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CITY OF CLOVIS) ss.

The City of Clovis Water Policy Advisory Committee met in regular session at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday April 11th, 2017 in the North Annex, Clovis-Carver Library. 701 N. Main in full conformity with the laws of the State of New Mexico and the ordinances and resolutions of said city with the following members present:

Commissioner Chris Bryant, Chairman
Commissioner Fidel Madrid
County Commissioner Chet Spear
Mr. Larry Fry
Mr. Jack Muse
Mr. Vince Demaio
Mr. Gene Hendrick
Mr. Harry Pomeroy

ABSENT:

Commissioner Ladona Clayton
Commissioner Sandra Taylor-Sawyer

ALSO PRESENT:

Ms. Vicki Reyes, Administration
Mr. Justin Howalt, ENMWUA
Mr. Weldon Kube, Curry County
Mr. Mark Huerta, EPCOR

Commissioner Bryant called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m. and established the presence of a quorum.

Agenda Item No. 3 - Approval of minutes of February 14, 2017

Mr. Hendrick stated on the first page, lines 37 and 38 state "the Water Policy Advisory Committee should advise and make recommendations to the Water Policy Ad Hoc Committee". Commissioner Bryant stated it should read "make recommendations to the Water Policy Strategic Planning Committee". Mr. Hendrick made a motion to approve the minutes of February 14th, 2017 as amended; Mr. Pomeroy seconded the motion. The motion passed by acclamation, with the exception of Commissioner Spear who abstained.

Agenda Item No. 4 - Discussion and action regarding city billboard at 8th and Main for Water Conservation Month

Commissioner Bryant stated the city recently purchased the property at 8th and Main. One side of the billboard will promote the Par 3 and the zoo and the other side will promote water conservation. There will be no monthly fee and the only expense will be putting the sign up. Clovis Sign has given a quote so now they just need permission to begin working on the project. Mr. Muse asked what the cost was. Commissioner Bryant stated it was a onetime cost of \$950. Mr. Hendrick asked if they had money for this. Commissioner Bryant stated there is a budget for it. Commissioner Spear asked how long the sign would be up. Commissioner Bryant stated indefinitely. This is something that could be very beneficial

to promoting water conservation. Mr. Muse asked if they could make changes to it. Commissioner Bryant stated they could change it as often as they want. The other side which will be used for Parks is being paid for with Lodger's Tax. Mr. Pomeroy asked if anyone was making a design for this. Commissioner Bryant stated they are meeting today at 4:00 p.m. to discuss the design with Liz Eisenbraun. Mr. Muse stated \$900 seems a bit high for a wrap. Commissioner Bryant stated he just did one and it was \$750 without the installation fee. He stated they will not have a fee with this one since the city owns it.

Mr. Hendrick made a motion to proceed with the billboard; Commissioner Madrid seconded the motion, which passed by acclamation.

Commissioner Bryant gave a handout of water conservation activities throughout the summer. Mr. Howalt stated he would take the resolution to the Water Authority as well.

Agenda Item No. 5 - Report on meeting with CDM and Bohannon Houston

Mr. Fry stated Mayor Lansford, Commissioner Bryant, Commissioner Clayton, Clint Bunch, Tom Phelps, Claire Burroughes and himself met with Kelly Collins, Paul Karas and John Bradby with CDM and Todd Burt with Bohannon Houston to discuss reuse water and the potential for the city to take the Southwest Cheese water. SWC will generate close to 2 million gallons of wastewater per day once the expansion is complete. The effluent reuse pipeline has the potential to release up 4.1 million gallons of reuse water per day. Currently they are using about 1.1 million a day and generating around 2.6 million gallons. Phase 1C will take it and distribute water to the high school in 10-12 different sites in the area. There were also conversations for the potential to inject the water back into the aquifer. CDM and Bohannon Houston will collectively draft a preliminary scope for recycled water expansion that will come back to the Water Policy Advisory Committee.

