



CITY OF  
**FOLSOM**  
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# Utility Commission Regular Meeting Approved Minutes

City Council Chambers | 50 Natoma Street, Folsom CA 95630  
July 6, 2021  
6:30 PM

*Pursuant to Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20 and as noticed on the meeting agenda, members of the Utility Commission and staff may participate in this meeting via teleconference.*

## **Call to Order**

Chair Mutchler called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

## **Roll Call**

PRESENT: B. Mutchler, D. Groat, T. Widby, R. Hess, A. Silva, D. Kozlowski.  
ABSENT: Z. Akhter

STAFF PRESENT: Dave Nugen: Public Works Director  
Marie McKeeth: General Services Manager, Public Works  
Emma Atkinson: Administrative Assistant, EWR

## **Business from the Floor**

None

## **Minutes**

Approval of the Minutes of the June 15, 2021 Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Silva motioned to accept the minutes.

Commissioner Widby seconded the motion.

Motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Commissioners Mutchler, Groat, Hess, Kozlowski,

ABSENT: Commissioner Akhter

## **Directors' Reports**

**Director Nugen** provided an update on the Environmental Specialist positions within Public Works. The new Environmental Specialist Supervisor began work this month, allowing a short period of overlap with retiring staff. The new Senior Environmental Specialist will start next month, and hiring of other Environmental Specialist is ongoing. Director Nugen also informed the Commission that he will be retiring at the end of September. Marie McKeeth will be assuming responsibility for continued work on the Rate Study and associated presentations to the Utility Commission and City Council.

**Old Business**

**Solid Waste Rate Study:**

**Marie McKeeth** presented the master spreadsheet used for the Rate Study, highlighting a few changes to that previously distributed to Commissioners. Marie McKeeth provided responses to questions Commissioners had issued prior to the meeting. Commissioners and staff engaged in a discussion regarding potential actions to maintain a best practice fund balance while adhering to the prescriptive regulations of Senate Bill No. 1383.

Each Commissioner was given opportunity to provide an individual statement at the conclusion of the discussion, leading to the development of a recommendation to Council.

Commissioner Widby urged that the public information program include recognition of the City's urging that the regulatory process be delayed or changed in light of the complexity and challenges of the State's prescriptive approach.

**Motion:**

The Utility Commission recommends to the City Council that it adopt a Solid Waste rate increase which encompasses:

- a. an internal loan not to exceed \$5 million;
- b. a moderate increase to the monthly solid waste rate and an SB1383 surcharge
- c. a nominal fee charged for currently subsidized waste programs such as bulky waste and household hazardous waste collection; and
- d. an educational program to inform the public on the same.

Commissioner Silva proposed the motion.

Commissioner Widby seconded the motion.

Motion carried with the following vote:

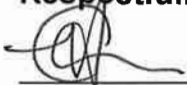
AYES: Commissioners Mutchler, Groat, Hess, Kozlowski.

ABSENT: Commissioner Akhter

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm

**Respectfully Submitted:**



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Emma Atkinson, Administrative Assistant.

**Approved:**



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Bob Mutchler, Utility Commission Chair.