



# Agenda

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**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE  
MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
200 Lincoln  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2009  
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 AUGUST 19, 2009 MEETING

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

None.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

6. Update on Current Water Supply Status. (Victor Archuleta)
7. Update on Solid Waste Division. (Bill De Grande)
8. BDD Project Manager's Monthly Project Exception Report. (Rick Carpenter)
9. Request for Approval of Change Order No. 2 to RMCI for Work Being Done as Part of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Project – CIP # 937 for a Total Amount of \$144,599.74 Inclusive of NMGRT. (Bryan Romero)
10. Request for Approval of a Joint Funding Agreement Between the City of Santa Fe and the U.S. Geological Services for \$60,000 for Stream Gaging on the Santa Fe River. (Claudia Borchert)

**DISCUSSION ITEMS AND ACTION ITEMS**

11. Water Rate Structure Analysis Recommendations and Request for Direction.  
(Brian Snyder)

**MATTERS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY**

**ITEMS FROM STAFF**

**MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE**

**NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2009**

**ADJOURN**

**PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES IN NEED OF ACCOMODATIONS, CONTACT  
THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE AT 505-955-6520, FIVE (5) WORKING DAYS  
PRIOR TO THE MEETING DATE.**

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**Wednesday, September 2, 2009**

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**MINUTES OF THE  
CITY OF SANTA FE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE  
Wednesday, September 2, 2009**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

A meeting of the Public Utilities Committee was called to order by Councilor Rebecca Wurzbarger, Chair, at approximately 5:00 p.m., on September 2, 2009, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Councilor Rebecca Wurzbarger, Chair  
Councilor Christopher Calvert  
Councilor Rosemary Romero  
Councilor Ronald S. Trujillo

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:**

Councilor Matthew E. Ortiz

**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 Trujillo moved, seconded by Councilor Calvert, to approve the Agenda as published.

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

#### **4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Councilor Calvert moved, seconded by Councilor Romero, to approve the following consent agenda as published.

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

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 6. UPDATE ON CURRENT WATER SUPPLY STATUS. (VICTOR ARCHULETA)**
- 7. UPDATE ON SOLID WASTE DIVISION. (BILL DeGRANDE)**
- 8. BBD PROJECT MANAGER'S MONTHLY PROJECT EXCEPTION REPORT. (RICK CARPENTER)**
- 9. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 TO RMCi FOR WORK BEING DONE AS PART OF THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLAN IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT – CIP #937 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$144,599.74 INCLUSIVE OF NMGR. (BRYAN ROMERO)**
- 10. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A JOINT FUNDING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SANTA FE AND THE U.S. GEOLOGICAL SERVICES FOR \$60,000 FOR STREAM GAUGING ON THE SANTA FE RIVER. (CLAUDIA BORCHERT).**

#### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

None

#### **5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE AUGUST 19, 2009, PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING.**

Correct the heading on page 1 to August 19, 2009, instead of August 12, 2009.

**MOTION:** Councilor Romero moved, seconded by Councilor Calvert, to approve the minutes of the meeting of August 19, 2009, as corrected.

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

## **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

### **11. WATER RATE STRUCTURE ANALYSIS RECOMMENDATIONS AND REQUEST FOR DIRECTION. (BRIAN SNYDER)**

Brian Snyder said at the Study Session, staff was directed to come back with recommended options. He said there is a memorandum in the packet dated August 24, 2009, from Jason Mumm outlining 4 options, noting that three options are included in the scope of services of Mr. Mumm's contract. Mr. Snyder reviewed the four options in the Memorandum.

Chair Wurzbarger said her inference from this is that it is Mr. Mumm's recommendation that we look at these four alternatives for the study.

Mr. Snyder said Mr. Mumm is recommending these four alternatives, but he does have three alternatives in his contract and he hasn't been able to speak with him about this.

Councilor Calvert noted that 2 through 4 are a theme and variations, and he believes we can consider this as less than three alternatives.

Councilor Romero said if there are too many alternatives, people get confused, saying it appears the existing rate structure is one and the others are 2(A), (B) and (C). She is concerned that there are too many choices.

Chair Wurzbarger said they are fairly similar, and they are so related, she feels there might be some benefit in looking at all of these just to see the differences, especially in view of the kinds of rate increases we continue to have.

Mr. Snyder said he can approach this with Mr. Mumm.

Chair Wurzbarger said her impression is that if the existing rates are one, these are similar enough that he shouldn't charge us for another. She said her direction would be to check this out for sure.

Councilor Calvert wants to make sure as we move forward, that part of it will look at the underlying question of basing rates based on meter size, and hopefully include that in all analyses.

