



**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, February 17, 2016**

**The Public Utilities Committee convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Council Chambers in Austin, Texas.**

**Chair Delia Garza called the Public Utilities Committee Meeting to order at 3:08 p.m.**

**Committee Members in Attendance:**

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

**Staff in Attendance: (14 Staff Members)**

Denise Avery, Natasha Goodwin, Patricia Campos, Laura Williamson, Greg Meszaros, Jane Burazer, Daryl Slusher, David Anders, Rick Coronado, Jason Hill, Ed Van Eenoo, Drema Gross, Jadell Hines, and Teresa Lutes.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approve the minutes of the Public Utilities Committee meeting of January 20, 2016.

**The minutes from the Public Utilities Committee of January 20, 2016 were approved on Council Member Zimmerman's motion, Council Member Kitchen's second on a 3-0 vote. Council Member Troxclair was off the dais.**

**CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

2. The first five speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed three minutes to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

**The following speakers signed up to speak and were allowed three minutes to address their concerns:**

**Stuart Hersh- Pilot Knob  
Ross Smith- Water Meters**

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

3. Discussion and possible action regarding stage 1 and stage 2 water restriction.

**Citizen Speakers:****Mike Burnett****Stuart Hersh****Ross Smith****David Foster**

**City representatives Daryl Slusher, Austin Water gave a presentation to the Committee.**

**There was a motion made by Council Member Zimmerman to move this item to the full Council and have the City Council direct the City Manager to move from stage 2 water restrictions to stage 1 water restrictions immediately. This motion was second by Council Member Troxclair. This motion failed on a 2-2 vote.**

**There was a follow up motion made by Council Member Troxclair to move this item to the full council without any recommendations. This motion was second by Council Member Zimmerman. This motion failed on a 2-2 vote.**

**Staff's timeline for this item is to go before 2 Boards and Commissions and 1 Task Force in March, return to the Public Utilities Committee in April, and go before the full Council in May.**

4. Discussion and possible action regarding Austin Water's General Fund transfers and impact to water bills.

**Citizen Speakers:****Stuart Hersh****Mike Burnett**

**City representatives Ed Van Eenoo, Budget Office and David Anders, Austin Water gave a presentation to the Committee.**

**Staff will provide the Committee additional information**

**There was a motion made by Council Member Troxclair to move a resolution to full Council with recommendation for Council approval. This motion was second by Council Member Zimmerman. This motion was approved unanimously on a 4-0 vote.**

**FUTURE ITEMS**

5. Discussion of future agenda items.
  - **Results from the Upper Onion Creek Engineering Analysis joint meeting with Open Space Committee**

**ADJOURN**

**Chair Delia Garza adjourned the meeting at 4:40 p.m. without objection.**

**The minutes were approved on this the 16<sup>th</sup> of May, 2016 on Council Member Kitchen's motion, Council Member Zimmerman's second on a 3-0 vote. Council Member Troxclair was off the dais.**