



**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, December 16, 2015**

**The Public Utilities Committee convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, December 16, 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 3:06 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: (11 Staff Members)**

Denise Avery, Tina Bui, Natasha Goodwin, Patricia Campos, Laura Williamson, Scott Swearengin, Mapi Vigil, Pam Kearfott, Alex Gale, Greg Meszaros, and Joe Pantalion.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approve the minutes of the Public Utilities Committee meeting of November 18, 2015.

**The minutes from the Public Utilities Committee of November 18, 2015 were approved on Council Member Kitchen's motion, Council Member Zimmerman's second on a 3-0 vote. Council Member Troxclair 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.

**Stuart Hersh- Budget**

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

3. Discussion regarding response and recovery efforts related to the October Onion Creek flooding event, including the current home buyout process and the federal disaster declaration.

**Presenters:**

- **Scott Swearengin- Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM)**
- **Pam Kearfott & Mapi Vigil- Watershed Protection Department**
- **Alex Gale- Office of Real Estate Services**
- **Garth MacDonald- Small Business Association (SBA)**

- **John Patterson, Theresa Jones, & Yvonne Mauldin - Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)**

**Name of speakers on this item:**

**Stuart Hersh- Information about recovering from the flood.**

**The committee did not make a motion or a recommendation on this item but asked for the updated FEMA maps once they become available.**

#### **FUTURE ITEMS**

4. Discussion of future agenda items.
  - **Stage 1 and Stage 2 Water Restrictions**
  - **Results of the Upper Onion Creek Engineering Study**
  - **New FEMA Maps**
  - **Water Meter Audit Results**

#### **ADJOURN**

**Chair Delia Garza adjourned the meeting at 4:27 p.m. without objection.**

**The minutes were approved on this the 20<sup>th</sup> of January, 2016 on Council Member Garza's motion, Council Member Zimmerman's second on a 3-0 vote. Council Member Troxclair was off the dais.**