



**Minutes
Strategic Planning Committee
May 16, 2023**

Committee members present: Chair Brian Risley, Mike O'Malley, Michelle Talarico and David Leinweber

Staff members present: Monica Indrebo, David Padgett, David Longrie, Todd Sturtevant, Renee Adams, Joe Awad, Natalie Watts, Abigail Ortega, Lisa Barbato, David Reeve, Travas Deal, Daniel Norton, Heather Tocci, Pattie Benger, Jay Anderson, Christian Nelson, Brett Jackson, Bryan English and Jared Miller

City of Colorado Springs staff members present: Tim Scheiderer and Renee Congdon

Citizens present: None

Call to Order

Chair Brian Risley called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Review Minutes

The minutes from the April 13, 2023, Strategic Planning Committee meeting were reviewed and accepted for posting.

Clean Heat Plan

Mr. David Longrie, Engineering Manager, reviewed the Clean Heat Plan that was initiated by Senate Bill 21-264 in June 2021. This regulation requires gas utilities to adopt programs to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions with a total reduction of 22% by 2030 with a 2.5% cost cap of retail sales revenue. Mr. Longrie explained that the plan requires a robust public process to educate customers of the requirements and the incentives available. A public meeting took place on May 8, 2023. Mr. Longrie reviewed the portfolio requirements for the Clean Heat Plan and the Demand Side Management prospective plan for proposed expenditures by year.

The Clean Heat Plan will be presented to the Utilities Board at their June 21 meeting, and once approved will be submitted to the state by Aug. 1, 2023.

Fountain Valley Authority Water Treatment Contract

Ms. Abby Ortega, Resource Infrastructure Planning General Manager, introduced the Fountain Valley Authority Water Treatment Contract which was established in 1979 and explained that the contract expired when the bonds were paid off earlier this year. Ms. Ortega reviewed the terms of the new contract which will be in effect for 40 years. This item will be presented to the Utilities Board on May 17, 2023 and then to City Council on June 13, 2023.

Water Service Ordinance and Annexations

Ms. Ortega reviewed the Water Service Extension Ordinance criteria for extensions per ordinance, the application of ordinance language, Reliably Met Demand calculations, the De Minimis Policy and the annexation petition process.

Mr. Bryan English, Development Projects Manager, introduced the nine water service ordinance extension annexations and reviewed the contracts in detail. The annexations are the Villages at Waterview North Annexation, the T5 annexation, City Right-of-Way Annexations that involve five separate annexations, and the Hope Chapel Additions No. 1 and 2 Annexations. The committee discussed the annexations in detail. These items will be presented to the Utilities Board on May 17, 2023 for approval.

Economic Development Subcommittee Dissolution

Ms. Natalie Watts, Manager of Strategic Planning and Governance, introduced background information for dissolving the Economic Development Subcommittee. Staff is recommending dissolving the committee to reduce duplicity with materials already covered at Strategic Planning Committee and Finance Committee, and the lack of significant materials and topics to justify the subcommittee, staff time and resources.

The dissolution will be proposed at the Utilities Board Meeting on May 17, 2023. There were no comments or questions from the committee.

Plan for future meeting: June 20, 2023

The next meeting will cover Regional Transmission Organization, Customer Service Program Plan, Update on UPAC Cost Recovery Assignment, and the 2022 Balance Scorecard Audit Report.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:29 p.m.