically, what are the policy options which this Committee needs to consider to move a sustainability agenda forward.

Chair Wurzburger said she asked each division to report on its accomplishments for the past two years, and what issues it sees moving forward.

Chair Wurzburger recognized a member of the audience for comment, and asked that future agendas reflect an item for public comment.

Regina Wheeler, 120 Solona Drive, Director of Los Alamos Solid Waste. Ms. Wheeler said a small group of citizens have gotten together and reviewed the Solid Waste Section of the Sustainable Santa Fe Plan. She said their review is that the recommendations are the correct ones, they support them, and are making some comments about rewording them and making them more clear.

Chair Wurzburger said this will be on a future agenda, and invited Ms. Wheeler and group to attend.

6. SOLID WASTE DIVISION REPORT. (BILL DeGRANDE)

Chair Wurzburger asked the presenters to keep their presentations to ten minutes.

Mr. DeGrande highlighted information from his Memorandum of April 2, 2008, which is in the Committee packet.

Councilor Calvert stated that he will be nominating this Division for employees of the month because they have done such an excellent job of turning this division around. He will submit Mr. DeGrande's summary as evidence of that. He said Mr. DeGrande has improved and continues to improve the service with good things listed on the horizon. He said this isn't to slight other divisions, but this has been a sore point in the past and this division is now moving in the right direction. He thanked Mr. DeGrande for all the hard work he and the employees have done in this regard.

Councilor Trujillo asked what mechanism Mr. DeGrande has that notifies him that it is time for vehicles to be serviced.

Mr. DeGrande said they changed the way they are doing maintenance. He said previously they were scheduled for preventative maintenance in a time frame by fleet, but beginning this month, the division will do its own preventive maintenance throughout the year. He said they have pre and post trips which indicates current problems, and keep extensive records of everything done on every vehicle. Responding to Councilor Trujillo, he said they have no computer software for this purpose right now, but he is looking at that.

Councilor Trujillo believes the City definitely needs to look at purchasing this software.

Mr. DeGrande said there are now three mechanics and are beginning to learn as a group what he expects.

Mr. Trujillo said with the software the State has they can track down time, work orders, etc. He works with it and it makes his work much easier. It is called Fleet Focus, and said he can set up a demonstration for Mr. DeGrande.

Mr. DeGrande said an Assistant Director position was created as part of the restructuring, because he will be retiring in the next 1½ years. He introduced Vivian Martinez who has taken this position, and she has signatory and disciplinary authority in his absence.

Ms. Martinez said to please call her at Siler Road with any questions.

Chair Wurzbarger said in his report, Mr. DeGrande referenced the issue where 50% of the field staff wasn't at work, which at times has been a problem. She asked if this has changed over time, commenting that this differs from a staffing shortage.

Mr. DeGrande clarified that 50% is seven vacancies and eleven people calling in, and that statistic has changed since he has become fully staffed.

Chair Wurzbarger is interested in watching the trend of how many people just don't come to work, for whatever reason, and wants further information on that outside of this meeting.

Councilor Calvert said at times when there are a lot of unfilled vacancies, people wind up taking a day off because they don't get time off otherwise.

Mr. DeGrande agreed saying they get "burned out."

Councilor Calvert would like Mr. DeGrande to provide a schedule for the proposed expansion of programs and the time period he intends to do this.

Chair Wurzbarger asked all division directors to stay for the entire meeting, so they can listen to what everyone is doing.

7. WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT DIVISION REPORT. (COSTY KASSISIEH)

Mr. Kasssieh highlighted the information in his Report which is in the Committee packet. Mr. Kasssieh said he thinks Mr. Buller has been able to get him \$500,000 for the Tierra Contenta effluent line, but he hasn't committed to that yet.

With regard to the Industrial Pre-Treatment Program, Chair Wurzbarger asked if the tightness of the approval schedule is due to the fact that it has to go to multiple committees, and/or the grant hasn't been written.

Mr. Kasssieh said the tightness is the election, noting they received the letter at the end of February 2008, but couldn't do anything in March because there was no Committee meeting and it had to wait until now.

Councilor Calvert would like to be educated on the acronyms Mr. Kasssieh uses.

Chair Wurzbarger asked Mr. Kasssieh to prepare a "cheat sheet" of the major acronyms he uses and email it to the Committee members before the next meeting.

Councilor Calvert said Mr. Kasssieh said there are two lift stations in Aldea which we've taken over on a monthly basis. He asked, if the annexation agreement goes through, if we will give those up.

