



**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, May 16, 2016**

**The Public Utilities Committee convened in a regular meeting on Monday, May 16, 2016 at Austin City Hall, 301 W. Second Street, Boards and Commissions room in Austin, Texas.**

**Chair Delia Garza called the Public Utilities Committee Meeting to order at 3:06 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**

**Council Member Leslie Pool was in attendance to hear item # 3.**

**Staff in Attendance: (11 Staff Members)**

**Denise Avery, Natasha Goodwin, Patricia Campos, Brian McGiverin, Kelly Strickler, Matt Hollon, Kevin Shunk, Pam Kearfott, Joe Pantaloni, Ron Romero, and Bob Gedert.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approve the minutes of the Public Utilities Committee meeting of February 17, 2016.

**The minutes from the Public Utilities Committee of February 17, 2016 were approved on Council Member Kitchen's motion, Council Member Zimmerman'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- Drainage Fees/Pilot Knob**

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

3. Discussion and possible action on the final report of the Flood Mitigation Task Force (Watershed Protection Department). (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Ann Kitchen, CO 1: Council Member Delia Garza)

**Flood Mitigation Task Force Chair, Matt Rensenta gave a presentation to the Committee.**

**City representatives Joe Pantalione and Matt Hollon, Watershed Protection Department, answered questions that were presented by the committee.**

**The committee did not make a motion or recommendation on this item.**

#### **STAFF BRIEFING**

5. Briefing on the Texas Gas Service pending rate case (Larry Graham of Texas Gas Service). (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Delia Garza, CO1: Council Member Ann Kitchen)

**Texas Gas Service representatives Larry Graham and Nicole Simmons gave a presentation to the Committee.**

**The committee did not make a motion or recommendation on this item.**

#### **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

4. Briefing and public comment regarding privatization of residential curbside solid waste collection service (Austin Resource Recovery). (Notes: SPONSOR: Council Member Don Zimmerman, CO 1: Council Member Ellen Troxclair)

**Speakers:**

**Steve Shannon**

**Carol Guthrie**

**Rick Fraumann**

**Todd Kluk**

**City representative Bob Gedert, Austin Resource Recovery answered questions that were presented by the committee.**

**Staff will provide the Committee additional information.**

**The committee did not make a motion or recommendation on this item.**

#### **FUTURE ITEMS**

6. Discussion of future agenda items.
  - **Flood Mitigation Task Force issues- Unknown on time frame**
  - **Whisper Valley/Railroad bridge flooding- Later in the year**

#### **ADJOURN**

**Chair Delia Garza adjourned the meeting at 5:11 p.m. without objection.**