



Agenda

SANTA FE WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING
CITY HALL – 200 LINCOLN AVE.
CITY COUNCILOR'S CONFERENCE ROOM
July 9, 2019
4:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

4. UPDATE ON CURRENT WATER SUPPLY STATUS (Andrew Erdmann, Water Conservation Specialist Senior, paerdmann@santafenm.gov, 955-4223)
5. DISCUSSION OF JOINT CITY/ COUNTY MEETING ON MAY 7th (Councilor Romero-Wirth, Christine Chavez, Water Conservation Manager, cychavez@santafenm.gov, 955-4219)
6. PROPOSED DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO TERM LIMITS FOR WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE (Councilor Romero-Wirth)
7. 5 YEAR WATER CONSERVATION PLAN (Christine Chavez, Water Conservation Manager, cychavez@santafenm.gov, 955-4219)

MATTERS FROM PUBLIC:

MATTERS FROM STAFF:

MATTERS FROM COMMITTEE:

NEXT MEETING – (Councilor's Conference Room): Tuesday, August 13, 2019

CAPTIONS: Due by 3:00 pm, July 29, 2019

PACKET MATERIAL: Due by 3:00 pm, July 31, 2019

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Santa Fe Water Conservation Committee was called to order at 4:00 pm by Councilor Carol Romero-Wirth, Chair, on Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at City Hall, in the City Councilor's Conference Room, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

2. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilor Romero-Wirth, Chair
Scott Bunton
Ken Kirk
Stephen Schmelling
Six (6) Vacancies

MEMBERS ABSENT

Bob Coombe, Excused

OTHERS PRESENT

Andy Otto, Santa Fe Watershed Association
Andrew Erdmann, City of Santa Fe, Water Conservation
Jerry Jacobi
Maria DeAnda Hay
Beth Kirby
Jacqueline Salcedo, NM Gas Company
Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer

A QUORUM WAS NOT PRESENT THEREFORE NO ACTION COULD BE TAKEN.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

INFORMATION ITEMS:

Chair Romero-Wirth stated that we have three appointees before Council at tomorrow night's City Council meeting. With those three approvals we will have three

remaining vacancies. We will be back up to full strength soon. She encouraged the three pending members to join the Committee at the table and to join in the conversation.

4. UPDATE ON CURRENT WATER SUPPLY STATUS

Mr. Erdman reviewed the report in the packet.

5. DISCUSSION OF JOINT CITY/COUNTY MEETING ON MAY 7TH

Chair Romero-Wirth said we need to decide how to move forward with what we all agreed was the path forward. It was agreed that we could work jointly on a plan for drought management for the City and the County. She is interested in your thoughts as to how we start to structure that task. Her thinking is that she would speak with Commissioner Hamilton and that we have to understand what both entities are doing right now regarding drought management and then see how we make those dovetail. She wanted to open this up to your thoughts about how we might tackle that.

Mr. Wiman said one way to approach tasks like this is to first agree to a table of contents for what the plan would contain or entail and annotate that table of contents after a tentative agreement is reached with what each entity is doing and have declared as policy and take that document and begin carving up pieces to address one by one.

Mr. Kirk said he is also a member of the County Water Policy Committee and they have been talking about putting together a drought management plan for the County. It does not make any sense to have City plan and a County plan so we ought to be working together on that. He likes your thoughts. This issue came up at the May 7th meeting and the proposal was to form a working group made up of members of both committees to tackle this issue and go from there.

Chair Romero-Wirth asked so we need more than one working group. We could identify several components to focus on and create working groups around each component. She is concerned that this is a huge task for two volunteer advisory committees. It may take some time to do this. We may need to tackle it one piece at a time. She does like the idea of hearing what both have in their thinking around this idea to have a sense of what is out there and to identify work that needs to be done. We have an Emergency Management Plan, but not a Drought Management Plan. A drought might be one emergency we might face. For the City, what components of that cross over into drought management or are they totally different animals.

Chair Romero-Wirth asked was this an accepted idea by the County Committee.