Mr. Kasssieh said no. The City has a contract with Aldea to maintain their lift stations at \$10,000 per lift station annually, on the condition that they will pay for any pumps which need to be replaced, and they will pay for all utilities, phones and all emergency calls which are needed. One of the lift stations he references in his report is Cerro Gordo which is ours completely, but Aldea owns the other two and we have a contract just for maintenance. At one time there was a lift station at Pueblo del Sol, and that station was demolished because we built the Arroyo Chamiso lift station, and we don't need a lift station, and everything comes by gravity to the plant.

Councilor Calvert noted there is only one TV unit to keep up with all the maintenance. He asked how much a TV unit costs, and if Mr. Kasssieh has included one as a priority in his budget.

Mr. Kasssieh said for this year, he needed a vacuum truck which is more important to the division than the TV unit. He said next year he will request another TV unit which costs \$250,000.

Councilor Calvert asked if there is a particular reason the stoppages increased from 30 to 98.

Mr. Kasssieh said most of it is grease, rags and roots. He said last year the workers cleared more

linear footage than the year before, and when they clean the lines, some of the stuff goes through and gets trapped with the roots downstream which causes stoppage. He said the maintenance begins at the top and goes to the bottom, and the frequency depends on the age and shape of the line.

Councilor Calvert asked if roots are a problem only with older lines.

Mr. Kasssieh said the roots are a killer in older lines, but are just as bad in new lines. He said if the plumber who connects the residence to the City line doesn't do a good job connecting the service line, there will be room between the service line and ours and the roots will go through it "like crazy."

Councilor Calvert asked if there is a way to pinpoint where grease is coming from.

Mr. Kasssieh said it comes mostly from restaurants, and the pipes that get plugged have more restaurants and trees. The problem is you cannot pinpoint which restaurant caused the problem, so they talk to all of them about it.

Councilor Calvert asked if the storm drain people could be of help or assistance in working with him on this.

Mr. Kasssieh said they can help if they notice anyone dumping grease in the manhole and we catch them. He said he has worked with restaurants to be sure that each one has a grease trap in the line. However, if they don't maintain the grease traps, the grease will go through them into the sewer lines and come to the plant.

Responding to Councilor Calvert, Mr. Kasssieh said in the past the City used a product to kill the roots which EPA will no longer allow us to use. We tried Rootex, but that didn't work, and now we are going to try another chemical. He said mostly they use saws tied on the rod and go into the pipe and cut the roots as much as possible.

Responding to Councilor Calvert, Mr. Kasssieh said the maintenance schedule is as live as it can be and keeps moving wherever we need to go.

Councilor Wurzbarger said she has two questions and would like Mr. Kasssieh to answer between meetings or at the next meeting. She asked the status of the use of the effluent and how much more can be used.

Mr. Kasssieh said in the last 15 years, the effluent has been the best, and in the past three years has been coded as Class 1-A and can be used anywhere without restrictions.

Councilor Wurzbarger said she is asking if the City is seeing the effluent as a valuable resource, and part of the formula. She wants a good understanding of the potential, and if we have more effluent we could be using. She asked Mr. Kasssieh to brief her on this.

Councilor Trujillo said his first resolution dealt with effluent lines throughout the City, and a study was done, although he doesn't have anything on it.

Mr. Kassisieh said he worked on it with Robert Romero, and the word is it will cost millions and millions, and it is still under study, but he hasn't given up on it.

Councilor Calvert said he and Councilor Trujillo sponsored a resolution to increase the rates for effluent.

Councilor Wurzbarger wants to come back to this issue at a future meeting, because it is important to her.

Councilor Wurzbarger said it may be a myth that our sewer system will collapse any minute. She asked Mr. Kassisieh, given the development downtown and the new convention center and the cathedral project, what is the capacity to proceed with these kinds of developments downtown. She asked Mr. Kassisieh to answer this question at a future meeting.

8. WATER DIVISION REPORT. (GARY MARTINEZ)

Gary Martinez presented information from his March 24, 2008 Memorandum which is in the Council packet, enumerating and highlighting the Division's accomplishments and its goals and objectives for the next two years.

Mr. Buller said he understands Amanda Martinez is in labor and probably won't be here today.

Chair Wurzbarger said she is aware of that, and there will be no report on Item #8(e).

A. LONG RANGE WATER SUPPLY PLAN REPORT. (CLAUDIA BORCHERT)

Rick Carpenter presented information from Ms. Borchert's Memorandum of March 21, 2008. Mr. Carpenter said we can use the model to do simulations "real time" here at the Committee meeting.

B. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT REPORT. (BRIAN SNYDER)

Brian Snyder presented information from the materials in the packet. He noted that Water Division CIP projects are funded as part of the 20-year funding plan by the Water Division Enterprise Fund, which is often confused with the Public Works CIP funding, which are two different things.

