



Water Services Advisory Commission

Oasis Water Campus
7070 W. Northern Avenue
January 6, 2016, 6:00 P.M.

FINAL MINUTES

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – 6:00 p.m.
- II. **ROLL CALL**: Present: Commissioners Robert Gehl, Robin Berryhill, John Sipple, Ron Short, Vice-chair Roger Schwierjohn, and Chairman Jonathan Liebman

Absent: Commissioner Ruth Faulls

Staff: Craig Johnson, Dr. Doug Kupel, Ron Serio, Amanda McKeever, Dan Hatch, Mark Fortkamp, Megan Sheldon, Sam Garza, Anthony Weathersby, Thomas Relucio, and Sally Melling, Recording Secretary

III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Approval of the Final Minutes, December 2, 2015 meeting – Comm. Berryhill stated she was not satisfied with the documentation received regarding expenses charged to urban irrigation as she felt it does not breakdown each expense; she wanted a list of "top line" expenses not just the bottom line. After a discussion regarding the previous meeting's minutes in response to Comm. Berryhill's comments regarding information provided subsequent to the meeting, a motion for approval of the minutes was made by Vice-chair Roger Schwierjohn, seconded by Comm. Sipple. Further discussion ensued. Comm. Gehl stated he feels the minutes are accurate as presented and if Comm. Berryhill feels that information provided is incomplete, that issue is outside the scope of the motion to approve the minutes.

APPROVED 6-0

IV. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT** – Craig Johnson, P.E., Water Services Director

Mr. Craig Johnson presented an update to the Commission on several projects.

He explained the Thunderbird Reservoir project will replace the worn liner in the reservoir. The liner will be in place by February 11 and the project will continue with further improvements and upgrades.

Another project he gave an update on is the continuation of a repair project at the 67th Avenue and Deer Valley Road intersection to install an additional water line for continued service for Zone 3 in the event of a water emergency. While the water meter line was being replaced, a small connection

break was found. A project to permanently repair the connection will begin on January 11 and will replace 40' of the 42" pipe along in addition to a new valve.

Each year during this time, the Salt River Project canal dry-up event is done and both the Cholla and Oasis Water Treatment Plants are usually taken off-line for maintenance in a staggered timeframe. This year due to both of the projects mentioned by Mr. Johnson, all three water plants will remain in operation: Cholla, Oasis, and Pyramid Peak Water Treatment Plants. Once the Thunderbird Reservoir repairs are completed, the Cholla Water Plant will be taken off-line for the scheduled annual maintenance.

Mr. Johnson replied that the contractor for the Deer Valley project was Achen-Gardner in response to Comm. Short's question. Traffic control in the areas will be a challenge for residents for approximately 2-3 weeks. Councilmember Tolmachoff receives regular updates.

ACTION: NO ACTION REQUIRED, INFORMATION ONLY

V. CITY GENERAL PLAN PROCESS

Ms. Megan Sheldon, Environmental Program Manager, presented to the Commission an overview of the city's general plan process and discussed the on-going *Envision Glendale 2040* project. The presentation include a summary of the General Plan components in a modified version to cover information as it affects Water Resources and Environmental Planning specifically,. The current plan in place, *General Plan 2025*, was adopted in 2002 and amended in 2006. She explained that the General Plan represents the city's vision for the future and covers land use, goals, policies, programs, and guides the community in achieving this vision. It serves as the blueprint or constitution for future decisions concerning land use and resource conservation; and all growth or land use decisions must be in line with the General Plan.

Each Arizona city and county are required to have a General Plan which is to be updated every 10 years. A city's population size drives the depth and components of the plan with larger cities having more elements in their plan. The steering committee to update Glendale's plan was formed in January 2014 and the final version will be on the August 2016 General Election ballot. Several informational meetings, review period, and public workshops are planned before formal public hearings and eventual citizen vote are conducted. Ms. Sheldon showed the Commission where to access the resources and map atlas at www.glendale2040.com and demonstrated several available options such as joining the email list for updates and providing comments.

Ms. Sheldon then explained the goals to be addressed. She explained the current goals contained in *General Plan 2025* and the proposed updated revision to the goal, and any new goals to be considered for *Envision Glendale 2040*. Comm. Gehl asked why "surface" water was specifically called out (in Goal #4). Ms. Sheldon replied that "groundwater" is addressed in Goal #2.

Comm. Short stated that Urban Irrigation needs to be added as a goal to promote and maintain the system, with a separate map of the service area to be included. He said that perhaps some of the points used in the Resolution drafted to be presented to the City Council could be used as possible action items under the goal. Comm. Short asked the Commission if that would be something that the board chooses to do. Chairman Liebman reminded Comm. Short that the issue of Urban Irrigation is closed and requested direction on what the protocol would be to address Comm. Short's request to revise *Envision Glendale 2040* to include an Urban Irrigation component. Ms. McKeever explained that the minutes will reflect the request and Ms. Sheldon will report all

comments received through her outreach process back to the steering committee for inclusion into the Public Outreach process. Ms. Sheldon added that she would take the suggestion back to the Planning Department and the steering committee. Comm. Short also offered individuals present could make comments on their own, separate from their Commission standing, to the Planning Department and the consultants on the interactive map. Ms. Sheldon clarified that there will not be an amendment to the map atlas (contained in the handout Ms. Sheldon circulated) as it is already published but suggestions can be made for the *Envision Glendale 2040* draft document. Comm. Short stated they could make one more map and offered to make a map for them. Comm. Berryhill voiced her support for Comm. Short's suggestion.

Comm. Berryhill asked if the major water resources are cited and also asked what the projected visions are for Grand Avenue. Ms. Sheldon stated it does not get very specific in the map atlas but the sources are mentioned. Ms. Sheldon explained the General Plan encompasses the entire city area so explicit details and information is not compiled. In-depth details are provided on a separate plan for any specific area (such as Grand Avenue) should one be available. Comm. Berryhill then asked about Northern Parkway. Ms. Sheldon confirmed that the subject area is touched upon.

Comm. Gehl asked if there a protocol in place to track large amounts of input (on the interactive map). Ms. Sheldon stated she is not aware of any but confirmed it would be a valuable tool. Vice-chairman Schwierjohn supported the suggestion as he thinks it would be important for suggestion follow-up.

NO ACTION REQUIRED, INFORMATION ONLY

VI. CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

No audience members addressed the Commission.

VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Recharge/Direct Potable Reuse

VIII. NEXT MEETING: February 3, 2016, 6 p.m.

IX. ADJOURNMENT – Motion to adjourn was made by Vice-chair Schwierjohn, seconded by Comm. Berryhill. **MOTION APPROVED** by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sally Melling, Recording Secretary