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Colorado Springs Utilities Board Meeting
Wednesday, December 15, 2021

Utilities Board members present via Microsoft Teams or Blue River Conference Room:
Chair Wayne Williams, Vice Chair Mike O'Malley, Dave Donelson, Randy Helms, Bill Murray, Richard Skorman, Yolanda Avila, Nancy Henjum and Tom Strand

Staff members present via Microsoft Teams or Blue River Conference Room: Aram Benjamin, Cindy Newsome, Abby Ortega, Scott Lorenz, Joe Awad, Al Wells, Joe Marcotte and Andie Buhl

City of Colorado Springs staff members present via Microsoft Teams or Blue River Conference Room: Bethany Burgess, Jeff Greene, Alex Ryden and Jacqueline Rowland

1. Call to Order

Chair Wayne Williams called the Utilities Board meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. and Ms. Andie Buhl, Utilities Board Administrator, called the roll.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Williams delivered the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Consent Calendar

- 3a. Approval of Minutes: November 17, 2021
- 3b. Public Authority for Colorado Energy Board Nomination
- 3c. 2022 Policy Governance Monitoring Report Frequency and Method
- 3d. 2022 Board Agenda Planning Calendar
- 3e. Strategic Plan Update

Board Member Strand moved approval of the Consent Calendar and Board Member Helms seconded the motion. The Consent Calendar was unanimously approved.

Mr. Aram Benjamin, Chief Executive Officer, provided an update about the windstorm and explained how Colorado Springs Utilities is responding to the situation.

4. Recognition

Behind the Scenes — Transition of Drake Employees

Mr. Benjamin explained how the discussion of transitioning Drake Power Plant employees began once the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) was implemented at Springs Utilities. He concluded with a video of employees sharing their experience transitioning into their new roles within the organization.

5. Customer Comments

Mr. Sam Masias discussed distributed solar energy generation at Colorado Springs Utilities and overheard powerlines in Colorado Springs.

6. Compliance Reports

- Pricing of Service (I-1)
- Reviewing Committee: Finance Committee
- E-2 CEO Responsibilities
 - ECA/GCA Update
 - Water Outlook

Chair Williams explained that compliance reports are on the agenda by exception and asked if there were any questions. There were none.

7. Items Called Off Consent Calendar

None

8. 2022 Balanced Scorecard and Chief Executive Officer Performance Plan

Ms. Cindy Newsome, Public Affairs General Manager, provided background information about the CEO Performance Plan and the approach to updating the Balanced Scorecard for 2022. She concluded with a summarization of the proposed changes.

Vice Chair O'Malley made a motion to approve, and Board Member Strand seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

9. 2021 Utilities Board and Committee Accomplishments

Ms. Newsome gave an overview of 2021 Utilities Board accomplishments, and Board Members summarized 2021 accomplishments from their respective committees:

- Board Member Strand – Program Management Review Committee
- Chair Williams – Economic Development Sub-Committee
- Ms. Newsome on behalf of Board Member Donelson – Strategic Planning Committee
- Chair Williams on behalf of Board Member Avila – Personnel Committee
- Board Member Henjum – Finance Committee

10. 2022 Utilities Board and Committees Work Plans

Ms. Newsome gave an overview of the 2022 Utilities Board Work Plans, and Board Members summarized 2022 Committee Work Plans and Focus Areas for their respective committees:

- Board Member Strand – Program Management Review Committee
- Chair Williams – Economic Development Sub-Committee

- Ms. Newsome on behalf of Board Member Dave Donelson – Strategic Planning Committee
- Chair Williams on behalf of Board Member Yolanda Avila – Personnel Committee
- Board Member Nancy Henjum – Finance Committee

Board Member Strand made a motion to approve, and Board Member Henjum seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

11. Resolution Approving Water Rights Acquisition

Ms. Abby Ortega, Water Resources Management Manager, and Mr. Scott Lorenz, Project Manager IV, presented the Resolution Approving Water Rights Acquisition.

Ms. Ortega explained how this acquisition aims to install pivot sprinklers on flood integrated farms. She said this allows for more efficient irrigation, increased crop production, and water to be transferred for Colorado Springs use while protecting the agricultural economy. She provided a map of where the transactions will occur and presented a video about brothers Mr. Caleb and Mark Wertz from whom Springs Utilities is acquiring water rights. She concluded with next steps of placing this item on Consent at the January 11, 2022, City Council meeting.

The Utilities Board agreed to change this item to Regular Business instead of Consent at the January 11, 2022 City Council meeting.

12. Utilities Policy Advisory Committee (UPAC) Water Acquisition Funding Assignment Scope

Ms. Ortega explained the draft scope of the UPAC Water Acquisition Funding Assignment, which is to evaluate options for funding the acquisition of additional water resources in a timely and opportunistic manner to meet water system reliability and level of service goals. She discussed the desired deliverable from UPAC for this assignment, as well as its need and purpose.

Ms. Ortega explained water system risks and gave an overview of the Integrated Water Resource Plan (IWRP) balanced portfolio. She concluded with a preliminary timeline for the Water Acquisition Funding assignment. She explained the deliverable, purpose and need of this assignment as well as water systems risks.

Board Member Henjum made a motion to approve, and Board Member Helms seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

13. Clean Energy Plan

Mr. Joe Awad, Interim Chief System and Project Planning Officer, gave an update on the Clean Energy Plan (CEP) at Springs Utilities. He said this plan will be submitted to the State of Colorado for review in 2022. He provided background information about House Bill 19-1261 and explained the draft calculations for Springs Utilities to reduce

greenhouse gases by 80% by 2030. Mr. Awad further explained the differences between the 2020 Energy Integrated Resource Plan (EIRP) and CEP based on energy mix percentages by resource type, resource acquisition plan timeline, and CEP filing schedule.

14. Resolution of Appreciation for Board Member Richard Skorman

Chair Williams read the resolution of appreciation for Board Member Skorman. Board Members, Mr. John Suthers, City of Colorado Springs Mayor, Mr. Benjamin, and citizens Mr. Gary Burghart and Mr. Masias thanked Board Member Skorman for his outstanding work on the Utilities Board and expressed appreciation for his service.

Board Member Avila moved approval of the resolution, seconded by Board Member Donelson. The motion carried unanimously.

15. Board Member Updates

Board Member Avila shared information about the City's celebration of Martin Luther King Day and Chair Williams thanked the Utilities Board for their service the past year and wished everyone happy holidays.

16. Executive Session

Ms. Bethany Burgess, City Attorney Utilities Division, read the following statement and polled the Utilities Board to enter Executive Session:

In accordance with City Charter art. III, § 3-60(d) and its incorporated Colorado Open Meetings Act, C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(e), and Utilities Board Bylaw Rules 10(c)(5), the Utilities Board, in Open Session, is to determine whether it will hold a Closed Executive Session on the following matter: determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and instructing negotiators related to a telecommunications system.

The Chair of the Utilities Board shall poll the Utilities Board members, and, upon consent of two-thirds of the members present, may conduct a Closed Executive Session. In the event any Utilities Board member is participating electronically or telephonically in the Closed Executive Session, each Utilities Board member participating electronically or telephonically in the Closed Executive Session shall affirmatively state for the record that no other member of the public not authorized to participate in the electronic Closed Executive Session is present or able to hear the matters discussed as part of the Closed Executive Session. If consent to the Closed Executive Session is not given, the matters may be discussed in Open Session or withdrawn from consideration.

Board Member Skorman exited Executive Session early.

The Utilities Board entered Executive Session at 4:22 p.m. and exited at 5:37 p.m.

17. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.