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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS 200 Lincoln WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2015 REGULAR MEETING – 5:00 P.M.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER
- 2. ROLL CALL
- 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- 4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA
- 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 7, 2015 PUC MEETING

EXECUTIVE SESSION

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act NMSA 1978, §10-15-1(H)(7), Discussion Regarding Threatened or Pending Litigation in which the City of Santa Fe is or may become a participant: In the Matter of the Application of the City of Santa Fe for Permit to Use a Supplemental Well, Hearing No. 12-018. (Marcos Martinez)

End of Session

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- 6. City of Santa Fe 40 Year Water Plan: Past, Current and Future. (William Schneider)
- 7. Update on Current Water Supply Status and McClure Reservoir Construction. (Alex Puglisi and Robert Jorgensen)
- 8. Utility Billing Division Update. (Diana Catanach)

CONSENT – ACTION CALENDAR

- 9. Water Conservation Section Fall Update. (Rick Carpenter)
- 10. Request for approval of a Budget Adjustment Request (BAR) for the total amount of \$292,951.00. (Maya Martinez)

Public Utilities Committee – 11/4/15 Finance Committee – 11/30/15 City Council – 12/9/15

11. Request for approval of Award of Bid No. '16/02/B for the Camino Capitan, Vereda Rodiando, Paseo de Tularosa, Paseo de Canto Water Main Replacement Project - CIP # 3050 to Sasquatch, Inc. for \$496,000.00 exclusive of NMGRT. (Bill Huey)

Finance Committee – 11/2/15 Public Utilities Committee – 11/4/15 City Council – 11/10/15

12. Request for approval of Award of Bid No. '16/10/B for the Water Main Replacement Project – CIP # 3049 to Sub Surface Contracting, Inc. for the total amount of \$382,898.98 inclusive of NMGRT. (Eric Ulibarri)

Public Utilities Committee – 11/4/15 Finance Committee – 11/30/15 City Council – 12/9/15

DISCUSSION AND ACTION

13. Request for approval of two (2) Toilet Retrofit Credit buy back contracts totaling 80.075 acre-fee of water. (Andrew Erdmann)

Finance Committee – 11/2/15 Public Utilities Committee – 11/4/15 City Council – 11/10/15

14. Request for approval Bill No. 2015-_____. An ordinance amending Section 21-2 Definitions; Amending Section 21-3 to eliminate the Santa Fe Homes Program applicability; amending Section 21-4 to eliminate reference to single-use plastic bags; amending Section 21-7.1 to clarify that nonresidential establishments shall pay a service rate; and amending Exhibit B: Refuse and Recycling Rate and Fee Schedule of Section 21 to increase rates by 4.9 percent for residential curbside collectionand by an average of 16 percent for commercial recycling in or to purchase necessary

equipment to transition the residential recycling program from manual to automated collection. (Nick Schiavo) (Councilor Ives)

Finance Committee – 11/2/15 Public Utilities Committee – 11/4/15 City Council – 11/10/15

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MATTERS FROM STAFF

MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, December 2, 2015

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MINUTES OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE Wednesday, November 4, 2015

1. CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Public Utilities Committee was called to order by Councilor Christopher M. Rivera, Chair, at approximately 5:00 p.m., on Wednesday, November 4, 2015, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councilor Christopher M, Rivera, Chair Councilor Patti J. Bushee Councilor Peter N. Ives Councilor Joseph M. Maestas

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Councilor Bill Dimas

OTHERS PRESENT:

Nick Schiavo, Public Utilities Director Marcos Martinez, Assistant City Attorney Stephanie Lopez, Public Utilities Elizabeth Martin for 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

Mr. Schiavo said there is only one toilet credit buyback on item 9 under Discussion/Action.

MOTION: Councilor Ives moved, seconded by Councilor Maestas, to approve the Agenda as amended.

VOTE: The motion was approved a voice vote of 3 - 0 with Councilor Bushee abstaining.

4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Councilor Bushee moved, seconded by Councilor Ives, to approve the following Consent

Action Calendar.