Mr. Kirk said no, not at this time. He is not sure why they feel strongly about moving forward and developing a plan in the absence of the City. They don't have

anything on paper so the City is much further ahead. Basically they are starting from scratch which presents a really good opportunity. He doesn't see how they can do this on their own. They don't have the staff to support that effort. They need a lot of help.

Mr. Bunton asked do we have access to staff.

Chair Romero-Wirth said we are staffed.

Mr. Erdman said the emergency plan ties into Chapter 25. Maybe we start with the issue around Chapter 25 and start there for the Drought Management Plan. There would be staff time available to us he would think.

Mr. Erdman explained Chapter 25.

Chair Romero-Wirth said we talked for some time about doing revisions to Chapter 25. She doesn't understand why we have to do wholesale revisions of whole chapters. Why don't we just tackle it in sections. She has been told no, we need to do a whole rewrite of the whole thing. Andrew has worked on some of these things. It is such a monumental task it has not happened.

Mr. Erdman said we initially thought it would be just adjustments, but there are so many interconnections between water and other areas of City government that is quickly gained more mass. In the packet is the portion of Chapter 25 dealing with emergency measures.

Mr. Kirk said the County understands the City is going to take a look at Chapter 25, but they think it will take so long they will just start their own management plan. One of the issues is if it will be the entire County.

Mr. Kirk said we are in the process of changing the Resolution for the Board to make it easier to appoint people and for Commissioners to approve people. The Resolution is very specific at this time. Specific positions.

Chair Romero-Wirth said she needs to connect with Commissioner Hamilton and see what kind of capacity we have between the two committees and the staffing.

Mr. Kirk said their next meeting is on Thursday.

Chair Romero-Wirth said we need to think about our approach.

Mr. Schmelling said we need to figure out more, exactly, before we have a joint meeting again.

Chair Romero-Wirth said her preference is at the next joint meeting we start to tackle this. She would like the City and County to talk about what they have now and

what the County would like to do and anything they do have in place that might be called into play should a drought take place and anything we have such as the emergency plan. We have to have a baseline. We are probably looking at August before we can pull that together. She wanted to get your thoughts. If you have ideas let her know.

Mr. Schmelling asked is there any way we could have Andrew brief us on what we have in place now so we all will be at the same point of what we have in place.

Chair Romero-Wirth said we can look into that. She doesn't know that you need it twice. If it is part of the joint meeting we will all learn at the same time. She is not sure of the timing.

Mr. Jacobi asked is the joint meeting every other month.

Chair Romero-Wirth said it is not set, but we are trying to keep the meetings going without too much time in between so we don't lose the momentum we have.

Mr. Schmelling said both the City and the County use Buckman Direct Diversion. It seems like that is one common area for a Drought Management Plan. There is a common interest in how that is managed.

Councilor Romero-Wirth said there are legal documents around that.

Mr. Erdman said there are provisions, but not mandates for drought specifically but does if BDD goes down there are.

6. PROPOSED DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO TERM LIMITS FOR WATER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

Chair Romero-Wirth said she wanted to continue the conversation we had at our last meeting about an issue we are struggling with. We lost so many people all at the same time because of the way we are structured and we are trying to minimize that turn over by amending the Resolution that created the Committee. We did not come to consensus about what we should be doing. Maybe given the math and term limits we need to be a larger Committee. We talked about extending the terms by one year.

Mr. Bunton said yes then they phase off in different cycles. If you expand the membership it does not change the situation, just the numbers that apply.

Mr. Jacobi said their term ending was rather abrupt at the last meeting. There was a lot of knowledge here. It would be nice to have some carry over.

Chair Romero-Wirth said we made an error there. They could have served until their replacement was sworn in. We had a different understanding. Some people who

left were ready to go. Some would have stayed. The whole thing has been messy.

Mr. Schmelling said many of these people had been members for longer than normal.

Chair Romero-Wirth said she is not advocating doubling the size of the Committee. The reason we have so many vacancies is because we had at least one unexpected departure.

There was a discussion about various scenarios as to terms and term.

