

CITY OF REDLANDS
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES/PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
Special Meeting of February 8, 2021, 4:00 PM
MINUTES

This meeting was conducted as a teleconference meeting. All votes during the meeting were conducted by roll call.

In compliance with public health recommendations to limit public gatherings during the Covid-19 pandemic and acting as the City of Redlands Emergency Services Director, City Manager Charles M. Duggan Jr., directed meetings of the Municipal Utilities/Public Works Commission (MUPWC) of Redlands be closed to the public until further notice or until the current local State of Emergency has been lifted. The MUPWC will continue to meet to conduct essential business. Public comments (up to 250 words) received by noon February 8 were read aloud by MUPWC liaison.

1. ATTENDANCE

Commissioner Thoms was excused. Chairperson Adekunle Ojo, Vice Chairperson Steve Stockton, and Commissioners Zachary Travis, David Garcia, Tom Breikreuz, and Chandrasekar 'CV' Venkatraman were present. A quorum was established with six commissioners. City staff in attendance were as follows: Director of MUED John Harris, Engineering Manager Goutam Dobey, Utilities Operations Manager Kevin Watson, Senior Project Manager Ross Wittman, and Senior Administrative Assistant Jane Weathers. City Council liaisons Council Member Tejeda and Mayor Foster were not present and no guests appeared in the Attendees list in Zoom.

2. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Ojo called the special meeting of the MUPWC to order at 4:10 PM. (Due to computer/audio issues the meeting started late.)

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Weathers stated no public comments were received.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Continued Discussion and Review of Commission's Annual Presentation of Accomplishments and Goals to the City Council

Ms. Weathers displayed a draft PowerPoint containing the MUPWC's 2020 annual report to City Council for the group to review and modify for their 2021 annual report. Updates reflected the current Commission's background, accomplishments and recommendations since March 2020 related to street, water, and sewer master plans, capital improvements, facilities and infrastructure upgrades, and the ongoing utilities rate study. Their goals were revised to align with the MUPWC mission defined in the Redlands Municipal Code and coincide with their anticipated review of applicable studies, plans, programs and rates. Photos of projects referenced in the presentation were requested to be included. Chairperson Ojo was appointed by his fellow commissioners to present the annual report to the City Council on March 2. Vice Chair Stockton accepted to role of alternate in case Chairperson Ojo is unable to present. Ms. Weathers would send an updated draft for final review and input to the Commission.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:02 PM. A special meeting was being coordinated for the last week of February for the Utilities Advisory Committee (UAC) Chairperson John James to share with the MUPWC the status of the water, sewer, non-potable water rate study and the UAC's planned recommendations they will be making to City Council in March. Monday, February 22 at 4:00 PM was the date that all agreed to meet for a special meeting. The next regular meeting of the Commission will be Monday, April 5. An update on the solid waste enterprise was requested to be added to the agenda for that meeting.