



MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GLENDALE WATER & POWER COMMISSION

COUNCIL CHAMBER, City Hall – 613 E. Broadway, 2nd Floor
Glendale, CA 91206

November 6, 2017
4:00 PM

1. ROLL CALL

Present: President Camargo, Commissioners Hale, Kedikian and Lall
Absent: Commissioner Avanesian

2. CONSENT ITEMS

a. Approval of the September 7, 2017 Meeting Minutes

The September 7, 2017 meeting minutes were unanimously approved by the Commission members present.

3. GWP COMMISSION/ STAFF COMMENTS

None.

4. ACTIONS

a. GWP Commission Elections

President Camargo opened the nominations for GWP Commission elections. President Camargo nominated Commissioner Lall for the position of President for the upcoming term. Commissioner Hale seconded the nomination. Commissioner Hale nominated Commissioner Avanesian for the position of Secretary for the upcoming term, and Commissioner Lall seconded the nomination. President Camargo called for votes for Commission President. Commissioner Lall was unanimously elected President by the Commission members present. President Camargo called for votes for Commission Secretary. Commissioner Avanesian was unanimously elected Secretary by the Commissioners members present. President Lall took her place on the dais as President for the remainder of the meeting.

5. REPORTS – INFORMATION

a. Legislative Update

Ms. Sylva Oughourlian, Senior Administrative Analyst for Glendale Water & Power, reported on California Senate Bill 100 (De Leon), pertaining to the California Renewables Portfolio Standard program. Ms. Oughourlian stated that SB 100 dominated end of session but the bill did not pass. Ms. Oughourlian noted that GWP anticipates an early push on SB 100 and associated regionalization bills for the upcoming term; however, the future of SB 100 is uncertain because author is running for U.S. Senate and will be stepping down from his leadership position in the near future. GWP is continuing to watch any bills, proposals, and amendments that are presented along with the California Municipal Utilities Association (CMUA) and the Southern California Public Power Authority (SCPPA).

Mr. Stephen Zurn, General Manager of GWP, added that on the federal level, GWP is concerned about the status of municipal tax exempt bonds. The proposal to eliminate municipal tax exempt bonds is a concern because such bonds are used across the board to fund municipal infrastructure, rebuilding or building anew. Mr. Zurn stated that GWP will continue to be engaged and keep the Commission up to date regarding pending legislation.

b. Water Conservation Update

Mr. Richard Ruyle, Water Services Administrator, presented statistics on water usage and water conservation efforts. Mr. Ruyle noted GWP is in Phase I of the City's Conservation Ordinance. Restrictions on wasting water are always in effect, but there are no restrictions on the number of days of irrigation. Water usage is slightly higher than when irrigation restrictions were in effect, but lower than in the baseline year of 2013, before the conservation mandates went into effect. Mr. Ruyle attributed this to drought tolerate landscape installations, water efficiency changes in homes, and behavioral changes due to

conservation. The statistics show that the conservation mindset has a residual effect. Mr. Zurn commended residents on doing an excellent job in saving water. President Lall stated that she will be interested to see if the conservation mindset stays. Mr. Zurn agreed and stated that GWP will continue to bring the water conservation updates to the GWP Commission.

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following four speakers spoke during Oral Communications

Burt Culver (proposed repowering of Grayson Power Plant)

Karen Kwak (proposed repowering of Grayson Power Plant)

Scott Lowe (proposed repowering of Grayson Power Plant)

Pia Harris (proposed repowering of Grayson Power Plant)

Ms. Godinez, Principal Assistant City Attorney, stated that members of the public should be sure to submit comments regarding the Grayson Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) to Erik Krause in the Planning Division in order for those comments to be included in the record for the Draft EIR process.

Mr Zurn stated that the comment period for the Draft EIR for the proposed Grayson Repowering project has been extended to November 20, 2017. President Lall inquired if there was a reason. Mr. Zurn responded the comment period was extended because requests were made and in order to give everyone a little additional time.

7. AGENDA FORECAST

Commissioner Kedikian requested that a report be presented regarding the proposed Grayson Repowering Project after the Final Environmental Impact Report is prepared, but before City Council consideration, so that the Commission can discuss and submit its recommendation to City Council. President Lall, Commissioner Camargo, and Commissioner Hale agreed. Commissioner Hale stated that it is important for the Commission to have an opportunity to weigh in and provide a recommendation on the project before it is presented to City Council.

Mr. Zurn agreed and stated that GWP's intent is to bring back a report to the GWP Commission in February that will give the commissioners a broader prospective including financial analysis of the project, so that the GWP Commission can make a recommendation to City Council. The discussion of the Grayson Repowering Project is tentatively scheduled for the February GWP Commission meeting; a Special Commission meeting can be scheduled if need be.

Mr. Zurn noted that the January meeting will likely be canceled due to the holidays.

President Lall inquired when GWP will have a read on number of comments received in response to the Draft EIR. Mr. Zurn stated that he can report on that at the December meeting.

Commissioner Kedikian asked whether the City Council would be receiving a legal opinion regarding a potential conflict of interest for Councilmembers Devine and Najarian regarding voting on the proposed Grayson Repowering Project. Ms. Godinez responded that the City Council will receive an opinion.

Commissioner Hale requested that GWP provide the Commission with a report on rooftop solar, to include the number of subscribers and installations. The other Commissioners present concurred. Mr. Zurn stated this could be placed on the December meeting agenda and the report could include both electric vehicles and rooftop solar.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn:

Moved by: Commissioner Hale

Seconded by: Commissioner Camargo

Motion Passed

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45pm.