

Detroit Water and Sewerage Department Meeting Minutes - Final

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Customer Service Committee

Thursday, May 11, 2017

9:30 AM

5th Floor Board Room, Water Board Building

Customer Service Committee Special Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Blackmon called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: 4 - John Henry Davis , Jane Garcia, Pamela Rodgers and Mary Blackmon

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairperson Blackmon requested approval of the agenda as amended.

Item 17-0088, Billing and Collections Policy and Procedures was pulled from the agenda.

A motion was made by Commissioner John Henry Davis, seconded by Commissioner Pamela Rodgers that the agenda be approved as amended. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairperson Blackmon requested approval of the minutes of April 4, 2017.

A motion was made by Commissioner John Henry Davis, seconded by Commissioner Pamela Rodgers that the minutes be approved. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were none.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Billing and Collections Policy and Procedures

This was pulled from the agenda.

17-0088 Billing and Collections Policy and Procedures

Sponsors: Presnell

Attachments: BILLING AND COLLECTIONS POLICY and PROCEDURES Draft

10.24 ID 17-0027

B. Customer Service Charter

This was postponed.

17-0089 Customer Service Charter

Sponsors: Customer Service Committee

Attachments: CS Charter.1

C. Customer Service Hotline-Postponed

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Customer Service Monthly Update

Robert Presnell, COO reported the department is reevaluating the portal timeline. Anticipated go-live date for Q-less program, which allows customers to text or call their place in line at the service centers; Monday, May 15, 2017 at the eastside service center, Tuesday, May 16, at the downtown location and Wednesday, May 17 at the westside service center.

- Customer Comment Card Feedback

The committee requested a copy of the card and a compilation of analysis/improvements.

B. Ministers Outreach Update

Deputy Director Palencia Mobley reported the department continue its education and outreach of the drainage credits. The next meeting is scheduled with Blessed Sacrament May 17, 2017.

C. Drainage Fees 83/17 Shared Cost

This was postponed until the next scheduled meeting.

D. Wayne County Treasurer-Water Bill Lien-Legal Opinion

This was postponed until the next scheduled meeting.

8. NEXT MEETING

June 7, 2017

9. OTHER MATTERS

Commissioner Garcia inquired about customers enrolled in the WRAP program not being billed and consequently are removed from the program. Mr. Presnell replied the department forward its billing to Utilitec mailing. Utilitec has the capability to investigate a billing issue. On occasion the postal service has deemed properties as vacant resulting in a undeliverable There is a need for a records update in the Assessor's Office. It's a work in progress.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Blackmon requested a motion to adjourn.

A motion was made by Commissioner John Henry Davis, seconded by Commissioner Jane Garcia that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:09 a.m.