Mr. Muse stated he has some disagreement with re-injecting. There is a risk of contamination and it will cost a lot to pull the water back out. They should look at storage above ground. Commissioner Bryant stated they are just on the starting point and have not made any decisions. Everything will be taken into consideration. They have to look at how they will fund the project as well.

Mr. Huerta stated there will need to be a great deal of study done. They need to look at the sustainability of the aquifer. The storage is good to be able to have that available for reuse which also takes the strain off of EPCOR's system. Commissioner Madrid asked if EPCOR was injecting in Arizona. Mr. Huerta stated not that he was aware of. Commissioner Madrid stated Rio Rancho is already doing this and they are going to tour the facility next month.

Mr. Hendrick stated with above ground storage they will lose a lot of water due to evaporation. Mr. Demaio stated they need to reduce the amount they take from the aquifer. They don't want to spend a lot of time and money before they look in to every surface possibility. Mr. Howalt stated they need to look at supply and demand. Commissioner Bryant stated there is a strategic planning committee working on all of this as well.

Agenda Item No. 6 - Updates

EPCOR Update

Mr. Huerta stated for the month of March they had an average daily delivery of 6.7 million gallons which is 59% capacity. They are going to start on the 5th Street water line replacement project between Axtell and Wallace. They are doing a fire service for the new Pet Smart, replaced two hydrants and are going to start on the Almond Ranch Subdivision. They also completed work on the east transmission line that went down Sugar Beet to CR 9.

ENMWUA Update

Mr. Howalt stated they have received approved plans from the Construction Programs Bureau for the first sub phase of the pipeline which is north of CAFB. They are wrapping up Water Trust Board contracts and continuing to work on easements. The last board meeting they had a presentation from Ralph Mara regarding scenario planning. They were one of five projects selected in the Bureau of Reclamation to participate in a request for information regarding the viability or potential for a P3. They will release the RFI at the end of this month and hope to host an industry day in Denver next month. Senate Bill 462 which took away Water Trust Board funding for FY 17 applications was vetoed by the Governor, however, they haven't solved all of their issues and they expect to have a special session. The P3 legislation did not pass and he spoke with Larry Maxwell, State director of purchasing, who feels there is another avenue to look into. He was contacted by Representative Pearce's office last week and they are working on promoting this project towards an infrastructure bill.

Commissioner Spear asked when phase 2 would be completed. Mr. Howalt stated it would depend on funding. Commissioner Spear asked how much it would cost. Mr. Howalt stated it would cost \$25 million and they have \$10 million.

Mr. Hendrick asked if the Bureau of Reclamation was prioritizing that this project was last. Mr. Howalt stated inside the Rural Water Fund, which there are six authorized projects. The Ute Pipeline is the youngest of those six. Each year they rank them on various scoring criteria and that is how they look at funding the projects every year. Commissioner Bryant asked if that helped getting additional funding. Mr. Howalt stated it does. Mr. Demaio asked how far along the number one project was. Mr. Howalt stated he has the numbers but not with him.

Mr. Hendrick asked what phase 2 encompasses. Mr. Howalt stated it is the Interim Groundwater Project. Mr. Hendrick asked if that involved the intent to purchase water from agricultural interests. Mr. Howalt stated once the pipeline is in place then that would be the intent.

City Update

Mr. Fry stated the city's application for funding phase 1C of the reuse project was in a similar condition as the Water Authority's application. This is one of the more important phases because it distributes so much of the water that they are already producing.

Recharge Update

Commissioner Bryant stated Amy Ewing with Daniel B Stephens met with them last week. Mr. Fry stated the meeting was about different types of recharge and different methodology. This was all very preliminary.

Agenda Item No. 7 - For the good of the order

Commissioner Bryant advised the next meeting would be at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 9th.

Agenda Item No. 8 - Future Agenda Items

None.

Agenda Item No. 9 - Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the committee the meeting adjourned at 9:29 a.m.

Chairman

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(ATTEST)

City Clerk