



**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, November 18, 2015**

The Public Utilities Committee convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, November 18, 2015 at Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Council Chambers in Austin, Texas.

Chair Delia Garza called the Public Utilities Committee Meeting to order at 3:17 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: (20 Staff Members)

Denise Avery, Tina Bui, Natasha Goodwin, Patricia Campos, Elaine Kelly-Diaz, Kerry Overton, Rick Coronado, Robert Cullick, Monica Joyner, Greg Meszaros, David Anders, Alice Flora, Jason Hill, Kyle Carvell, Carlos Cordova, Heather Cooke, Jawana Gutierrez, Meghan Riley, David Shannon, Laura Williamson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Public Utilities Committee meeting of October 21, 2015.

The minutes from the Public Utilities Committee of October 21, 2015 were approved on Council Member Troxclair's motion, Council Member Zimmerman'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.

Paul Robbins- Texas Gas Service

ITEMS FOR COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION - NONE

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

3. Discussion and possible action regarding the Public Utilities Committee meeting schedule for calendar year 2016.

There was a motion made by Council Member Zimmerman and second by Council Member Troxclair to amend the Public Utilities Committee meeting schedule by removing the March, August, and December meetings. Motion was approved on a 3-0 vote with Council Member Kitchen off the dais.

5. Discussion and possible action regarding the process of marking and locating utility infrastructure.

The committee did not make a motion or a recommendation on this item but asked the Law Department to add an item to executive session in regards to the claims process.

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

Name of speakers on this item:

**Barbara Szalay- Billing issues with Lost Creek neighborhood
Madeleine Connor- was not present**

The committee did not make a recommendation but would like this item to return to the Public Utilities Committee in January for further discussion.

City Staff will:

- **Provide an update on the audit in January 2016**
- **Provide the response that was provided to the City Auditor in regards to the meter reading pilot program in 2014**

FUTURE ITEMS

5. Discussion of future agenda items.
 - **Monthly briefing on flood buyouts (December 2016)**
 - **Study of upper onion creek**
 - **Briefing on ADU's/impervious cover**
 - **Flood mitigation task force**
 - **Cost of study services**
 - **Stage 2 water restrictions**
 - **Joint committee work**
 - **Policy- tier structure, water estimation, water usage, and wastewater averaging**

ADJOURN

Chair Delia Garza adjourned the meeting at 4:38 p.m. without objection.

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