

	City Council Study Session PWCD SFA November 14, 2022 - 5:30 PM City Hall Council Chambers MINUTES Watch the meeting LIVE! Watch the meeting video Meeting videos are not available until 72 hours after the meeting has concluded.
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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A. Public Participation

The City Council Meeting was held in person and virtually.

B. Roll Call

Councilmembers present: Deputy Mayor James Jeyaraj, Bob Baggett, Kate Baldwin, Larry Brown, Chris Stearns, and Yolanda Trout-Manuel. Councilmember Robyn Mulenga was excused.

Department directors and staff members present include: Senior City Staff Attorney Harry Boesche, Assistant Chief of Police Samuel Betz, Director of Public Works Ingrid Gaub, Director of Innovation and Technology David Travis, Financial Planning Manager Frank Downard, Utility Engineering Manager Ryan Vondrak, and City Clerk Shawn Campbell.

III. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

A updated version of Ordinance No. 6883 was provided to Council prior to the meeting.

IV. AGENDA ITEMS FOR COUNCIL DISCUSSION

A. Ordinance No. 6883 Utility Rate Amendment (Thomas) (1 Hour)

Review the work performed by FCS Group and summarize their findings

Manager Downard introduced the FCS Group representative Serge Tarasov to present the third and final Utility Rate Study presentation. Mr. Tarasov reviewed the background for the rate study, an overview of the rate setting process, the rate design, and rate schedules for water, sewer, and stormwater. He reviewed the Braunwood area system, he explained the Braunwood satellite system, he reviewed the concerns with the Braunwood system, the options for providing additional water when needed, the proposed rate changes to the Braunwood Tate Structure, and the impacts for the proposed rate increase. He noted FCS group does not

recommend an increase to the wholesale rates at this time.

Council discussed the how rates are adjusted for multifamily units or mobile home parks, swimming pools water usage, additional administrative costs for additional billing codes, conservation messaging, the experience for Braunwood customers when the supply is low in their satellite system, and consequences of not increasing rates.

V. PUBLIC WORKS AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Emergency Management Update (Hinman) (20 Minutes)

Emergency Management staff will provide an update on preparations and readiness for this winter season, including a weather outlook and an overview of Emergency Management's role during severe winter weather

Councilmember Stearns Chaired this portion of the meeting.

Director Hinman introduced Emergency Manager Karissa Smith who provided Council with an update on the City's Emergency Management preparedness. She stated the City is looking at a La Nina year and reviewed the forecasted temperatures and precipitation levels, the plan prior to severe weather, the plan during severe weather, and after severe weather. She reviewed the warming center operations. She reviewed the items people need to be prepared for winter weather and ways for people to remain informed during winter weather.

Council discussed the notification methods, the number of warming centers, historical capacity, resources at warming centers, partnering with the non-profits, resources needed by the community, and resources in the emergency management team.

Deputy Mayor Jeyaraj announced the following: the annual Council Election for Deputy Mayor, working on a Council process to appoint new Councilmembers when positions are vacant, and the Council will return to conducting meetings on the floor during Study Sessions.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

APPROVED this 21st day of November, 2022.


JAMES JEYARAJ, DEPUTY MAYOR


Shawn Campbell, City Clerk

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