



**Minutes
Strategic Planning Committee
June 20, 2023**

Committee members present: Mike O'Malley, David Donelson and David Leinweber

Committee members excused: Chair Brian Risley

Staff members present: David Padgett, Renee Adams, Bethany Schoemer, Tristan Gearhart, Monica Indrebo, Marcela Espinoza, Jenny Bishop, Scott Shirola, Natalie Watts, Leslie Smith, Joe Awad, Mike Francolino, David Reeve, Todd Sturtevant, Lisa Barbato, Trivas Deal, Christian Nelson, Kerry Baugh, Bryan English, Jay Anderson, and Abigail Ortega

City of Colorado Springs staff members present in the Rosemont Conference Room or online: Renee Congdon, David Beckett, Sally Barber and Rhea Hendrixson

Citizens present in the Rosemont Conference Room or online: Scott Smith and Larry Barrett

Call to Order

Committee Member Mike O'Malley called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Review Minutes

The minutes from the May 16, 2023, Strategic Planning Committee meeting were reviewed and accepted for posting.

Utilities Policy Advisory Committee (UPAC) Cost Recovery Assignment Recommendation

Mr. Scott Shirola, Manager of Pricing and Rates, reviewed the cost recovery assignment UPAC has been working on the last eight months. Mr. Shirola reviewed the background, purpose of the assignment, the stakeholder input process and the current cost recovery mechanisms in use across all four services. Mr. Shirola also presented the draft recommendation that UPAC identified at their June meeting.

2022 Balanced Scorecard Audit Report

Ms. Natalie Watts, Manager of Strategic Planning and Governance, presented the results of the 2022 scorecard audit that was conducted by the City Auditor's office. She explained that the results were accurately reported in accordance with scorecard definitions and reported metrics were properly supported by valid data, with the overall score in the meets expectations category.

The City Auditor had one recommendation, which was to review measurement criteria to track Sustainable Energy Plan (SEP) capital projects to better reflect project performance. Additionally, there was one opportunity for improvement for management to consider which was to scorecard minimize changes year to year.

Renewable Energy – Customer Insights on Carbon Reduction Goals

Mr. David Reeve, Brand and Customer Experience Manager, reviewed customer insights regarding carbon reduction goals. He explained that customers value the attributes of reliability most, with cost and environment almost an equal second. The results indicated that environment is

consistently top of mind for customers. He then presented renewable energy industry comparisons. Committee members discussed and asked questions about the results.

Amara Annexation Application of Water Extension Ordinance

Mr. Bryan English, Project Manager III, reviewed the Water Service Extension Ordinance and the criteria for expansion. La Plata Cruz Holding, LLC submitted a petition for the Amara Annexation. The petition was accepted by City Council, and terms and conditions of the agreement have been established. The annexation will involve extension of some utility services. The next step will be to present this item to the Utilities Board in June 2023 and then the annexation, if approved by the Utilities Board, will move on to the City Planning Commission.

Outside City Water & Wastewater Service & Agreement to Annex

Mr. English reviewed the service request for a single-family property located at 5290 Turquoise Drive. They are requesting water and wastewater service due to low levels in the property's water well. City Planning is in support of the service without annexation. The Utilities Board will need to recommend, and City Council will need to approve, the agreement. The water demands are within the de minimis policy. This will be presented to the Utilities Board at their June meeting.

Plan for future meeting: July 18, 2023

Committee Member O'Malley proposed discussing mitigation of natural gas prices and exposure/attainability at the next meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.