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

CONSENT – ACTION CALENDAR

9. WATER CONSERVATION SECTION FALL UPDATE. (RICK CARPENTER)

- 10. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUEST (BAR) FOR THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$292,951. (MAYA MARTÍNEZ) Committee Review: Public Utilities Committee 11/04/15; Finance Committee 11/30/15; and City Council -12/09/15.
- 11. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AWARD OF BID NO. 16/01/B FOR THE CAMINO CAPITAN, VEREDA RODANDO, PASEO DE TULAROSA, PASEO DE CANTO WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT CIP #3050, TO SASQUATCH, INC., FOR \$496,000, EXCLUSIVE OF NMGRT. (BILL HUEY)

 Committee Review: Finance Committee 11/02/15; Public Utilities Committee 11/04/15; and City Council -11/10/15.
- 12. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF AWARD OF BID NO. 16/10/B FOR THE WATER MAQIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT CIP #3049 TO SUB-SURFACE CONTRACTING, INC., FOR THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$382,898.98 INCLUSIVE OF NMGRT. (ERIC ULIBARRI) Committee Review: Public Utilities Committee 11/4/15; Finance Committee 11/30/15; and City Council 12/09/15.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 7, 2015 PUC MEETING

MOTION: Councilor Maestas moved, seconded by Councilor Ives, to approve the minutes of the

PUC meeting of August 5, 2015, as presented.

VOTE: The motion was approved unanimously on a voice.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Martinez read the item into the record.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT NMSA 1978, §10-15-1(H)(7), DISCUSSION REGARDING THREATENED OR PENDING LITIGATION IN WHICH THE CITY OF SANTA FE IS OR MAY BECOME A PARTICIPANT, IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE FOR PERMIT TO USE A SUPPLEMENTAL WELL, HEARING NO. 12-018. (MARCOS MARTÍNEZ)

MOTION:

Councilor Maestas moved, seconded by Councilor Ives, in accordance with §10-15-1(H)(7) NMSA 1978, that the Public Utilities Committee go into Executive Session for discussion regarding threatened or pending litigation in which the City of Santa Fe is a participant, and in the matter of the Application of the City of Santa Fe for permit to use a supplemental well, Hearing No. 12-018.

The motion was approved on the following roll call vote:

For: Councilor Bushee, Councilor Ives,, Councilor Maestas, Councilor Rivera

Against: None.

The Public Utilities Committee went into Executive 5:06 pm.

MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION:

Councilor Bushee moved, seconded by Councilor Maestas, that the Public Utilities Committee come out of Executive Session and stated that the only items which were discussed in executive session were those items which were on the agenda, and no action was taken.

VOTE:

The motion was approved unanimously on a voice vote.

The Public Utilities Committee came back into regular session at 6:15 pm.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

6. CITY OF SANTA FE 40 YEAR WATER PLAN: PAST, CURRENT AND FUTURE. (WILLIAM SCHNEIDER)

Mr. Schneider said thank you for the opportunity to update you on what we are doing. His presentation is in the packet. He reviewed his presentation.

Councilor Maestas said he thinks this is very good. To get the perspective of the 40 Year Water Plan is important. In good standing, what would that mean.

Mr. Schneider said we have a Plan on record and they not asking for an update.

Mr. Martínez said he echos what Bill said. The State Engineer has not asked us to update the Plan. We are in good standing because the State Engineer has not asked for anything more or an update. The City does need to actively file that 40 Year Plan.

Councilor Maestas asked do we wait for the studies.

Mr. Schneider said the Feasibility Study and Return Flow Plan are on track to be completed at the end of 2016.

Councilor Maestas asked is there any effort to replace the Baca wells. There is Federal funding available if we close a municipal well for contamination. Have we considered pursuing that funding. It might be of merit to include that in the 40 Year Plan update. We want to make sure all issues are included there. He would like a copy of the 40 Year Plan.

Mr. Schneider said he emailed the document to Councilor Maestas this afternoon.

Councilor Bushee said she wants to pursue all payments for that contaminated well.

Mr. Puglisi said tomorrow he and Bill have a meeting with PNM and NMED.

Councilor Bushee asked is there a new understanding.

Mr. Puglisi said yes, we are negotiating an MOU for a year. There is corrective action funding. We all are close to signing the MOU. Then a work plan will be developed. The Baca Street well is off due to a disagreement between PNM and the City. We decided we did not need to use the water for daily needs. It is shut off until PNM is willing to help.

Councilor Bushee said it is in my district. She would like to see regular updates at the Committee so she can let parties know.

Mr. Puglisi said we will do that.

Councilor Ives said the MOU is going to deal with characterization and clean up. What characterization remains.

