

Minutes Enhanced Services Commission November 14, 2017

Minutes of the Enhanced Services Commission held on November 14, 2017, 8:30 AM, at the Tempe City Hall - Community Development, Conference Lobby Room, 31 East Fifth Street, Tempe, Arizona.

Members Present:

Don Bessler, President of the Commission/PW Director John Creer, Chairman of the Board/ASU Member Ken Jones, Treasurer of the Commission/Fin & IT Director Chad Weaver, Secretary of the Commission/CD Director Mark Clounch, At-Large Residential Property Owner Kate Borders, Downtown Tempe Authority Member Gordon Cresswell, Public Member Shelley Hearn, Community Services Director Matt Mooney, Vice President Commission/Area 1 Rep Jason Anzalone, Landowner Member/Area 2 Rep

City Staff Present:

Ryan Levesque, Deputy Director Planning Chris Thompson, Deputy Director Building Safety Roger Hallsted, Rio Salado Financial Analyst Craig Caggiano, Water Utility Operations Manager Sarah Adame, Community Development

Members Absent:

Ted Rabban, Landowner Member/Area 3 Rep Alex Smith, Deputy Director of Special Projects

Guests Present: NONE

Terilynn Meeker (sat in for Ted Rabban)

Meeting convened at 8:30 am.

Agenda Item 1 - Consideration of Meeting Minutes: October 10, 2017

MOTION:

Gordon Cresswell

SECOND:

Ken Jones

DECISION:

Approved

Agenda Item 2 - Public Appearances - None

Agenda Item 3 - Appointments for Rio Salado Enhanced Services Commission

Will Creyer, Area 1 Rep - Replaced Matt Mooney

MOTION:

Gordon Cresswell

SECOND:

Ken Jones

DECISION:

Approved

Keith Burke, Deputy Community Services Director - replaced Kelly Rafferty

MOTION:

Gordon Cresswell

SECOND:

Ken Jones

DECISION:

Approved

Agenda Item 4 - Budget Update - Roger Hallsted

Roger reviewed the historic and current budget with the graphs that were provided in the Commissioner's binder. He also reviewed the fund balance that is available and is hoping that we can tighten it up for next year. This past year 81% of the budget was spent. Currently 31% of the budget has been spent. Mr. Hallsted itemized the security payment that is paid 1 time for the full year. There were few water expenses hit this year but the anticipation is that there may be some more.

Mr. Craig Caggiano explained why the makeup water is doing so well. Taking over operations of the lake provides multiple ways to operate the lake. Managing water levels by monitoring cap levels, evaporation, receiving water from SRP, managing how to run the lake by seepage recovery wells and inflow of other sources of water.

Mr. Mark Clounch asked why is it difficult to manage PH levels. Mr. Hallsted advised that managing the PH levels is required by the state of Arizona. There have been a few treatments to the lake this last spring.

Mr. Ken Jones asked if this report is only for expenses and are there any revenues. Mr. Hallsted advised that there are some off sets. The revenues are boat permits and lake uses. Mr. Jones suggested that the fund balance is shown by reporting revenues plus expenses and what the surplus balance is. The best presentation would be revenues in a year, expenditures in a year, then some fund balance that is set aside for capital repairs for the future. What is the unreserved amount that could be applied to next year's budget to reduce contributions. He would also like to deliver a presentation that shows the capital reserve that is set aside broken down by ownership group.

Mr. Mark Clounch then asked what is the capital reserve balance and how is that managed?

Mr. Bessler explained that it's a reserve and it was established about 3 years ago for replacing infrastructure items when they reach the end of it useful life. Mr. Hallsted stated that the balance is about \$1.6 million now. Mr. Clounch asked who advises the management of the fund. Mr. Bessler advised that it's a collaboration between Community Development and Public Works.

Mr. Bessler requested to put together a power point presentation with Roger, Craig, Julie, Ken, Chad and himself to walk through all the capital reserve fund balance assets and their progress to date.

Current capital projects:

- Working on buoy line project moving downstream and eliminating the upstream and both bouy lines have reached their useful life and need to be replaced.
- Lake warning system
- Rehab recovery wells

Agenda Item 5 - Project Updates - Ryan Levesque

Mr. Levesque reported updates on the following developments

- Westin has full planning entitlement
- Cambria Hotel, College Ave and 6th Street is currently in plan review
- North Town Lake area has permits in for the office area
- 7th Ave and Forest has 60 days for outstanding comments

Mr. Bessler commented on the request that was put into Cousins about a right-hand turn lane on Rio Salado off Mill Ave. He said that they think they are getting close to having that done. He expressed that he is starting to receive State Farm tenant complaints about getting out of parking structures. Mr. Bessler asking for help to let the tenants know that Public Works is available to come out to small groups to discuss options and explain that the City is optimizing all opportunities.

Mr. Clounch expressed his concerns and experiences with the backed up traffic on Rio Salado.

Mr. Matt Mooney stated that Cousins is working on it. They have the land and they are going to pay for all the improvements. This should solve the Hayden Ferry problems because people can just go right but is not sure this will solve State Farm problems. Mr. Bessler asked if a subgroup should be started on this issue. Mr. John Creer asked if there is any ASU land that is needed. Mr. Bessler stated that Public Works is looking at widening the intersection.

Mr. Bessler suggested giving a presentation of the traffic study that he and Mr. Creer gave to Council. The presentation lists 10 generational things that can be done to improve traffic.

Agenda Item 6 - Future Meeting Dates and Agenda Items

Reviewed list of future meeting for 2018.

Next scheduled meeting is January 9, 2018

Tempe City Hall - Community Development, Conference Lobby Room, 31th East Fifth Street

Mr. Bessler notified the Board that he has the Tempe Beach Park and Rio Salado Master Plan starting up and asked the Board that if anyone wanted to be identified as a stakeholder to get in contact with him.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 am.

Prepared by: Sarah Adame Reviewed by: Roger Hallsted

Chad Weaver

Community Development Director

Secretary