C. BUCKMAN DIRECT DIVERSION PROJECT REPORT. (RICK CARPENTER)

Rick Carpenter presented information regarding this matter from his Memorandum of March 25, 2008.

D. WATER RIGHTS ACQUISITION REPORT. (DALE LYONS)

A copy of an advertisement by the City offering to buy water rights in The Journal North, dated March 30, 2008, is incorporated herewith to these minutes as Exhibit "1."

Dale Lyons presented information regarding this matter from his Memorandum of March 25, 2008.

Chair Wurzburger asked how many new water rights the City has acquired since we started this program.

Mr. Lyons said he is unaware of any water rights being purchased prior to him coming to the City. He said the Ed Romero water rights submitted to the OSE in September are the first water rights which the City is purchasing. These rights haven't been approved for transfer and have drawn a protest from an advocate group.

E. WATER BUDGET ADMINISTRATION OFFICE REPORT. (AMANDA MARTINEZ)

There was no report under this item.

F. WATER RESERVOIR SUPPLY STATUS REPORT. (ALLAN HOOK)

Allan Hook presented information from his Memorandum of April 2, 2008, and the graph attached to the Memorandum. He noted the reservoir capacity is just under 90%.

G. WATER CONSERVATION PROJECT REPORT. (DANIEL RANSOM)

Daniel Ransom highlighted information from the Report in the Committee Packet, detailing the programs and activities planned for the next year.

Chair Wurzburger asked if there is a Water efficiency program for City buildings.

Mr. Ransom said City buildings are all retrofitted to the 1.6 toilets, aerators and such. Some of the next steps are the high efficiency toilets, waterless urinals. He said the Southside Library has waterless urinals and water harvesting, and is a good example of low water use in the City.

General Questions

Councilor Calvert said, although he doesn't have questions, there are "hot buttons" he hopes we will work on this year:

- ◆ Water quality;
- ◆ a water budget which is a viable tool for making policy decisions;
- ◆ working on a new water billing system;
- ◆ reducing leaks to the extent possible;
- ◆ water in the Santa Fe River;
- ◆ pursuing conservation initiatives aggressively; and
- ◆ energy use at the treatment plants to reduce outside energy needs using alternative energy resources.

Councilor Ortiz said he also is interested in doing the next generation of water budgeting. The water budget to date has not been meaningful or productive, and hasn't been borne out by the figures we have been presented year after year. He said the water budget and the work on the water budget was always meant to be an interim step. He said if Councilor Calvert wants to work on a concrete, longer term solution on the water budget that incorporates the demand and supply, we need a better meshing of these two elements. But, to say it needs to be more meaningful in terms of planning, we have had meaningful discussions in terms of that water budget. He is committed to working on the next generation of the water budget. He said there needs to be some sort of accounting for the wranglings which have happened to date with the Direct Diversion, and hopes this Committee will become the touchstone for the City with what is happening on the direct diversion. If it is appeals, we need to hear about it. If progress is being made, we need to hear about it. He believes the water division will come for a rate increase which he hopes will be tied to tangential, real projects that we will see.

Councilor Ortiz said he and Councilor Wurzbarger are committed to a more aggressive approach to water rights acquisition. He believes the River falls into a very aggressive water rights acquisition strategy. We need to be sure that any flows down the Santa Fe River don't take away from the demand and supply elements which are built into our Long Range Water Supply Plan. He said this is the reason he and Councilor Wurzbarger passed the River Fund, and committed the City to match, dollar for dollar, any monies contributed to the River. He hopes we can see some of that information built into a very aggressive water supply acquisition plan which rounds out some of the work which needs to happen on the water budget.

There was a short break at this time

9. REPORT ON ENERGY PLANS FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS. (NICK SCHIAVO)

A copy of a power point presentation, "City of Santa Fe Two Year Energy Plan," dated April 2, 2008, is incorporated herewith to these minutes as Exhibit "2."

Nick Schiavo, Energy Specialist, reviewed the information in Exhibit "2," and in the Committee Packet.

Mr. Schiavo said with an aggressive schedule, the City can get below 1970 levels. He said there will be an increase in energy use when the BDD goes on line, and it certainly won't go down.

Mr. Schiavo said he recommends the City do an energy audit, and that the City hire someone else to do that audit. He is working with Dale Lyon to find a consultant to do the energy audit. He suggests it be someone is well versed in variable frequency drive pumps and knows these kinds of things "inside and out."

Chair Wurzburger asked if there are options to turn off or lower the street lights.

Mr. Schiavo said the City pays a flat rate to PNM whether we use it or not, and PNM turns the lights on and off by photovoltaic sensors. He believes there would be a lot of expense incurred trying to turn these off and on manually because they aren't wired that way.

