



**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, August 19, 2015**

**The Public Utilities Committee convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, August 19, 2015 at Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Council Chambers in Austin, Texas.**

**Chair Garza called the Public Utilities Committee Meeting to order at 3:08 p.m.**

**Chair Ora Houston called the Health and Human Services Committee meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.**

**Public Utilities Committee Members in Attendance:**

**Council Member Delia Garza, Chair, Council Member Don Zimmerman, Vice Chair, Council Member Ann Kitchen, and Council Member Ellen Troxclair**

**Health and Human Services Committee Members in Attendance:**

**Council Member Ora Houston, Chair, Council Member Delia Garza, and Council Member Ellen Troxclair. Mayor Pro Tem Tovo (Vice-Chair) was absent.**

**Staff in Attendance: (26 Staff Members)**

Denise Avery, Natasha Goodwin, Patricia Campos, Chastity Hodges, Daryl Slusher, Greg Meszaros, Bart Jennings, Joe Petronis, Craig Bell, Philip Huang, Bob Corona, Jane Burazer, Janet Pichette, Gregory Miller, Victoria Li, Maria Sanchez, Bob Gedert, Jessica Frazier, Laura Williamson, Brandi Burton, Morgan Byars, Fang Yu, Elaine Hart, Elena Shemilina, Mike Personett, LeeAnne Pacatte

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approve the minutes of the Public Utilities Committee meeting of June 17, 2015.

**The minutes from the Public Utilities Committee of June 17, 2015 were approved on Council Member Zimmerman's motion, Council Member Kitchen's second on a 4-0 vote.**

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

2. The first five speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed three minutes to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

**None**

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

3. Staff briefing, invited testimony, and policy discussion to consider a resolution on stopping the addition of fluoridation to treated water. (Notes: This item will be taken up jointly with the Health and Human Services Committee.)

**There was a motion made by Council Member Zimmerman to move this item to the full Council. The motion by Council Member Zimmerman failed due to the lack of a second. There was no recommendation made by the Public Utilities Committee.**

**There was no recommendation made by the Health and Human Services Committee.**

4. Briefing regarding the conservation services of Texas Gas Service.

**This item was postponed.**

5. Discussion and possible action on Travis Vista water supply septic system near Lake Travis, in cooperation with WCID #17.

**There was a motion made by Council Member Zimmerman and second by Council Member Kitchen to move this item to full Council and waive the associated fees. Motion was approved on a 4-0 vote.**

6. Briefing, public comment, and possible action related to Austin Resource Recovery organics Collection Pilot Program and possible city-wide implication.

**The committee did not take any action on this item.**

7. Staff briefing, discussion and possible action on the Fiscal Year 2016 drainage charge base rate assumption.

**The committee did not take any action on this item but recommends keeping all exemptions the same.**

#### **ITEMS FOR COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION**

8. Consider and develop recommendation relating to an ordinance authorizing negotiation and execution of an amended water cost reimbursement agreement with CLUB DEAL 120 WHISPER VALLEY, L.P. and CLUB DEAL 116 INDIAN HILLS TX, L.P. for the design and construction of water mains in an amount not to exceed \$21,200,000. This ordinance would supersede ordinances 20100527-006, 20100826-004, 20130117-015, and 20140807-013.

**There was a motion made by Council Member Garza and second by Council Member Zimmerman to take the item to the Audit and Finance Committee. Motion was approved on a 3-0 vote with Council Member Kitchen off the dais.**

**Future Items**

9. Discussion of future agenda items.

**None**

**ADJOURN**

**Chair Garza adjourned the meeting at 6:23 p.m. without objection.**

**Chair Ora Houston adjourned the Health & Human Services Committee meeting at 4:40 p.m. immediately after the discussion of the Water Fluoridation item.**

**The minutes were approved on this the 16<sup>th</sup> of September, 2015 on Council Member Zimmerman's motion, Council Member Troxclair's second on a 3-0 vote. Council Member Kitchen was off the dais.**