



Minutes City of Sacramento Utilities Rate Advisory Commission

Utilities Rate Advisory Commission
03/09/2011
Item 1 - Approval of minutes

COMMISSION MEMBERS:

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| Karen McBride | Steven Archibald, Chair | Ernest Lehr |
| Douglas Brown | Tess Kretschmann, Vice Chair | Melvin Johnson |
| | ***** | Carolyn Veal-Hunter |

CITY STAFF:

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*New City Hall
915 I Street, 1st Floor – Council Chambers*

August 25, 2010 – 5:00 P.M.

The Utility Rate Advisory Commission is a commission of the City Council with review and recommendation authority. Its purpose is to review utility service rate proposals, develop recommendations on relevant issues regarding the setting of rates, hold rate hearings, and act as a liaison to the community to encourage understanding and participation.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

You are welcomed and encouraged to participate in this meeting. Public comment is taken (3 minutes maximum) on items listed on the agenda when they are called. Public Comment on items not listed on the agenda will be heard at the end of the meeting as noted on the agenda. Comments on controversial items may be limited and large groups are encouraged to select 3-5 speakers to represent the opinion of the group.

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MINUTES

August 25, 2010

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All items listed are heard and acted upon by the Utilities Rate Advisory Commission unless otherwise noted.

Call to Order – 5:08 p.m.

Roll Call **Present:** Steven Archibald, Douglas Brown, Carolyn Veal-Hunter (arrived at 5:23 p.m.), Dr. Ernest Lehr, and Karen McBride.
Absent: Tess Kretschmann, Melvin Johnson.

Consent Calendar

All items listed under the Consent Calendar are considered and acted upon by one motion. Anyone may request an item be removed for separate consideration.

1. **Approval of Minutes for May 12, 2010.**

Location: (Citywide)

Recommendation: Approve Commission minutes for May 12, 2010.

Contact: Holly Lera, Senior Staff Assistant, (916) 808-8131 Department of Utilities.

Summary: Motion to approve by Douglas Brown, second by Karen McBride. All present in favor, none opposed.

Action: Minutes Approved.

Discussion / Action Reports

Discussion or action reports include oral presentations including those recommending receive and file.

2. **Measure B: Utilities Rate Hike Rollback Act of 2010 Impact Report**

Location: (Citywide)

Recommendation: Discussion and possible action on Measure B: Utilities Rate Hike Rollback Act of 2010.

Contact: Jammie Moens, Business Services Manager (916) 808-5988, Department of Utilities.

Summary: Presentation by Craig Powell with Sacramento County Tax Payer's League, proponent and sponsor of Measure B: Utilities Rate Hike Rollback Act of 2010. Review of history of utility rates, overview of Measure B, review of past events and perceptions of Utilities Department management.

Public Comments from Dale Skoglund, Lee Middleton, Stanley Benson, Greg Hattfield and Ray Garcia in favor of Measure B.

Marty Hanneman, Utilities Director provided an introduction to Department of Utilities presentation.

Dave Brent, Engineering Manager presented information on utilities infrastructure needs, age of water and sewer components, quantities in need of replacement, cost to replace, CIP funding history, assessing condition of infrastructure and regulatory requirements.

Jamille Moens, Business Services Manger presented information on potential impacts of Measure B, including review of current budget, projected fiscal impacts, staffing and service level impacts both short term and long term. Also presented rate comparison information.

Public Comment heard from Clyde Macdonald opposing Measure B.

Response to questions from Commissioners by Utilities staff and Greg Hattfield, representative of Sacramento County Tax Payers League. In response to question from Commissioner Archibald, City Attorney provided opinion that Commissioner McBride's signature on ballot argument did not create a legal conflict of interest that would preclude her from voting on recommendation to City Council. Discussion and comments by Commissioners.

Action: Motion by Commissioner Douglas Brown for the Utilities Rate Advisory Commission to recommend to City Council that Council oppose Measure B on the November 2nd Ballot. Motion seconded by Carolyn Veal Hunter. Commissioners Archibald, Brown, McBride, Veal-Hunter in favor. Commissioner Lehr abstained. Motion Passed.

Public Comments- Matters Not on the Agenda

3. No Public Comment

Commission Ideas, Questions and Announcements

4. Commissioner Lehr commented regarding various DOU budgetary items and the desire for the commission to discuss the topic in the future.

Adjournment: 8:45 pm