



CITIZENS TASK FORCE ON WATER RATES Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: Thursday, November 17, 2016 at 6:30pm

Where: Milpitas City Hall, Committee Conference Room

Attendees: Liz Ainsworth, Evelyn Chua, Karina Dominguez, Elpidio Estioko, Ted Grish, Rajeev Madnawat, Ray Maglalang, Dan Manassau, Steve Munzel, Tom Valore, Joseph Weinstein, City Manager Tom Williams, City Attorney Chris Diaz, and PW Director Nina Hawk

I. **Welcome & Introductions**

City Manager Williams welcomed all members and thanked for volunteering to be members of this task force.

II. **Purpose of Objectives of Citizens Task Force**

City Manager said that for this meeting, everyone will briefly go through what the objectives are; share some materials for the members to take home and read; go through the work plan; and selection of Chair and Vice Chair.

Mr. Williams explained the reason of having this task force created. This was modeled out of the success of the former Citizens Budget Task Force during the recession time. Basically, this is a process spending a few months getting information, educating you on water rates and infrastructures, and hear from you as to what recommendations you may have. He asked that we all respect each and value each other's opinions. City Manager ended his brief presentation asking everyone to introduce themselves, say what their initial thoughts and what they want to see out of this process.

III. **Work Plan Overview**

City Manager briefly presented a powerpoint showing goals and objectives with April date for Council presentation of the task force's recommendations. A task force member asked if anyone can email questions in and have those Q/As shared and keep the entire group involved in the discussion or is there a process already set up for this kind of sharing information. City Manager asked Mr. Weinstein, the former Chair of the Citizens Budget Task Force, the process they came up with during that time. Mr. Weinstein responded that all the questions went to the City Manager, who then summarized the questions and sent out to him (as the Chair) prior to the next meeting agenda distribution.

City Manager outlined items to be discussed for upcoming meetings of the task force. Meeting 2 will entirely cover legal review and updates by our City Attorney Chris Diaz. The third task force meeting will be a presentation from both Engineering and Public Works staff to provide an overview of City's water purchases, quality, and regulatory requirements among other things. Meeting Number 4 will be field and site visits; and after those meetings, the task force will meet with all the information they have been provided and gathered to come up with recommendations to the City Council.

IV. **Selection of Chair and Vice Chair**

The task force voted Ms. Evelyn Chua as its Chair with 9 votes out of 11; and Mr. Joseph Weinstein as the task force's Vice Chair with 6 votes out of 11.

V. **Selection of Future Meeting Dates and Times**

The task force unanimously approved the 2ND and 4TH Tuesday of the month starting at 6:30 pm. No meetings will be held until after December 2016. The next meeting will be held on January 10, 2017, 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

VI. **Questions and Answers**

Chair Chua asked if there are any other questions. There were none.

VII. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm to the next Task Force Meeting on January 10, 2017, at 6:30 pm.