

MINUTES

UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD

City of Garland

Council Work Session Room, City Hall

200 N. Fifth Street, Garland, TX

6:00 p.m., June 22, 2010

1. Welcome/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hyatt at 6:00p.m.

Attendance: Lowell Hyatt, Lee Alewine, Linda Kirk Campbell, Marc Peterson, Jim Spence, Billy Thompson

Mr. Peterson was not in attendance at the start of the meeting but joined the group at 6:03 p.m.

Staff: Art Martinez, Greg Vetrano, Tom Hancock, René Dowl

Absent: Tony Torres

2. Consider Approval of the Minutes for May 25, 2010

Chairman Hyatt asked for comments or changes to the May 25, 2010, minutes.

There were no comments, discussion, or changes.

--Motion by Mr. Thompson to accept the minutes; seconded by Mr. Alewine. The motion was unanimously passed.

3. Consideration of Excusing Absences for UAB Members

There were no absences to consider

4. Written Briefing

Chairman Hyatt explained that these items were included on the agenda if members desired to discuss information or publications (articles) that were shared since the last regular meeting. The group agreed that no discussion of these items was needed.

After discussing a procedure for placing items under this section, the Board concluded that members should be allowed to distribute information to the group with an understanding that most publications (information) are for information purposes only and will not be added to the agenda except by request.

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5. Discuss development of policy for UAB keeping current on events within the electric industry & GP&L

Chairman Hyatt commented that the Public Power daily provided by Jeff Janke was helpful information.

Mr. Spence suggested that the group review the TPPA monthly report. He will forward the link to the members.

Ms. Campbell stated that the EPA permitting process is probably the most important issue facing GP&L at this time. Mr. Martinez informed the Board that GP&L is currently reviewing its' Title V permit.

Mr. Spence will continue to forward the dashboard report to the UAB members for their review.

6. Review GP&L 2010-2011 O&M Operating Budget

Mr. Vetrano informed the Board that GP&L staff would meet with the City Manager this week to review the proposed budget. The staff will make changes to the budget and develop a presentation to go before the Council the first week of August or earlier.

Chairman Hyatt mentioned that a special meeting may be needed to review the proposed budget after it is revised. Mr. Vetrano stated that it may be possible to present the proposed budget to the UAB at their July 27, 2010, regular meeting.

The UAB will make a presentation and recommendation to the Council in the same time frame as the GP&L staff.

7. Committee Reports

- Briefing on Wind Farm Tour (Peterson)

Mr. Peterson attended the 2010 Wind Power Conference in Sweetwater, TX (May 23-26). He took the Wind Farm Tour where three (3) sites were visited. He explained that the tour did not provide much technical information. Wind industry leaders like Siemens were presenters and discussed the future of the industry.

The secretary was given the tour information book to distribute to other members.

- GP&L Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) (Spence)

Mr. Spence provided members with copies from the CAFR that contained financial information related to GP&L.

He reviewed each section explaining that the report reflects the previous fiscal year actual numbers and serves as a good tool for monitoring fluctuations in KWH increases and budget expenses.

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8. Future Items

- Distributive Generation Ordinance (Campbell) – 7/27/10

9. Citizen's Comments

There were no citizens present.

10. Agenda items for next meeting

- Call to Order
- Consider Approval of the Minutes for June 22, 2010
- Consideration of Excusing Absences for UAB Members
- Written Briefing
 - Residential Rate Comparison
- Discuss development of policy for UAB keeping current on events within the electric industry & GP&L
- Review GP&L 2010-2011 O&M Operating Budget
- Discuss recommendation letter to council related to upcoming completion of appointed terms for three (3) UAB members.
- Committee Reports
 - Distributive Generation Ordinance (Campbell)
- Future Items
- Citizen's Comments
- Adjourn

11. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Hyatt at 7:31 p.m.

Eloyce René Dowl, Secretary

Lowell Hyatt, Chairman