Mr. Puglisi said there is quite a bit. The NMED Consent Agreement locked us into the monitoring of certain wells. We found that the plume has been migrating. We found a well that had over 36 inches of fuel oil floating. It forced the city and PNM to enter into a new agreement. Under corrective action funding they are required to drill new monitoring wells and do corrective action.

Councilor Ives asked when would that MOU be available and would we have the opportunity to comment.

Mr. Puglisi said we are not part of that MOU. NMED is ready to sign. PNM is moving it through the ranks at PNM. We are hoping by the end of next month.

Councilor lyes said he would like to see a draft of it.

Mr. Puglisi said will do.

7. UPDATE ON CURRENT WATER SUPPLY STATUS AND McCLURE RESERVOIR CONSTRUCTION. (ALEX PUGLISI AND ROBERT JORGENSEN)

Mr. Puglisi said his report is in the packet and he will stand for questions.

Councilor Bushee asked are there any projections on El Nino.

Mr. Puglisi said it seems to be bearing true. They are forecasting an above average snow pack. We are at 40% at Nichols storage.

Councilor Bushee said so both are ready to go for this winter.

Mr. Puglisi said McClure will be ready at the end of the month.

Councilor Ives said regarding the San Juan project storage, there are 155 acre feet that has to be vacated by Dec 31, 2015 unless we get a waiver. We have 16,000 acre feet of water that hopefully will be stored. He would love to hear the long term strategy on the use of that water. He doesn't need it today.

Mr. Puglisi said Alan Hook is working on it. Most likely we will shift production to BDD and step down production at Canyon Road.

Councilor Ives said he would love to see a cogent plan.

Councilor Maestas said regarding the San Juan Chama water, what about leasing it for endangered species purposes. That would probably be granted. Have we looked at that. Is leasing the water feasible or advantageous.

Mr. Martínez said it would definitely be advantageous. Once we have the information we will be able to determine a good lease amount.

Councilor Ives asked if we lease it what is the current rate per acre foot.

Mr. Martínez said a good will rate would be \$50 per acre foot.

Councilor lyes asked who sets the rate.

Mr. Martinez said they make an offer.

8. UTILITY BILLING DIVISION UPDATE. (DIANA CATANACH)

Ms. Catanach said her memo is in the packet. We are up to 18,263 meters installed. She said she would stand for questions.

Councilor Maestas asked, regarding the security of the utility on line payment portal, is it secure.

Ms. Catanach said as of Oct 1st we had to have a security piece in place. It is in place now.

Councilor Bushee asked how many more are left to install.

Ms. Catanach said we are at 58%. We think by March we will be done.

Councilor Bushee asked has it caused any billing issues for users.

Ms. Catanach said a bit.

Councilor Ives asked can be get an update on the status of the people who came in and met with you, Nick and the Councilor. The ones who had a letter in the paper. Send it to me in an email tomorrow.

Mr. Schiavo said we worked with the billing staff to get that corrected. It is all corrected.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION

13. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF TWO (2) TOILET RETROFIT CREDIT BUYBACK CONTRACTS TOTALING 80.075 AFY OF WATER. ANDREW ERDMAN. Committee Review: Finance Committee 11/02/15; Public Utilities Committee - 11/04/15; and City Council 11/10/15.

Mr. Erdman said his memo is in the packet. He explained that the request was changed to (1) toilet retrofit contract finished. He reviewed his memo.

MOTION:

A motion was made by Councilor Ives, seconded by Councilor Maestas, to approve this

request.

VOTE:

The motion was approved unanimously on a voice vote.

14. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF BILL NO. 2015- ___. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION

21-2 DEFINITIONS; AMENDING SECTION 21-3 TO ELIMINATE THE SANTA FE HOMES PROGRAM APPLICABILITY; AMENDING SECTION 24-4 TO ELIMINATE REFERENCE TO SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BAGS; AMENDING SECTION 21-7.1 TO CLARIFY THAT NONRESIDENTIAL ESTABLISHMENTS SHALL PAY A SERVICE RATE; AND AMENDING EXHIBIT B, REFUSE AND RECYCLING RATE AND FEE SCHEDULE OF SECTION 21 TO INCREASE RATES BY 4.9 PERCENT FOR RESIDENTIAL CURBSIDE COLLECTION AND BY AN AVERAGE OF 16 PERCENT FOR COMMERCIAL RECYCLING IN OR TO PURCHASE NECESSARY EQUIPMENT TO TRANSITION THE RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING PROGRAM FROM MANUAL TO AUTOMATED COLLECTION (COUNCILOR IVES). (NICK SCHIAVO). Committee Review: Finance Committee 11/02/15; Public Utilities Committee - 11/04/15; and City Council 11/10/15.

