



**UTILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
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**COUNCIL CHAMBER, 401 CALIFORNIA AVENUE,  
BOULDER CITY NV 89005**

**NOVEMBER 02, 2022 - 1:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**CONFIRMATION OF POSTING AND ROLL CALL**

**Council members present:** Chairman Larry Karr, Member Howard Analla, Member Ned Shamo, Member Greg Todd (4)

**Absent:** Member Lloyd Anderson, Member Marty Rihel, Member Eileen Wilkinson (3)

**Also present:** Utilities Director Joseph Stubitz, Utilities Analyst Joshua Hardy

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

**AGENDA**

1. For Possible Action: Approval of the October 5, 2022, Utility Advisory Committee meeting minutes

**Motion:** Approve

**Moved by:** Larry Karr     **Seconded by:** Ned Shamo

**Vote:**

**Aye:** Chairman Larry Karr, Member Howard Analla, Member Ned Shamo, Member Greg Todd (4)

**Nay:** (0)

**Absent:** Member Lloyd Anderson, Member Marty Rihel, Member Eileen Wilkinson (3)

## Motion Passed

Chairman Karr presented minor changes that were reviewed by the committee. Chairman Karr made a motion to approve the October 5<sup>th</sup> Utility Advisory Committee meeting minutes. Seconded by Member Shamo.

2. Presentation offered by the Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA) regarding the city's effluent reuse options

Due to the absence of the Southern Nevada Water Authority, this item was removed from the agenda.

3. Update on ongoing capital improvement projects and Utility Fund Capital Projects Year to Date provided by staff

Director Stubitz gave updates on the city's ongoing capital improvement projects via the Project Status Dashboard.

Chairman Karr asked if the cutover would be a new project.

Director Stubitz stated that the pole replacements would be brought over to a new project and explained that the cutover involved several CIP projects.

Director Stubitz continued updating the committee on the details and progress of the ongoing projects.

4. Update from the Utilities Director regarding water and power consumption

Director Stubitz notified the committee that staff had taken previous feedback and modified the Consumption Dashboard. He pointed out that the dashboard now has metered and non-metered electric consumption.

Director Stubitz compared previous months on the dashboard and showed that the load was starting to come down as the seasons change.

Chairman Karr asked if there was a true-up done for the budgeted and actual energy consumption.

Director Stubitz stated that there is a true-up done annually, and that the city gets refunded for the hydro that we did not use.

Chairman Karr stated that there should also be a true-up for market purchases as well.

Director Stubitz replied that this is also an annual true-up.

Chairman Karr asked if the rebate comes from CRC.

Director Stubitz replied that it comes from Silver State Energy Association and goes back into the same electric account that is used to purchase the energy.

Director Stubitz continued to present electric and water consumption updates.

5. For Possible Action: Discussion of proposed changes to the City's utility rebate programs

**Motion:** Approve

**Moved by:** Larry Karr     **Seconded by:** Ned Shamo

**Vote:**

**Aye:** Chairman Larry Karr, Member Howard Analla, Member Ned Shamo, Member Greg Todd (4)

**Nay:** (0)

**Absent:** Member Lloyd Anderson, Member Marty Rihel, Member Eileen Wilkinson (3)

Motion Passed

Director Stubitz went over the current rebate program that the city offers. He recommended that we change the rebate program to remove solar screen and window film due to limited use, and remove evaporative coolers to do their high water usage. He recommended changing the rebate program to include smart irrigation controllers for water conservation and matching the current Southern Nevada Water Authority rebate. He recommended that we amend the current air conditioning rebate requirements to further promote energy conservation.

Chairman Karr asked if any research has been done on how many air conditioning units in the community are 16 seer and above. He was concerned that older homes in the community might not have many options if the rebate program eliminates 14 and 15 seer units.

Director Stubitz replied that staff has evaluated the changes to the rebate program and the changes are cost neutral. He also stated that if the committee would like to keep 14 and 15 seer units, the city would offer less incentive for these upgrades.

Member Todd stated that cost difference between 16-18 seer is important to know when it comes to the rebate program.

Director Stubitz stated that 14 seer is the base model and 16 seer is 14.3 percent more efficient. He stated that the cost difference between 14 and 16 seer units can be between \$300-\$800.

Chairman Karr made a motion to approve the proposed changes to the City's utility rebate programs. Seconded by Member Shamo.

6. For Possible Action: Discussion regarding potential agenda items for upcoming Utility Advisory Committee Meetings

**Motion:** Approve

**Moved by:** Larry Karr     **Seconded by:** Greg Todd

**Vote:**

**Aye:** Chairman Larry Karr, Member Howard Analla, Member Ned Shamo, Member Greg Todd (4)

**Nay:** (0)

**Absent:** Member Lloyd Anderson, Member Marty Rihel, Member Eileen Wilkinson (3)

Motion Passed

The committee discussed agenda items for future meetings.

Chairman Karr stated that he'd like to give his presentation on electric rates, discuss a request for proposal for the next rate study, review the draft IRP, go over the ongoing projects, and receive the presentation from the Southern Nevada Water Authority.

Director Stubitz stated that he would like to bring a CIP change regarding erosion at the residential drop off area at the landfill. He would like to get this project added to the FY24 CIP and would like it discussed at the next meeting.

The committee further discussed and agreed on agenda items for the next meeting in December.

Chairman Karr made a motion to approve the items for the December 7, 2022 Utility Advisory Committee meeting agenda. Seconded by Member Todd.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

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Larry Karr, Chairman

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Joshua Hardy, Utilities Analyst

Minutes Approved: \_\_\_\_\_