

CALL TO ORDER:

Vice Chair O'Connell called the regular meeting of the Utility Board to order at 7:04 p.m. in the Council Chambers Room at City Hall, 9611 SE 36th Street, Mercer Island, WA.

ROLL CALL:

Vice Chair Tim O'Connell, Tom DeBoer, Mary Grady, Stephen Milton, Will Pokorny, and Brian Thomas present. Council Liaison David Wisenteiner joined the meeting later and Kwan Wong was absent.

City Staff: Jason Kintner, Public Works Director, Francie Lake, Deputy Finance Director, Anne Tonella-Howe, Assistant City Engineer and Asea Sandine, Recording Secretary were also present.

MINUTES:

Board Member Thomas moved to approve the minutes from the November 14, 2017 meeting. Board Member Porkorny seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the minutes.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

GENERAL SEWER PLAN UPDATE

Tonella-Howe introduced Lara Kammereck and Dan Reisinger of Carollo Engineers who presented the two remaining chapters of the Draft General Sewer Plan; the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Chapter and the Financial Chapter. Tonella-Howe advised the Draft General Sewer Plan would to be presented to the City Council in February before it continues through the approval process. Kammerack shared that Mercer Island is unique with widespread pipes and a Lakeline that makes operations and maintenance difficult. Reisinger provided an overview of the analyses conducted during the Plan development He noted the Plan recommends high, medium and low categories for the rehabilitation and replacement (R/R) of pipes; identified pump stations have the most immediate R/R needs; and recommended a comprehensive Lakeline condition assessment be conducted to identify future reinvestment strategies Reisinger continued with a description of the 20-year CIP, describing the four categories in the CIP: General, Pipelines, Pump Stations, and LakeLine, and the projects identified within those categories. Reisinger concluded by sharing the total projected CIP cost over the next 20 years. Lake discussed the analysis she ran and presented one possible rate funded scenario to show funding for the first six-year's of the 20-year plan. The Board discussed concern over how the City will pay for the projected work, specifically whether the City will pay over a period of time with incremental rate adjustments or to consider funding some reinvestment with a potential future bond measure.

2018 WORK PLAN

O'Connell inquired if there had been any new information regarding the King County Sewer Interceptor project. Tonella Howe reported that King County has prepared plans to a 30% design level. Staff suggested this topic be added to a future Board meeting at a time when the County has new or updated information to share.

NEXT MEETING: The next scheduled meeting is February 13, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:44PM

Asea Sandine Recording Secretary