



Minutes
Strategic Planning Committee
Friday, June 10, 2022

Committee members present: Chair Dave Donelson, Mike O'Malley, Wayne Williams, Bill Murray, and Stephannie Fortune

Board members present: Bill Murray

Staff members present: Natalie Watts, Monica Indrebo, Scott Shirola, Lisa Barbato, Travas Deal, Kerry Baugh, Al Wells, Mike Francolino, Gabe Caunt, Pat Wells, Tristan Gearhart, Ryan Maecker, Brett Jackson, Renee Adams, Pattie Benger and Christian Nelson

City of Colorado Springs staff members present: Bethany Burgess

Citizens: None Present

Call to Order

Committee Chair Dave Donelson called the meeting to order at 3:59 p.m. and read a statement regarding Colorado Open Meetings Law and the City Charter and confirmed that public comment would not be a part of the meeting.

Review Minutes

The minutes from the May 13, 2022, Strategic Planning Committee meeting were reviewed for posting and approved.

Recommendation: Remove Nationwide Bill Comparison Metric from 2022 Balanced Scorecard

Mr. Tristan Gearhart, Chief Planning and Finance Officer explained that the Lincoln Electric System national electric rate study has been discontinued. The result is that the data that forms the basis of the metric on the CEO Performance Plan is no longer available. Mr. Gearhart's recommendation is to remove the metric from the scorecard and add the 1% weighting to the Industrial Electric-intensive customer bill - Front Range Comparison. This item will be presented in July at the Personnel Committee meeting and at the Utilities Board Meeting.

Utilities Policy Advisory Committee (UPAC) Water Acquisition Funding Assignment Recommendation

Mr. Pat Wells, General Manager of Water Resources and Demand Management, explained the assignment scope. Mr. Scott Shirola, Pricing and Rates Manager, introduced the assignment overview for funding through the approaches for funding acquisition, aligning funding, rate making principles and processes, and framework.

Mr. Shirola also discussed the thresholds and defined the scope of the assignment. Mr. Wells concluded the presentation with the Utilities Policy Advisory Committee (UPAC) recommendation and verified it is consistent with the 2017 Integrated Water Resource Plan (IWRP), it is framed by the Board Instruction I-7 and Guideline G-8, and may require a new Guideline under I-3. Mr. Wells confirmed there is some existing capital that could be contributed to this new fund.

Clean Heat Plan Update

Ms. Lisa Barbato, Chief Strategic Planning and Projects Officer, introduced the background information and Clean Heat Plan goals. This plan will be submitted through the Air Pollution Control Division in the Department of Public Health and Environment in August 2023.

Ms. Barbato noted areas of focus such as available rebates, system leak reduction, recovered methane credits, beneficial electrification, green hydrogen and new technologies available. Ms. Barbato reviewed the planning timeline and what items are currently in the process and next steps.

Plan for future meeting: July 15, 2022

For the next meeting, the Strategic Plan for 2023 will be presented.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m.