



**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, September 16, 2015**

The Public Utilities Committee convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, September 16, 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 3:09 p.m.

Committee Members in Attendance:

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

Staff in Attendance: (30 Staff Members)

Denise Avery, Natasha Goodwin, Patricia Campos, Daryl Slusher, Greg Meszaros, Bart Jennings, Joe Petronis, Jane Burazer, Gregory Miller, Maria Sanchez, Laura Williamson, Brandi Burton, Elaine Hart, Jeremy English, Jason Hill, Chris Chen, Rick Coronado, Phillip Jaeger, Victor Ovalle, Jadell Hines, Drema Gross, Jawana Gutierrez, Mehrdad Morabbi, Tina Bui, Stacy Lewis, Monica Joyner, David Anders, Joseph Gonzales, Alice Flora, Teresa Lutes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Public Utilities Committee meeting of August 19, 2015.

The minutes from the Public Utilities Committee of August 19, 2015 were approved on Council Member Zimmerman's motion, Council Member Troxclair's second on a 3-0 vote. Council Member Kitchen was off the dais.

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.

Girard Kinney- Water meters for secondary dwellings.

ITEMS FOR COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

3. Consider and develop recommendations 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., that will modify the payment schedule and acceptance criteria for the design and construction of water mains, in an amount not to exceed \$21,200,000 and waving City Code Section 25-9-66 (Cost Participation Payment).

There was no recommendation made due to the item going before two different committees.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

7. Discussion and possible action regarding Austin Water Utility billing issues.

There was no recommendation made. The Committee requested for this item to come back before the committee next month with the following conditions:

City Staff will:

- **Provide a report and a briefing for the next committee meeting**
- **Provide an in depth analysis for Lost Creek**
- **Provide a summary for other Council Districts that may have billing issues**

ITEMS FOR COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

4. Consider and develop recommendations relating to an amendment to the cost reimbursement agreement with RG ONION CREEK, LLC to increase the amount of the City's cost reimbursement by \$1,383,525.32 for a total amount not to exceed \$2,390,925.32. (District 2)

There was a motion made by Council Member Zimmerman and seconded by Council Member Garza to refer this item to the full Council. Motion was approved on a 4-0 vote.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

6. Briefing and public comment regarding changes to the Austin Water Utility drought contingency plan and water conservation chapter of the city code.

There was no recommendation made but the Committee asked Staff to look at adding some flexibility into the watering schedule.

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

There was no recommendation made.

FUTURE ITEMS

8. Discussion of future agenda items.

None

ADJOURN

Chair Garza adjourned the meeting at 5:59 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved on this the 21st of October, 2015 on Council Member Zimmerman's motion, Council Member Garza's second on a 4-0 vote.