Mr. Snyder said he believes Mr. Mumm understands that, and this is his understanding as well.

Councilor Trujillo asked if we are allowing 10,000 gallons May through October.

Mr. Snyder said he believes it is May through September, but the cutoff is 7,000 and 10,000 gallons.

Councilor Romero said, for the record, we have no choice but to move forward with a decision. She said in 2006 we didn't make the decisions we needed to make. We need to move forward with an increase, period. She said we are at this point because a decision wasn't made in 2006. She doesn't want us to keep repeating ourselves and coming back to the same place with the same problem, and she hopes this Committee will move forward with a progressive recommendation.

**MOTION:** Councilor Calvert moved, seconded by Councilor Romero, to approve the recommended options in Mr. Mumm's Memorandum.

**FRIENDLY AMENDMENT:** Chair Wurzburger would like to amend the motion to provide that there will be *no increase in contract costs in pursuing the four options*. **THE AMENDMENT WAS FRIENDLY TO THE MAKER AND SECOND, AND THERE WERE NO OBJECTIONS BY THE OTHER COUNCILORS.**

**VOTE:** The motion, as amended, was approved unanimously on a voice vote.

#### **MATTERS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY**

None.

#### **ITEMS FROM STAFF**

A copy of a proposed contract between the Bureau of Reclamation and the City of Santa Fe to lease the use of the San Juan-Chama project water, is incorporated herewith to these minutes as Exhibit "1."

Chair Wurzburger clarified this item is for information only, and not for action by the Committee today, because it was not noticed for action.

Claudia Borchert said last month the Committee and Council agreed to lease 2,500 afy of the 2008 San Juan-Chama water to the Bureau of Reclamation. She said they usually issue a waiver to the City carry over the water in one year, and in the next year they request the water. She said the Bureau of Reclamation has money in its 2008 budget to lease and pay for our 2009 water. She said we didn't know about this until very recently, and they have to have it approved by the end of the month, and the reason this is a very last minute things.

Ms. Borchert said there wasn't time to get this on today's PUC Agenda, but it will be on the City Council agenda for action next week. She said she wanted to make this Committee aware of this, and give the Committee the opportunity to ask questions regarding the lease of 2,500 afy of the 2009 San Juan-Chama water.

Responding to Councilor Calvert, Ms. Borchert said the City to agreed to lease them 2008 water, but did not agree to lease 2009 water.

Chair Wurzbarger said this is a much earlier version of what usually happens, with which we typically do agree.

Councilor Romero said it is clear that it has to be done now so the Bureau can get in its budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

Councilor Trujillo asked if this is water for the silvery minnow, and Ms. Borchert said yes. He asked if we use this water.

Ms. Borchert said this is water we would like to store, but we have no place to store it.

Councilor Trujillo said he wants to be sure everyone knows that it is water for storage.

It was the consensus among the Committee to direct Ms. Borchert to prepare a draft press release to be attached to this request by the time it goes to Council.

Councilor Calvert asked if the City agrees to this rate, if we are building good will.

Ms. Borchert said yesterday the Bureau of Reclamation delivered to Marcus Martinez for review a draft agreement to store 25,000 afy of waters at Elephant Butte under a temporary agreement. She said staff is working toward a 50,000 afy agreement in Elephant Butte which will take somewhat longer. The temporary agreement will hold us through the end of next year. She said they are working with the City, for which she is grateful, and believes we are buying good will.

Ms. Borchert said she believes the City Manger can sign the San Juan-Chama agreement, because it is less than \$8,000 and "we already have one in place" for the same amount of money. It is just a replacement of the one we have in place.

Chair Wurzbarger would like that to be part of the lease. She asked the timeline for getting this agreement in place, in terms of the storage agreement.

Ms. Borchert said, "As soon as we review it, we can put it on Galen's desk and he can sign it.

Ms. Wurzbarger said when that happens, she would like a one page memorandum report at the next PUC meeting which summarizes the City's storage needs, how this fits that and what is left.

Councilor Romero suggested the press release indicate that "collaboration works," it's a "win-win," and we have no place to put our water and it helps them. She wants to continue to educate the public about the competing needs and issues, and this is one opportunity.



## **MATTERS FROM THE COMMITTEE**

None.

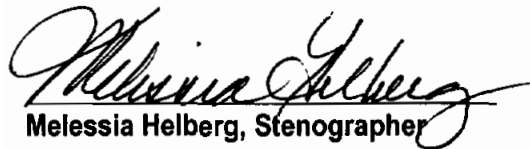
**NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2009**

## **ADJOURN**

There was no further business to come before the Committee and the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

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**Rebecca Wurzbarger, Chair**



**Melessia Helberg, Stenographer**