

# Joint Committee on Austin Water Utility's Financial Plan February 15, 2012 Waller Creek Center, Room 104 625 East 10<sup>th</sup> Street Austin, Texas

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# **AGENDA**

The Joint Committee on Austin Water Utility's Financial Plan convened in a regular meeting on February 15, 2012 at Waller Creek Center, 624 East 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 104, in Austin, Texas.

#### Joint Committee Members in Attendance:

Water & Wastewater Commission Members

Sarah B. Faust (**Absent**) Mickey Fishbeck Chien Lee, P.E. **Resource Management Commission Members** 

Sean Kelly Luke Metzger **Impact Fee Advisory Committee Members** 

Kris Bailey (**Absent**) J.R. (Hank) Kidwell Brian Rodgers

## Staff in Attendance:

Greg Meszaros, Director, David Anders, Assistant Director, Brian Long, Robert Rowan, Daryl Slusher, Ed Van Eeno, Jeff Knodel and Felicia Cancino

#### **Additional Attendees:**

Citizens: Alejandro Savransky, Scott Johnson and Victor Torny

## A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Fishbeck called the meeting to order at 6:02pm

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## **B. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

Alejandro Savransky spoke on behalf of Clean Water Action regarding their concerns of the Revenue Stability Fee and recommended that the Commissioner's eliminate the Revenue Stability Fee and change the fixed charges back to \$7.10 for most residential customers. He indicated that by adding tiered fees this would make it too confusing for the customers as well as not letting the customers have control of their bills.

Scott Johnson stated his concerns with the drought and provided his ideas and recommendations regarding energy efficiency and water conservation awareness for the public.

### C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the February 1, 2012 Joint Committee's regular meeting were approved unanimously on Commissioner Lee's motion and Commissioner Kelly's second. Commissioner Metzger abstained due to his absence on February 1, 2012. Commissioner Faust and Bailey were absent.

### D. DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR SUBCOMMITTEE'S REVIEW:

David Anders provided a brief synopsis on the discussion items and asked the Commissioners to add these items to their binders at their convenience. The items were reviewed and discussed by Commissioners and staff. Greg Meszaros and David Anders addressed the Commissioners questions and concerns.

- 1. Questions & Comments from previous meetings (3 minutes) None
- 2. Discussion on Questions and Answers None
- 3. Fixed Revenue Goals
- 4. Volatility & Volumetric Rates

## E. REPORTS BY SUBCOMMITTEE

## F. VOTING ITEMS FROM SUBCOMMITTEE

1. Meeting Schedule

Commissioner's voted on the 2012 schedule to include 4/4/2012; 4/18/2012; 5/2/2012; 5/16/2012; and 5/30/2012. Schedule passed unanimously on Commissioner Rodgers' motion and Commissioner Hank's second with Commissioner's Faust and Bailey absent.

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## G. NON VOTING DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. General Discussion on Committee Topics None

# H. STAFF BRIEFINGS, PRESENTATIONS, AND OR REPORTS

## I. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Fishbeck suggested that the topics Volumetric Rates and Revenue Stability Fee and Fund be listed on the agenda to discuss at their next regular meeting. The items were approved unanimously on Commissioner Metzger's motion and Commissioner Kelly's second.

#### J. ADJOURN

Chair Fishbeck adjourned the meeting at 8:04pm without objection.

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