Chair Romero-Wirth said we are unable to make any decision tonight due to our lack of a quorum.

7. 5 YEAR WATER CONSERVATION PLAN

Mr. Erdman gave a presentation on the 5 Year Water Conservation Plan.

There was a discussion about enforcement.

Mr. Erdman said Christine plans to move away from enforcement and do more education.

Chair Romero-Wirth said we could add to code enforcement. It is something to explore.

Chair Romero-Wirth asked what will you be doing with public comments you received on issues that are not under our purview.

Mr. Erdman said he is thinking about forwarding them on to the applicable departments like Land Use. We will put numbers with it as to the numbers of people who commented to that.

Mr. Schmelling said when ideas come up about watering parks with potable water it seems relevant to this discussion.

Chair Romero-Wirth said those need to be shared with the City.

Mr. Bunton said he wonders if the City is marching down the wrong path to encourage individual homeowners to use graywater. That water is going to spill out on to your landscape if you use it or not. Would it not make more sense for it to go into the sewer system and to the treatment plant to be saleable water and reused.

Mr. Erdmann said that is a good point.

Ms. Kirby said as a person new to this, she did not know the scope of the Water Conservation Office. A lot of the comments were for utilities or other areas. She would hate to see that put in a box and not shared with the other committees. This is very relevant stuff. There was really relevant stuff discussed and some creative solutions. Outside of your purview.

Chair Romero-Wirth said it might be worth thinking about if there would be an appendix in this plan so the value of this public outreach gets published.

Mr. Kirk asked was the Water Conservation Office brought into the conversations around the water used on the golf courses.

Mr. Jacobi said potable water is being used.

Mr. Erdmann said he does not know why it was not brought up to our office. Thank you for all the great suggestions.

Mr. Kirk said the City invited Las Companas to a meeting tomorrow with the Mayor to talk about this issue and the plan to build pipeline out to the Rio Grande.

Mr. Erdmann said that is a big project being discussed at the City.

Ms. DeAnda asked have you considered having a meeting with the community as a follow up meeting. Follow up with the participants and the community about the outcome.

Mr. Erdmann said we are talking about how to do that.

Mr. Schmelling asked when you look at areas that have most potential opportunity do you see some areas with more opportunities than other areas.

Mr. Erdmann said absolutely. We are trying to figure out a balance on that and commercial.

Mr. Schmelling said one theme that came through was have the City lead by example. Are there real opportunities for the City to do that.

Mr. Erdmann said one obvious one is the parks. We already conserve water so much the goals are not as big as they used to be.

Chair Romero-Wirth said parks are important public spaces and cities need them, but we need to be smart about them.

Mr. Jacobi asked education when new homeowners come in to the City is there a welcome wagon from the Water Conservation Department that meets them at the door.

Chair Romero-Wirth said some education goes out from the Realtors Association. There could be more.

Mr. Erdmann said we are working on how to do that better. We will coordinate with Land Use.

8. MATTERS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr. Otto said we are working with Realtors now on the Adopt An Arroyo program. They have been receptive to that program.

9. MATTERS FROM STAFF

None.

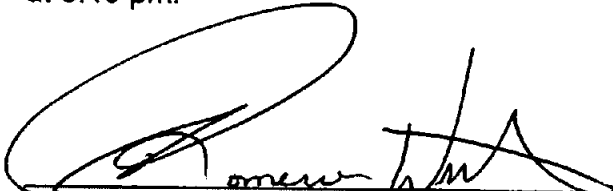
10. MATTERS FROM COMMITTEE

Ms. DeAnda asked if the new members could get a list of the members with contract information and their term ending dates.

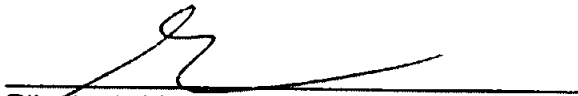
**11. NEXT MEETING
AUGUST 13, 2019**

12. ADJOURN

There being no further business before the Committee the meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm.



Councilor Carol Romero-Wirth, Chair



Elizabeth Martin, Stenographer