Councilor Calvert said his only concern about the energy audit on the Siringo area is the payback period of anything we do there if we wind up consolidating City facilities.

Mr. Schiavo said before he worked on any of the energy efficiency stuff, he consulted with Richard Fiedler about what he believes will be phased out.

Councilor Trujillo said, with regard to the City fleet, nothing here talks about the possibility of purchasing hybrids and electric cars.

Mr. Schiavo said the City received a grant from Energy, Minerals & Natural Resources of \$14,000, and he is working with parking to purchase two new electric vehicles. He said the State has been buying Civic hybrids and those are on the State Price Agreement. He believes we now have six, noting his department has two of those.

Councilor Ortiz said the resolution he introduced about reducing the carbon footprint needs to be incorporated into all of this. He believes we should be more aggressive, and we need to try to reach our highest efficiencies. He believes there needs to be some kind of policy or ordinance to let us go ahead and do the easy stuff right now, such as the pool cover for GCCC. He would like to give the City Manager the go ahead to make some of these kinds of efficiency changes, but he is unsure how to do that policywise. He said we should be doing some of the obvious ones right now.

Mr. Schiavo believes 20% is aggressive and he it would be very challenging for him alone to make that happen. He said he doesn't want to be set up for failure. He would rather stand here and say it will be 20% and really deliver.

Mr. Schiavo said, with regard to the pool covers, the "wheels of government turn slowly." He

doesn't want to buy something that wasn't going to work. He tried to do this. He said when he went to Genoveva Chavez. They had a "hit list" of sixteen items why we could never have pool covers. He said after two hours of conversation, they finally said they see the point and would do it. The person told him it would be challenging logistically, and asked to see it used at another pool first. Mr. Schiavo said he has ordered a cover for the Ft. Marcy pool and can show all the lifeguards how "challenging or not challenging" it is to roll up pool covers.

Councilor Wurzbarger would like this Committee to come up with a list of the "23 low hanging fruit," and direct Mr. Buller to do this, and take it to the Council as policy direction. She would rather see Mr. Schiavo spend more time doing this, than trying to convince lifeguards they can pull the pool covers.

Mr. Schiavo believes we will find the best ones to pursue are the ones identified in the energy audit, noting the quickest payback always is energy efficiency.

Responding to Councilor Calvert, Mr. Schiavo said he has all of the data the City needs and we are 17% above the 1990 levels with respect to greenhouse gas, and he has all the numbers.

MATTERS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY

None.

ITEMS FROM STAFF

None.

MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE

Councilor Trujillo said Representative Varela would like a tour of the watershed, and asked Gary Martinez to accommodate that.

The Committee discussed the next meeting in May, and it was the consensus among the Committee to have only one meeting in May on May 21, 2008, with a backup date of May 13, 2008.

Chair Wurzbarger said at the next meeting she would like to go back to the basics on the Long Term Water Plan and the Water Budget and get the big picture in place with respect to what we need, what we think we have and the demand analysis. She said to look at financing plan without the pieces is hard for her to do.

Mr. Martinez would like to give a Water Finance Plan on May 23rd and it will take some time, and asked if the Committee if they would like a workshop prior to the meeting, or just make a presentation.

Chair Wurzbarger said a presentation.

Mr. Martinez said a lot of it is the elements of the capital projects we are considering and how to finance those projects.

Chair Wurzburger wants to judge the CIP plan in the context of the overall need, so she will give Mr. Martinez time for a general introduction on May 21st, along with an update on the water budget and the portion of Claudia's report that we didn't hear tonight in more detail.

Chair Wurzburger said the homework assignment for the first meeting in June is to start to look at the issues we raised earlier with respect to sustainability. She wants to get some specific objectives for this Committee over the next two years – what is wastewater going to do with respect to affecting our carbon footprint, for example. She wants specific answers to these kinds of questions for a context of how we look at the third question. What policy questions do the division directors need to bring to this Committee to enable you to meet the kind of sustainability goals we're talking about. What kinds of information do you need from use, and what decisions do you need in order to move this agenda forward. She is going to ask each of the directors to address these things over the next two meetings.

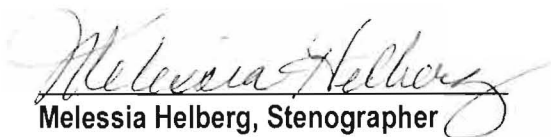
Councilor Calvert would add one caveat to what she has said: while achieving basic services that citizens continue to want. He said we can't lose that focus.

NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2008 WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2008.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Committee, and the Committee having completed its agenda, Councilor Calvert moved, seconded by Councilor Ortiz, to adjourn. The motion was approved unanimously on a voice vote, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:15p.m.

Rebecca Wurzburger, Chair


Melessia Helberg, Stenographer