



Water Department

Water Commission
7:00 p.m. – Monday, November 3, 2014
Council Chambers
809 Center Street, Santa Cruz

Minutes of a Water Commission Meeting

Call to Order –Chair Baskin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

Roll Call

Present: D. Baskin, A. Schiffrin, D. Schwarm, W. Wadlow, and L. Wilshusen.

Absent: D. Stearns, G. Mead (with notification)

Staff: R. Menard, Water Director; H. Luckenbach, Deputy Director/Engineering Manager; G. Rudometkin, Administrative Assistant III.

Others: 0 members of the public.

Presentation –There were no presentations.

Statements of Disqualification – There were no statements of disqualification.

Oral Communications –There were no oral communications.

Announcements – R. Menard, Water Director announced that Commissioner G. Mead requested a leave of absence from Water Commission retroactive to 11/3/2014 as well as 12/1/2014; this will be a consent item on the 11/18/2014 City Council Agenda. R. Menard also announced that the Modeling and Forecasting Working Group will begin meeting this month.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner A. Schiffrin moved approval of the October 6, 2014 Water Commission minutes. Commissioner W. Wadlow seconded.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED

AYES: All.

NOES: None

ABSTAINED: None

Consent Agenda

1. City Council Items Affecting Water
2. 2015 Water Commission Calendar

Commissioner A. Schiffrin moved item 1. City Council Items Affecting Water from the Consent Agenda. Commissioner L. Wilshusen seconded.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED

AYES: ALL

NOES: None

Items Removed from the Consent Agenda

1. City Council Items Affecting Water

Commission discussed the following:

- If the minutes will now reflect public comments and staff responded yes. Additional comments were made regarding the formatting of the agenda such as information items, documents for future meetings, approval of the minutes potentially being moved to the consent agenda; staff to follow up with the City Attorney.

Commissioner A. Schiffrin moved approval of item 1. City Council Items Affecting Water.

Commissioner W. Wadlow seconded.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED

AYES: ALL

NOES: None

General Business

1. Recommended Revisions to the Santa Cruz Municipal Code Chapter 16.04, Water Services and Charges

H. Luckenbach, Deputy Director/Engineering Manager answered Commission's comments/questions.

Public Comments: None

Commission discussed the following:

- The fact that there weren't any substantive changes to the Santa Cruz Municipal Code Chapter 16.04, that changes made were essentially procedural.
- The possibility of having the Municipal code available online arose as well as notifying the public of policy change updates.
- A formatting correction to the Draft Revisions to the Municipal Code.
- It was suggested that the definitions be consolidated in a single place for the whole chapter.
- Various language used in the Municipal Code was asked to be defined for clarity, specifically sections 16.40.011 (b) and (c), 16.40.018 (a)(6) and 16.45.012(c).
- Suggestion that consideration be given to including enabling language that would authorize the Department to promulgate policies and procedures to implement this section of the code and creating a customer appeals process for discretionary determinations such as termination of service or requiring deposits that the Department makes, including consultation with the City Attorney on said items.

Commissioner A. Schiffrin moved the staff recommendation on this item with the additional direction that staff return it in three months with proposed recommendations on potential amendments of the various items the Commission identified and discussed. Commissioner L. Wilshusen seconded.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED

AYES: ALL

NOES: None

Subcommittee/Advisory Body Oral Reports No items.

1. WSAC Update (Oral Report)

Commission discussed the following items:

- Water Supply Alternatives Convention: the recent alternatives convention attended by 400 people; the committee commented that out of all the alternatives presented very few had enough data for them to be evaluated appropriately;
- WSAC Work Plan: the Committee's work has been divided into two sections, with the first being recon, which provides for a large overview about the things we should be considering both in terms of process, policy, and alternatives, and second being what is being referred to as the real deal in which the recommendations to Council will be developed.
- Multi-Criteria Decision Model: the committee is utilizing the multi-criteria decision model to evaluate alternatives during the recon phase. This tool provides a great opportunity for the Committee to focus on criteria and rating scales for criteria as well as uncertainty.
- Scenarios: scenarios are being developed to help describe a range of possible futures and help the Committee consider the potential implications of things like climate change, changes in water use patterns, and fish flow commitments that may influence how much water we need for the future.
- Water Supply and Growth: the Committee is committed to providing a sufficient water supply to meet the growth projections in the General Plan, whatever that may mean. There is also a strong value for providing supply in an environmentally sound way, where terrestrial and aquatic habitats remain strong.

Director's Oral Report *No action shall be taken on this item.*

1. Monthly Status of Water Supply

Staff discussed the following:

- The recent rainfall was good, although there appeared to be much more rainfall in the City than in the mountains, however that was good because it breached the river which helped the flooding issues in the East Cliff area that had been occurring.
- In terms of stream flow the river is at record lows, it should be in the neighborhood of 20 CCFs but it is now at 6 CCFs due to the drought. This low

level of flow is one of the reasons the river hasn't breached earlier as would be the norm.

Documents for Future Meetings No action shall be taken on this item.

1. None

Information Items No action shall be taken on this item.

1. Attitudinal Survey
2. Modeling and Forecasting Working Group Schedule
3. Regional Groundwater Initiatives, Legislation and Opportunities for City Participation

Commission discussed the following:

- That they support the staff recommendation regarding Regional Groundwater Initiatives, Legislation and Opportunities for City Participation and that the Commission would like to be kept informed as the process proceeds.

Commissioner A. Schiffrin made a motion that the Commission recommend to the Council that that they support the recommendation from staff and a further request the Council to direct staff to keep the Commission informed as planning effort moves forward. Commissioner D. Baskin seconded.

VOICE VOTE: MOTION CARRIED

AYES: ALL

NOES: None

Items Initiated by Members for Future Agendas

Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 8:36pm, the next meeting of the Water Commission is scheduled for December 1, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Respectfully submitted,

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