



## Minutes City of Tempe Water Sustainability Commission Subcommittee December 4, 2017

Minutes of the Tempe Water Subcommittee meeting held on Wednesday, December 4, 2017, 4:30 p.m., at the Public Works Conference Room, 31 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Garden Level, Tempe, Arizona.

**(MEMBERS) Present:**

Alix Monty  
Gretchen Reinhardt  
Kendon Jung

**(MEMBERS) Absent:**

None

**City Staff Present:**

Braden Kay, Sustainability Manager

**Guests Present:**

None

Chair Monty called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

**Agenda Item 1 – Public Appearance**

There were no residents or members of the public present.

**Agenda Item 2 – Approval of Meeting Minutes**

There were no meeting minutes prepared for approval.

**Agenda Item 3 – Water Utility Rate Update**

Commissioner Monty presented the outcomes from the Mayor and Council's final deliberation and vote on the 2018 Proposed Water Utility Rate. Commissioner Monty had presented the Subcommittee's recommendation on the rate plan during the public comment period. The proposed changes to the tiered rate structure were approved with the stipulation that the rate changes for 2019 be postponed until the Council receives further direction on septic tanks and large residential lots.

How much influence did our recommendation have on the final outcome?

In the future, the Committee may want to have broader support from other city commissions or stakeholders to add weight and perspective to their recommendations to Council.

**Agenda Item 4 – Values and Guiding Principles**

Commissioner Jung completed the draft of the final recommendation letter and presented it and the Guiding Principles document to the greater Sustainability Commission at their November meeting. The Commission expressed that they would like to submit additional feedback to be incorporated in the next draft of the recommendation.

The Subcommittee will request feedback and present a second draft at the December meeting of the Commission. This draft will then be presented to Water Conservation staff for their feedback.

**Agenda Item 5 – Wrapping the Subcommittee**

The Subcommittee discussed making the Final Recommendation the last action of the Subcommittee. Commissioner Monty will work on a summary which documents the process and outcomes of the Subcommittee from its conception in April 2017 to its completion.

**Agenda Item 6 – Future Agenda Items**

Meet again Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 4:30-6:00pm

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Reviewed by: Grace DelMonte Kelly