Mr. Schiavo said at the Finance Committee meeting it was made clear to him that they wanted to see more options pertaining to raising rates. Spread sheets were handed out and are hereby incorporated herewith to these minutes as Exhibit "1".

Mr. Schiavo reviewed the spread sheet.

Councilor Maestas asked are you calling for a correction on the commercial rates. The direction was that we address the equity part so both residential and commercial are self sustaining.

Councilor Bushee said tell me what the blue one is.

Mr. Schiavo said he has gone through both. At the last meeting he recommended increasing rates by .68. We have to buy vehicles for automated pick up and glass pick up at five locations. It will be the same locations every week and they will be manned.

Councilor Bushee said the .68 is just to cover that so how did you get to \$1.64.

Mr. Schiavo said currently residential is being subsidized by commercial. It was suggested that we look at a way to correct that. That is what the second scenario is.

Councilor Maestas said usually capital purchases are spread out. Is that carts.

Mr. Schiavo said yes, vehicles, roll off dumpsters and carts. The number goes up in the next year. Councilor Maestas asked will service be available immediately.

Mr. Schiavo said yes.

Councilor Rivera said the \$1.64 for residential. How much for commercial.

Mr. Schiavo said \$1.64 plus .34.

Councilor Rivera asked is there a dollar rate increase for commercial.

Mr. Schiavo said on the charts it reflects different kinds of loading. Commercial is at 2%.

Councilor Maestas asked where do you include the debt service on the MFA loan.

Mr. Schiavo said we worked in the principal and interest in debt service

Councilor Maestas said he thought the total was half of that.

Mr. Schiavo said it includes the debt service for the fueling station and the debt service for automated service.

Councilor Bushee asked did you run a scenario for every other week glass pick up.

Mr. Schiavo said he did not. That would cost us more money and we would need additional staff.

Councillor Bushee asked how about for those who don't like to travel to the mobile unit. What will they do

Mr. Schiavo said throw it in the bin.

Mr. Schiavo said he did not want to see anyone throw out glass but right now the metals and paper products are more marketable.

Councilor Bushee asked why is it that every other week pick up would cause more contamination.

Mr. Schiavo said the contamination issue comes in as soon as he lets people put out glass.

Councilor Bushee asked are you going to issue penalties to people. What do you do with folks that will throw out glass in the big bin.

Mr. Schiavo said our staff recommends that it will take up to nine months to order vehicles and carts. To start this operation in April, May or June 2016 and provide staff with stickers to see where the sites are to throw we need to start now. We would stop picking up glass curbside. We hope to start automated in September.

Councilor Bushee asked are there plans to penalize.

Mr. Schiavo said no.

Councilor Bushee asked do you expect folks to throw it in the trash.

Mr. Schiavo said then it is inert.

Councilor Bushee asked do you prefer that rather than in the recycle bin.

Mr. Schiavo said yes.

Councilor Bushee said that needs to be part of your education.

Mr. Schiavo said something inert is better than paper in the landfill.

Councilor Bushee asked could you run a scenario for every other week.

Mr. Schiavo said yes.

Councilor Bushee said she wants to understand what kind of incentive we can provide to folks to do this. We are raising their rates.

Mr. Schiavo said the only incentive is help us keep rates fixed for 3-5 years depending on what scenario is selected.

Councilor Bushee asked what if we don't divert more waste.

Mr. Schiavo said we have already seen a19% increase this September over last September.

Councilor Bushee asked, you believe that this is going to work.

Mr. Schiavo said the study said 75% to 80% once we go automated.

Councilor Bushee said she is going to ask that he do something different for publicity.

Mr. Schiavo said understood. Friedman will store all our material. They collected 153 tons and ran one bunch. It was very fiber rich which they like. There were very few bags and a lot of metals. Unusable materials were only 8%.

Councilor Bushee asked are there any other things to pursue to show we are providing more service for the higher rates. Like green waste.

Mr. Schiavo said green waste is a good idea. We could offer it a couple of days a year where we can pick it up. He will get the costs.

Councilor Bushee said not another vehicle and more staff.

Councilor Bushee said can you incorporate that too for this rate increase and what about pay as you throw.

Mr. Schiavo said regarding pay as you throw, he is hesitant to push that right now. I will have to look at the costs of green waste.

