



**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, May 20, 2015**

The Public Utilities Committee convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Council Chambers in Austin, Texas.

Vice Chair Zimmerman called the Public Utilities Committee Meeting to order at 3:14 p.m.

Committee Members in Attendance:

Council Member Don Zimmerman, Vice Chair, Council Member Ann Kitchen, and Council Member Ellen Troxclair

Staff in Attendance: (23 Staff Members)

Denise Avery, Natasha Goodwin, Patricia Campos, Tina Bui, Sylvia Pope, David Juarez, Teresa Lutes, Drema Gross, Kristi Fenton, Gary Gold, Antonio Gonzales, Adam Smith, Robert Goode, Chastity Hodges, Rondella Hawkins, Chris Herrington, Marisa Flores- Gonzales, Maria Sanchez, Daryl Slusher, Greg Meszaros, Bart Jennings, Tony Canales, Laura Williamson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Public Utilities Committee meeting of April 15, 2015.

The minutes from the Public Utilities Committee of April 15, 2015 were approved on Council Member Troxclair’s motion, Council Member Kitchen’s second on a 3-0-0-1 vote. Council Member Garza, Chair, was absent.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

2. NONE

ITEMS FOR COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

3. Consider and develop recommendations relating to an amendment to the cost reimbursement agreement with CENTURY LAND HOLDINGS II, LLC. to increase the City's cost reimbursement in the amount of \$646,807.24 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,778,484.43.

There was a motion by Council Member Kitchen and seconded by Council Member Troxclair to refer this item to full Council. Motion was approved on a 3-0-0-1 vote with Council Member Garza, Chair, was absent.

4. Consider and develop recommendations relating to an ordinance regarding Texas Gas Service's proposal to increase customer rates.

There was a motion made by Council Member Kitchen and seconded by Council Member Troxclair to refer this item to full Council with their recommendation. Motion was approved on a 3-0-0-1 vote with Council Member Garza, Chair, was absent.

5. Briefing and possible recommendation on an ordinance regarding Atmos Energy Corporation-MidTex Division's proposal to increase customer gas rates.

There was a motion made by Council Member Kitchen and seconded by Council Member Troxclair to refer this item to full Council with no recommendations. Motion was approved on a 3-0-0-1 vote. Council Member Garza, Chair, was absent.

Council Committee members asked for a comparison of rates between Texas Gas, ATMOS Energy and CenterPoint Energy. City Staff will provide to Council Committee members a comparison of rates from all three companies.

STAFF BRIEFING

6. Briefing on the 2014 Austin Water Resource Planning Task Force, including reports and recommendations.

Council Committee members asked to see cost and yield estimate information for projects listed on the Austin Water Resource Planning Task Force recommendation implementation summary report, where applicable, Council Committee members requested to add an additional column to the report that includes the cost and yield estimate information. Information on leak and water loss reduction efforts was requested.

City Staff will provide to Council Committee members with an updated report that includes cost and yield estimate information incorporated into the report. Information on recent year water loss reports will also be provided to Council Committee members.

7. Briefing on Water Well Fees.

FUTURE ITEMS

8. Discussion of future agenda items
 - a. **Briefing on conservation programs throughout the City.**

7. ADJOURN

Vice Chair Zimmerman adjourned the meeting at 5:18 p.m. without objection.

The minutes were approved on this the 17th day of June, 2015 on Council Member Kitchen's motion, Council Member Troxclair's second on a 3-0-0-1 vote. Council Member Garza, Chair, was absent.