



Environmental Services Commission

Minutes

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Zoom Meeting

March 10, 2022

Chair Seaman called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Commission Members Present: *Bruce Martin, Deanna Seaman, Emily Hall, Erich Sachs, Frankie Johnson, Jeff Paradise, Ken Howes, Rachael Laitila, Grant Middleton, and Matthew Benedict.

Commission Members Absent: Wayne Wooster, Janette Simon, Nate Mozer, Marty Campbell, **Richard Doenges, **Esther Beaumier

Introduction of New Commissioner: Jeff Paradise

Christina Lorella introduced new commission member Jeff Paradise. Commissioner Paradise briefly introduced himself to the group.

Overview of Budget and Rates Calendar

Christina Curran, ES Rates & Budget, provided an overview of the City's budget development process, noting currently the City is in the baseline budget phase. She displayed a calendar of upcoming meeting dates. Director Slevin noted Environmental Services is expediting bond sales, in March/April this year rather than next year. He also noted this will be a difficult rate year particularly due to the challenges of construction inflation, lower revenues, and the reduction of rates over the past two years due to Covid.

Overview of Gas Energy Program

Lance Bunch, ES Capital Projects, stated the Gas Energy Program project is located at the Central Wastewater Treatment Plant. He reviewed the different components of the project and project goals. Mr. Bunch then explained and provided some photo of the digester pump mixing system, the Gas Treatment Facility, and the boiler and blower room.

Jefferson/Hood Street Storm Interceptor Project Update

Christa Lee, ES Capital Projects, showed a map of the location of the Jefferson/Hood Street Storm Interceptor Project. She reviewed the project goals, the project delivery method, and the project complexities. She displayed some photos of Stage 1 and 2 of the project, noting we are currently in the construction phase. Ms. Lee mentioned that there has been great proactive communication throughout the project that has allowed the project to move forward while meeting the needs of the area.

Central Treatment Plant Electrical Upgrade Project Update

Max Drathman, ES Capital Projects, provided an overview of the Electrical Upgrade Project at the Central Wastewater Treatment Plant. He reviewed the issues that this project will address, design considerations, and coordination with other agencies and City departments. He briefly

*Alternate Commissioner; **Non-voting Commissioners

discussed funding for this project, noting the current project estimate is \$34 million. He reviewed the project timeline and provide some photos of the work being performed at various stages of the project.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items discussed.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.