Councilor Bushee said she is concerned about the elderly. Can you come up with some way to deal with that scenario.

Mr. Schiavo said he will look at it.

Councilor Ives said on the amendments sheet, he is trying to understand paragraph G. He thought Styrofoam was recyclable.

Mr. Schiavo said it is not something Friedman is taking.

Councilor Ives asked what are sharps.

Mr. Schiavo said needles.

MOTION

Councilor Ives made a motion to adopt the black and blue sheet without shifting the additional .31 to residential. A straight \$1.64.

Mr. Schiavo said the 2% is what he needs to defer.

Councilor Ives said so you need the .31.

Mr. Schiavo said yes.

Councilor lves said so you are saying do the rate increase once.

AMENDED MOTION

Councilor Ives amended his motion to approve that rate structure including the amendments. An increase of \$1.95. The new scenario with the subsidy.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Maestas.

Mr. Schiavo said the current subsidy is about \$300,000. We would have to move that somewhere and raise commercial.

Councilor Maestas said we are increasing residential. The subsidy is still there. What about a variable increase for commercial.

Mr. Schiavo said we are correcting that subsidy in both scenarios.

Councilor Maestas said we originally talked about recycling costs. That needs to be said. It needs to be explained about what we are providing now.

Councilor Bushee said she thought you were separating the station out from this proposal.

Mr. Schiavo said yes, we are getting a loan. Under debt service, that is the pay off of the loan for the station.

Councilor Bushee asked how are we planning on increasing commercial.

Mr. Schiavo said it has gone up. We are working on that.

Councilor Bushee asked what are you going to do with the old recycle bins.

Mr. Schiavo said it is our intent to recycle.

Councilor Bushee asked are there any other low handing fruit items.

Mr. Schiavo said we are doing commercial composting now. We are looking at a way to provide composting units to homeowners.

Councilor Bushee said Styrofoam, is it something we want to go by the wayside.

Mr. Schiavo said there is no place that takes it. It is on the list of unacceptable materials.

Councilor Bushee said it ends up in the landfill.

Mr. Schiavo said yes.

Councilor Bushee asked do you want a bill that says no more Styrofoam.

Adam Schlachter came forward to address the issues.

Mr. Schlachter said nationally Styrofoam is less that ½ of 1 %.

Councilor Bushee said she gets it. What is the breakdown in the landfill.

Mr. Schlachter said it doesn't breakdown. It is a non issue at this point.

Councilor Bushee asked what about plastic water bottles.

Mr. Schlachter said all plastics are recyclable.

Councilor Bushee asked what are we doing with the glass.

Mr. Schlachter said they are looking for outlets.

Councilor Bushee asked why can't we sort it and have true single stream.

Mr. Schlachter said the equipment that Friedman put in does not allow glass.

Councilor Bushee asked so we just let it go.

Mr. Schlachter said it is very costly. From an industry perspective Boulder is removing glass from single stream, the State of Louisiana has removed it and Washington is looking at removing it. A fiber rich stream is coming out of Santa Fe. 78% is paper.

Councilor Bushee asked why nationally is the tide turning against single stream.

Mr. Schlachter said the industry is moving away for financial reasons.

Councilor Bushee said so now we are basing the whole thing around the market.

Mr. Schlachter said that is how the business works.

Councilor Bushee said we are trying to encourage folks to divert, not encourage markets.

Mr. Schlachter said everything from the agency perspective costs will be passed on to the consumer. The scenario we are looking at is best for the consumer.

Councilor Bushee asked we did not go to an outside contractor in the beginning because SWMA said we would lose money. She is frustrated that we let the market dictate how we encourage diversion.

MOTION Councilor Ives made a motion, seconded by Councilor Maestas, to adopt the black and blue proposal.

Councilor Maestas said you show a higher rent payment, though negotiations are still pending.

Mr. Schiavo said that is my assumption number.

VOTE

Councilor Bushee said she abstains and would like the scenario she requested and understand the cost of green waste two times a year before she approves. Also she wants the time line for pay as you throw.

The motion passed by a voice vote of 3 yes and 1 abstention.

MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

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ITEMS FROM STAFF

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MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE

Councilor Maestas said thank you Nick for working on this. This is the best outcome at this time.

NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2015.

ADJOURN

There was no further business to come before the Committee, and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:40 pm.

Christopher M. Rivera, Chair

Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer