

CITY OF FULLERTON INFRASTRUCTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

City Hall Council Chamber 303 W. Commonwealth Avenue Fullerton, California

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ryan Alcantara Munish Bharadwaja James Cho Ilse Miranda Lisa Wozab

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Benjamin Molina III Gregory Sebourn Kari Thune Jamie Valencia

STAFF PRESENT:

Stephen Bise, Public Works Director David Grantham, Principal Civil Engineer Richard Armendariz, Water Systems Manager Jerome Joaquin, Public Works Administrative Manager Michelle Keshishian, Solid Waste & Recycling Specialist Kristi Nordell, Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:12 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

 Curtis Gamble made comments about infrastructure and issues related to homelessness and transportation.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. MINUTES – August 21, 2023

Wozab moved, seconded by Miranda, to approve the August 21, 2023 Infrastructure and Natural Resources Advisory Committee meeting minutes.

Motion carried 5-0-4 (Molina, Sebourn, Thune, Valencia absent).

REGULAR BUSINESS

2. WATER RATES, RULES AND REGULATIONS/ AMENDMENTS REVISION

Staff Member Armendariz gave a brief presentation on the proposed amendments to the Water Rates, Rules and Regulations, and he answered questions and received feedback from the Committee Members.

Cho moved, seconded by Wozab to approve the proposed language revision to the Water Rates, Rules and Regulation and direct Staff to provide advanced notice of the revisions in the residents' utility bill for two cycles prior to the revisions going into effect.

Motion carried 4-1-4 (Miranda opposed; Molina, Sebourn, Thune, Valencia absent).

3. WASTE REDUCTION IMPLEMENTATION (SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING)

Staff Member Joaquin gave a presentation on the solid waste and recycling program and waste reduction implementation. Staff Members Joaquin and Keshishian answered questions from Committee Members.

Public Comments:

Maureen Milton commented about the need for public education and outreach.

With no objection from the Committee, Vice Chair Alcantara received and filed Item 3.

4. ACCESSIBLITY REGULATIONS AND POTENTIAL PROJECTS

Staff Member Grantham provided a brief presentation on the City's implementation approach to accessibility regulations and potential projects, and he answered questions and received feedback from the Committee Members.

5. ENERGY PROJECT

Staff Member Grantham provided a status update on the Energy Services Agreement project with NORESCO and answered questions from Committee Members.

With no objection from the Committee, Vice Chair Alcantara received and filed Item 5.

CIP PROJECT STATUS

Staff Member Grantham provided an update on the CIP projects and staffing in the Engineering Division, and he answered questions from Committee Members.

With no objection from the Committee, Vice Chair Alcantara received and filed Item 6.

STAFF/COMMITTEE COMMUNICATION

Member Wozab asked to add an ADA update to the regular CIP updates.

At Member Wozab's suggestion, Vice Chair Alcantara asked staff to add an agenda item to discuss potential opportunities for field trips.

Member Miranda asked about the current drought status and provided some suggestions for encouraging conservation. Staff Member Grantham noted that water-related issues will be addressed at the next meeting.

AGENDA FORECAST

- Upcoming Items (subject to change)
 - Water System
 - o Revenue Fees
 - o CIP Project Status regular update

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m. The next meeting of the Infrastructure and Natural Resources Advisory Committee is scheduled for October 16, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall.