



**Minutes  
Strategic Planning Committee  
January 12, 2023**

**Committee members present:** Mike O'Malley, Wayne Williams and Dave Donelson.

**Staff members present:** Renee Adams, Mike Francolino, Kerry Baugh, Natalie Watts, Monica Indrebo, Joe Awad, Abigail Ortega, Christian Nelson, Lisa Barbato and Tristan Gearhart.

**City of Colorado Springs staff members present:** David Beckett

Call to Order

Chair Dave Donelson called the meeting to order at 3:59 p.m.

Review Minutes

The minutes from the Nov. 10, 2022, Strategic Planning Committee meeting were reviewed for posting and approved.

Compliance Reports

Ms. Abigail Ortega, General Manager of Infrastructure and Resource Planning, reviewed the I-6 Infrastructure Compliance Report. There were no questions, comments or additions from the committee.

Ms. Natalie Watts, Manager of Strategic Planning and Governance, reviewed the (C-2) Annual Board Evaluation. Chair Donelson recommended coming up with suggestions on the C-2 from the entire Utilities Board. Ms. Renee Adams, Chief Administration and Human Resources Officer, confirmed it has been a few years since the C-2 categories were revised. Committee Member O'Malley suggested eliminating the report in its entirety. Committee Member Williams asked for Mr. Tristan Gearhart, Chief Financial Officer, to research whether this compliance report is something that rating agencies take into consideration and that the report needs to be reexamined to evaluate its efficacy. Mr. Gearhart reported this compliance report has minimal impact on ratings. This compliance report can be reviewed or revised at any time during the year. The results of the 2022 C-2 compliance report will be reported to the Utility Board Meeting in February.

2023 Strategic Planning Committee Work Plan

Ms. Watts reviewed the 2023 SPC Work Plan, which included focus areas in Utilities Policy Advisory Committee's Cost Recovery Mechanisms, strategic initiatives, resource planning updates, the 2024 Strategic Plan, Enterprise Balanced Scorecard, the Economic Development Subcommittee Review and excellence in Governance Policy Compliance Reports. Ms. Kerry Baugh, Public Affairs Lead, discussed utilizing a planning calendar that helps maintain the strategic overview and to help manage the compliance reports that

need reviewed by this committee. Ms. Baugh also suggested holding a May 2023 SPC meeting as an orientation for new Utilities Board Members/Committee Members. Committee Chair Donelson is in favor of a May meeting and holding SPC meetings on the other months where a compliance report is due for review by SPC.

Mr. Mike Francolino suggested a new item for the 2023 Work Plan to review multiyear plans of customer programs such as rebates and incentives. Chair Donelson and Committee Member Williams were in favor of this suggestion. This will be tentative to the July SPC meeting.

Plan for future meeting: Feb. 9, 2023

For the next meeting, the committee will address the I-4 Risk Management Report, the I-5 Economic Development Report, and the I-13 Community Investment Report. The committee will also review the UPAC Cost Recovery Assignment Update, the Electric Integrated Resource Plan Update and the Clean Heat Plan review.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:28 p.m.