

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD  
COUNCIL WORK SESSION ROOM  
CITY HALL  
JUNE 23, 2009  
6:01 P.M.**

**1. Welcome/Roll Call**

Present: Lowell Hyatt, Lee Alewine, Chris Luna, Gary Pickens,  
Billy Thompson, Tony Torres

Absent: Linda Kirk Campbell

Staff Present: Ray Schwertner, Mark Dempsey, and René Dowl

**2. Consider Approval of the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of May 26, 2009**

Chairman Hyatt asked for changes or revisions to the May 26, 2009, minutes. No changes or revisions were requested.

--Motion by Mr. Luna to accept the minutes as written; seconded by Mr. Thompson. Motion unanimously passed.

**3. Consideration of Excusing Absences for UAB Members**

There were no absences to consider from the meeting on May 26, 2009.

**4. Committee Reports (formerly item 5 (a) referred to as UAB Bylaws) corrected to be Rules of Procedure**

Mr. Luna commended Mr. Dempsey for his prompt turn around on the revisions to the Rules of Procedure. Mr. Luna provided the updated document to the Board and staff during the meeting.

Mr. Dempsey stated that he was present to answer any questions the Board might have regarding the revisions. He also stated that most changes were for reorganization and would be procedurally helpful. There were no comments or revisions by the Board.

--Action: The Board voted unanimously in favor of accepting the Rules of Procedure

The Board will operate under these rules unless the Council requests further revisions.

**5. Upcoming Expiration of Terms of Office for two (2) UAB Members**

Chairman Hyatt asked the Board members if they felt it appropriate for the Board to inform the Council what the Board's decision would be if it was the body making the decision as to whether or not Board members whose terms are about to expire would be reappointed to another term. The members agreed that doing so is consistent with the Board's role of providing advice to the Council. Mr. Hyatt then shared with the members a draft of a letter to be submitted to the Council. The revisions suggested by the members will be incorporated into the final version of the letter which will be presented to the Board at the July meeting and then shared with the Council.

Participation in the preceding discussion by members (Messrs. Pickens and Torres) whose terms are about to expire was limited to whether or not it is appropriate for the Board to provide input to the Council regarding the possible reappointment of Board members.

**6. Committee Reports (formerly item 5 (b) UAB Annual Report of Accomplishments**

Mr. Luna explained the format and purpose for the UAB Annual Report of Accomplishments. He asked for comments and/or revisions.

Chairman Hyatt asked that the report reflect the January 27, 2009, meeting was not cancelled but rescheduled to February 10, 2009.

Mr. Alewine suggested that the time invested by staff and the Board be added to the report. Mr. Luna agreed this should include time preparing and reviewing materials.

Mr. Alewine also suggested that the UAB Self-Assessment Tool and attendance information be added to the report.

--Action: Mr. Luna requested that the secretary email the final version of the UAB Self-Assessment Tool to the Board

--Action: The Board agreed to revise the report and send it to the Council.

**7. Potential UAB Tasks (formerly item 6)**

All of the Board members agreed that they are ready to assume tasks related to providing advice to the Council. The members reviewed the list of potential tasks originated by Messrs. Thompson and Torres and the list of the five (5) key issues facing GP&L which Mr. Schwertner originated at the Board's request. The Board

decided to adopt the item on Mr. Schwertner's list titled "GP&L's O&M/Capital Budget". That decision was based on the following factors:

1. The item includes GP&L's 10 year Financial Forecast
2. The item touches almost every facet of GP&L including the tasks enumerated in the list of potential tasks originated by Messrs. Thompson and Torres.
3. The UAB can perform a role which benefits both council and staff. The benefits to council include providing a source for additional feedback concerning the budgets and forecasts and providing staff a "sounding board".

**8. Future Agenda Items for July 28, 2009**

- Call to Order
- Consider Approval of the Minutes for June 23, 2009 meeting
- Consideration of Excusing Absences for UAB Members
- Approval of final draft of letter to Council regarding reappointment of two (2) UAB members
- Committee Reports
  - Submit to Council UAB Annual Report of Accomplishments
  - Submit to Council UAB Self-Assessment Tool
- GP&L Overview of 10-year Financial Plan
- Future Items
  - Discuss Development of Orientation Plan for New UAB Members
- Citizen's Comments
- Adjourn

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**9. Citizen's Comments**

**10. Adjourn**

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

**Submitted by:**

**Approved by:**

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**E. René Dowl, Secretary**

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**Lowell Hyatt, Chairman**