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UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, October 14, 2014

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Meeting – Bolton Conference Room

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Members Present: Ray Kindley, Alice Richmond, Edward Keonjian, Jon Miller, Bill Frazier

Staff Present: Richard Seals

- Called to Order at 6:03pm by Ray Kindley

2. Approval of Summary Notes from May 2014

- Motion to approve made by Bill and seconded by Edward. Summary Notes unanimously approved.

3. Discussion Items:

a. Finance Update

- Richard Seals presented a fund update with regards to how fiscal year ended June 30, 2014 focusing on utility funds. Reports demonstrated that SDC funds continue to be healthy and a part of these funds are earmarked for the Bolton Reservoir Replacement project. Members requested clarification about Bolton Reservoir funding and whether a portion of the funds earmarked for the reservoir replacement would be used to construct the proposed sidewalk improvements along the frontage of Wilderness Park. Members asked about where funds would be coming from for Bolton Reservoir project. Richard stated that the City of West Linn has received the \$5 million from Lake Oswego for the LOT project, \$2 million can be

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accessed through SDC funds and with proposed rate increase the water revenue account is projected to grow enough to pay the remaining \$2 million without the need to take out bonds. However, this is only an estimate at this point. If needed, the City can take out a loan for the remaining balance without going to voters. Members inquired if construction will start before having the full funding available. Design has already begun and the last \$2 million will not be needed for another 2 + years. Since the project has officially started, members would like an update from the Public Works Director including the full scope of work and what the \$9 million is proposed to cover. An update will be placed on the next meeting agenda. Members inquired about what would happen if the reservoir comes in way over the estimated budget. These options can be discussed at the next meeting. Members also inquired about the geological soundness of the site and the potential impact of those results on the budget. The members revisited the 20-year plan (excluding the Bolton Reservoir) and how to ensure the water fund continues to grow to support those outlined maintenance/water line replacement needs. The advisory board made the previous recommendation of 18% water rate increase but feel it needs to be re-evaluated prior to recommending again for the May 2015 ballot.

4. Other Business

- Members brought up the issue of discussing advisory board meeting issues via email and received clarification on what can and can't be discussed without being considered public record. Alice wanted an update on the annual report/review put out by the Council. Ray disclosed that he can no longer hold responsibility of the Chair after January 2015.

5. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn made and seconded at 7:02pm

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