

FINANCE COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, April 28, 2020 - 10:00 AM

MINUTES

1. TELECONFERENCE

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Steidel called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

B. ESTABLISH QUORUM

A quorum was established.

Committee members present via Zoom: Cindy Steidel, Ted Siegler, Dewayne Lee, Mary Maher, Marvin Corne and Cheryl McDowell.

Staff present via Zoom: John Weigold, General Manager, Pamela Duffield, Finance Manager and Haley Dodson, Deputy District Clerk

Public present via Zoom: Karen Dean, Elizabeth Bettenhausen, Gordon Heinrichs, Christine Heinrichs, Donn Howell, Harry Farmer, Tina Dickason

C. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – None.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Consideration to Approve the February 18, 2020 and March 18, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes

Committee member Siegler moved to approve the minutes.

Committee member Corne seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-Ayes (Lee, Maher, Corne, Siegler, McDowell), 0-Nays, 0-absent

4. REGULAR BUSINESS

A. Receive Update on Financial Projects

Ms. Duffield reported that the 17/18 audit was finalized, and the auditor is working to update the records with the State of CA. The 18/19 audit work will begin in the later part of June.

Ms. Duffield reported that the Taylor project was active pulling utility data to test the software

Mrs. Dodson read email comments from Christine Heinrichs.

B. Review and Discuss Capital Improvement Project Budget Reallocations and Consider Approval of Staff Recommendations

Committee member Maher moved to approve staff recommendations to reallocate funds to accommodate the Urban Water Management Plan and the Vector Truck.

Committee member Siegler seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-Ayes (Lee, Maher, Corne, Siegler, McDowell), 0-Nays, 0-absent

C. Review of Third Quarter Budget Report and Staff Recommendations to Adjust Capital Project Budgets

Committee member Maher moved to approve the Third Quarter Budget Report and to adjust the capital project budgets to accommodate the Urban Water Management Plan and the Vector Truck.

Committee member Siegler seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-Ayes (Lee, Maher, Corne, Siegler, McDowell), 0-Nays, 0-absent

D. Discussion and Consideration of Recommendations to Approve Water and Wastewater Rate Increases that are Prescribed in Proposition 218 Actions Approved by the Board of Directors in May, 2019

The committee had a robust discussion about how to move forward with the rate increase given the economic impact on our local community due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

Discussion included various options such as delaying the rate start date, reducing the rates, reducing the planned infrastructure projects, renegotiating salary increases, assisting community members most impacted by the economic downturn if the rates are increased, etc.

The committee determined that we needed more data before making a recommendation to the board and asked General Manager Weigold and the staff to document additional information associated with options discussed in the meeting and determine impact scenarios if rates are not increased.

Committee member Corne moved to extend meeting 30 minutes to 12:30 p.m.

Committee member Siegler seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-Ayes (Lee, Maher, Corne, Siegler, McDowell), 0-Nays, 0-absent

Committee member Corne moved to extend meeting 15 minutes to 12:45 p.m.

Committee member Siegler seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-Ayes (Lee, Maher, Corne, Siegler, McDowell), 0-Nays, 0-absent

Committee member Corne moved to extend meeting 15 minutes to 1:00 p.m.

Committee member McDowell seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-Ayes (Lee, Maher, Corne, Siegler, McDowell), 0-Nays, 0-absent

Committee member Maher moved to establish an adhoc committee led by General Manager Weigold including staff and committee members Maher & Siegler to document additional information associated with options discussed in the meeting and determine impact scenarios if rates are not increased. A special meeting of the finance committee will be called after adhoc committee is completed.

Committee member Siegler seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 4-Ayes (Lee, Maher, Corne, Siegler), 1-Nays (McDowell), 0-absent

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Budget planning for next fiscal year.

6. ADJOURN

Chairman Steidel adjourned the meeting at 12:52 p.m.