

MINUTES
UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD
City of Garland
Council Work Session Room, City hall
200 N. Fifth Street, Garland, TX
6:00 p.m., July 27, 2010

1. Welcome/Roll Call

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

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

Staff: Art Martinez, Greg Vetrano, Christine Hauk, Dan Bailey, René Dowl

Absent: There were no absences

2. Consider Approval of the Minutes for June 22, 2010

Chairman Hyatt asked for comments or changes to the June 22, 2010, minutes.

There were no comments or changes.

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

3. Consideration of Excusing Absences for UAB Members

Mr. Torres left the room as the Board discussed approving his absence from the June 22, 2010, meeting. There were no comments or disagreements to approving the absence as excused.

--Motion by Mr. Spence to accept the absence as excused; seconded by Mrs. Campbell. Motion was approved unanimously.

4. Written Briefing

Residential Rate Comparison – there were no comments or discussion

Significance of City of Garland utility disconnects (correction from discounts on the agenda)

The Board asked for explanation for the increase in disconnects. Mr. Vetrano stated that the increase in disconnects may be related to the economy.

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Purchase of coal by TMPA – The Board had an extensive discussion regarding the price for coal and the transportation costs associated with it.

Purchase of natural gas by GP&L – Christine Hauk and Dan Bailey gave explanations of their roles in the QSE/Marketing group.

Ms. Hauk described the process for purchasing and/or trading gas on a day-to-day basis. Mr. Bailey gave an extensive explanation of the short and mid-term power trading process and his role in marketing.

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

Mrs. Campbell reported that she was no longer receiving the APPA daily which she reviews and reports on to the group.

--Action the secretary will follow up with the APPA subscription department to reinstate her.

There were no other comments or action taken.

The meeting was recessed at 7:08 p.m. and reconvened at 7:14 p.m.

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

Mr. Vetrano reviewed the Preliminary Budget with the Board, which the City Manager will submit to Council on August 3, 2010. He informed the Board that GP&L may be making its' presentation to Council on August 16 or 30.

Chairman Hyatt proposed that the Board will make its' presentation following GP&L. Messrs. Alewine and Torres will develop a PowerPoint and send it to Mr. Vetrano and UAB members for review before the Council presentation.

7. Discuss recommendation letter to Council related to upcoming completion of appointed terms for two (2) UAB members.

Mr. Thompson has asked the Council to not consider him for reappointment.

Messrs. Alewine and Spence desire to be reconsidered for appointment. Both candidates remained in the meeting while the four (4) members discussed the recommendation letter but did not participate in the discussion.

The four (4) members unanimously agreed that the content was good and that Chairman Hyatt should sign the letter on the Board's behalf and arrange for it to be given to Council.

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8. Committee Reports

Distributive Generation Ordinance – Mrs. Campbell reviewed and summarized the DGO for the Board. This ordinance allows customers to generate power with wind and solar technology. She prepared a written report citing specifications and requirements in the ordinance.

Mr. Martinez said to date no Distributive Generation agreements are in place.

9. Review of UAB accomplishments within the last year and plans for the upcoming year

Chairman Hyatt opened the discussion by suggesting a review of the effectiveness of the operational procedures of the UAB.

Mr. Thompson was in support of the current procedures and suggested that the Board request additional instruction and/or guidance from Council.

--Action the Board agreed to return to Council within this year to present specific tasks the Board desires to pursue and provide work plans to Council.

10. Future Items

- Review revised O&M Budget

11. Citizen's Comments

There were no citizens present

12. Agenda for August 24, 2010, meeting

- Call to Order
- Consider approval of the Minutes for July 27, 2010
- Consideration of Excusing Absences for UAB Members
- Written Briefing
- Discuss development of policy for UAB keeping current on events within the electric industry and GP&L
- Review GP&L O&M Operating Budget
- Discuss recommendation letter to Council related to upcoming completion of appointed terms for two (2) UAB Members
- Review of UAB accomplishments within the last year and plans for the upcoming year

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- Future Items
- Citizen's Comments
- Adjourn

13. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Hyatt at 9:03 p.m.

Eloyce René Dowl, Secretary

Lowell Hyatt, Chairman