



MEETING MINUTES

UTILITIES COMMISSION

Friday, May 12, 2023, 7:15 A.M.
Water Treatment Plant, 555 Lincoln St.
Large Conference Room

Members Present:	C. Bova, K. Lackey, S. McComb, R. Shure
Members Absent:	C. Skey, M. Sutton, S. Waters
Guests Present:	J. Freeman, D. Grumman, D. Lanyon
ComEd Team:	B. Perkins, D. Pickett, E. Ruiz, A. Villarreal
Staff Present:	D. King, C. Pratt, A. Price
Presiding Member:	S. McComb

1. CALL TO ORDER / DECLARATION OF QUORUM

A quorum being present, Chair McComb called the meeting to order at 7:26 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 14, 2023

Mr. Bova moved to approve the minutes with a minor correction, seconded by Mr. Shure, all approved.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

4. NEWS OF INTEREST & CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS RELEVANT TO THE UC

Chair McComb reported that he continues to read about the ComEd rate increase in Crain’s Chicago Business.

Mr. King informed the Commission that the City Council approved the contract award with Bolder Contractors for the Water Main Improvements and Street Resurfacing Project at the May 8th Council meeting.

5. STAFF REPORTS

a. Monthly utility reliability report (electric system outages, basement backups, water main breaks, service repairs)

Mr. King reported that there were no water main breaks in April, and for lead water service replacements there was one service leak replacement in April and one lead abatement replacement initiated by the resident. He said the LSLR Table listed on the Staff Reports spreadsheet will be redeveloped once again for next month’s meeting, so it paints a much clearer picture. Mr. King

said the City has selected four prequalified contractors to perform the lead water service replacements and the process can take two weeks to get the quotes and set the contractor up with the homeowner.

b. Water & Sewer Fund Capital Improvement Project status

Mr. King said the Retail Water Meter Replacement Program will be advertised in the third quarter this year to replace approximately 4,600 water meters that are at or near the end of their useful lives. Staff are still performing outreach for the Annual Water Main Replacement and Lead Service Line Replacement project. There are 112 eligible community members to have their water service lines replaced and so far, 52 have signed up. Staff will continue performing outreach until all eligible community members have signed up to participate in the program.

c. CARP Implementation

No update provided.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. PFAS in drinking water

No update provided.

b. Update on Rooftop Solar on City buildings

No update provided.

c. Water Main Geothermal

No update provided.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. ComEd Presentation

Dwayne Pickett, Director of Regulatory Solutions at ComEd, provided a detailed presentation; ComEd's Integrated Grid and Rate Plans Promote a Reliable, Equitable Transition to a Cleaner Energy Future. The presentation showed how the delivery rate increases set over the next four years are part of an effort to focus investment on clean energy improvements to the system making it more efficient for consumers. Overall, the same amount of funds will be invested in system improvement, but it will be focused differently. The balance of the rate increase is for shareholder return.

b. Capacity Fee Study

No action taken.

c. LSL Replacements – Additional Concepts

No action taken.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

a. Forthcoming Public Works Agency activities relative to the Utilities Commission

There were no announcements or communications.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 a.m.