

CITY OF COLTON
UTILITIES COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2021

A. CALL TO ORDER

The regular Meeting was held on the above date and called to order at 6:00 PM by Commissioner Kirk Larson

B. FLAG SALUTE

Led by Commissioner Eric Strutz

C. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioner Eric Strutz, Commissioner Dr. Eric M. Peters, MD, Commissioner Rosanne Reyes, Commissioner Kirk Larson and Commissioner Joe Nerio

Absent:

Staff Present: Brian Dickinson, Public Works & Utility Services Director; Scott Harding, Assistant Director of Utility Operations; Jessica Sutorus, Environmental Conservation Supervisor; Eva Elias, Public Works & Water/Wastewater Admin. Manager; Bernardo De La Torre, Utilities Financial Analyst and Maria Quijano, Utilities Commission Secretary.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

- NONE

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Regular Meeting of September 13, 2021.

Motion to approve the above minutes as presented by Commissioner Rosanne Reyes, second by Commissioner Eric Strutz.

Motion carried by unanimous decision.

F. BUSINESS ITEMS / ACTION ITEMS

1. Water / Wastewater Financial Update through June 30, 2021 – Eva Elias
2. Electric Financial Update through June 30, 2021 – Bernardo De La Torre
3. Century Substation Repair Update – Scott Harding

G. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Dr. Eric M. Peters, MD, in the previous meeting of September 13, 2021 had the following questions concerning the power outage that took place on August 18-19, 2021; Public Works and Utility Services Director Brian Dickinson provided answers.

1. Whether there were choices made at all regarding which zones to power on first, if so what was the protocol to ensure that all the regions of the city were treated equally with respect to the demographics of the customers?
 - It was done to get as much of the area back up as possible. Staff goes out to reenergize all customers as quickly as possible, we do not look at the demographics. – Brian Dickinson
2. What compensation is being offered to those that incurred damages due to lost power (i.e. Spoiled food or medicines) and how citizens can make a claim for compensation and will this information be mailed out with the regular bill to make sure people not using Facebook for instance are aware?

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- Customers can submit claims for damages to the City Clerk office and then it will go through the claims process to be reimbursed. (Applications are available online to print out and at the City Hall information desk.) – Brian Dickinson

- 3. What is going to be done to protect the city from having further major issues and what will be the reenergizing strategy for choosing which areas to start reenergizing with? If there is a choice to be made.
 - Working on planned preventative budget for long-term preventative maintenance at the substations. – Brian Dickinson

- 4. Are there major maintenance issues outstanding that need to be addressed to prevent this in the future?
 - In the process of replacing transformers out in the system and purchasing replacement transformers for when needed. – Brian Dickinson

- 5. Did measure D with the reallocation of utilities budget to the general City Funds contribute to the potential decrease in maintenance?
 - Measure D plays nothing into the maintenance budget. – Brian Dickinson

- 6. Will future potential development in or near the Reche Canyon area strain the existing infrastructure and have the potential for increased frequency or severity of these power outages?
 - We would be a part of the development agreement to upgrade any system facilities, such as transformers or any facilities we might need to meet their electrical demand. – Brian Dickinson

H. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

I. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:56 PM. The next meeting is scheduled on Monday, November 15, 2021.

/S/

Utilities Commission Secretary – Maria Quijano