



Minutes
Utilities Policy Advisory Committee (UPAC)
Wednesday, June 1, 2022
Blue River Boardroom, 5th floor, 121 S. Tejon St., Colorado Springs, CO
and Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting

Committee members present in the boardroom or via Microsoft Teams: Chair Gary Burghart, Vice Chair Larry Barrett, Rex Adams, Chris Francis, Scott Callihan, Michael Borden, Hilary Dussing, Katherine Danner and Ruth Ann Schonbachler.

Committee members excused: No members excused.

Staff members present in the boardroom or via Microsoft Teams: Kerry Baugh, Al Wells, Andie Buhl, Lisa Barbato, Kim Gortz, Scott Shirola, Monica Indrebo, Tristan Gearhart, Jessica Rheinschmidt, Jennifer Jordan, Pat Wells and Gabe Caunt

City of Colorado Springs staff present in the boardroom or via Microsoft Teams: David Beckett

Citizens Present: Joseph Kelley and Zach Schmidt

1. Call to Order

Chair Gary Burghart called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

2. Approval of May 4, 2022, UPAC Meeting Minutes

Committee Member Hilary Dussing motioned, and Committee Member Chris Francis seconded the motion to approve the May 4, 2022, meeting minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved with a voice vote.

3. Water Acquisition Funding Assignment

a. UPAC Recommendation

Chair Gary Burghart introduced the assignment, challenge and urgency of the Water Acquisition Fund project. Chair Burghart reviewed the assignment scope and assignment overview for water system and funding. Mr. Pat Wells, General Manager of Water Resources and Demand Management, discussed potential policy language changes.

UPAC built the framework for funding water acquisitions by updating Utilities Board governance policies in Board Instructions I-3 (Financial Planning and Budgeting) and I-7 (Water Supply Management), Guideline G-8 (Water Reserve Account) and creating a new guideline under I-3 for a Water Acquisition Account.

Mr. Scott Shirola, Manager of Pricing and Rates, discussed how to be flexible in

establishing the fund while accessing other sources of liquidity. The committee discussed policy considerations regarding how the fund would be established and managed, the thresholds and scope. The UPAC recommendation will be finalized and will be presented to the Utilities Board on June 15.

4. Citizen Comment

None

5. Committee Member General Discussion

None

6. Adjournment

Chair Burghart adjourned the meeting at 9:58 a.m.

Next meeting: Wednesday, July 6, 2022, at 8:00 a.m.