

HEBER PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
1078 Dogwood Rd., Suite 104
Heber, CA, 92249

Thursday, March 16, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

The District recognizes its obligation to provide equal access to those individuals with disabilities. Please contact the District (760-482-2440) two working days prior to the meeting with any special requests for reasonable accommodation. THE DISTRICT WILL PROVIDE A SPANISH TRANSLATOR.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**
The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Heber Public Utility District was held at the District's meeting room and called to order at 6:00 pm by Director Garcia-Ruiz
2. **ROLL CALL:**
Director's present at roll call: S. Escobedo, M. Nolasco, Jr., T. Sandoval, D. Garcia-Ruiz, and P. Tabarez, Jr.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Director Garcia-Ruiz.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**
Motion to approve the Agenda as presented was made by Director Nolasco, Jr., seconded by Director Escobedo.
Motion approved by Roll Call: 5/0

AYES: S. Escobedo, P. Tabarez, Jr., D. Garcia-Ruiz, T. Sandoval, and
M. Nolasco, Jr.

5. **PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS/COMMENT:** None at present time.

The Board may set time limits on the amount of time any speaker can use to address the Board. Members of the public are allowed to make comments about anything not listed on the agenda. If the comments concern an agenda item, they must wait until that item is up for discussion. If you wish to address the Board, please fill out a "Request to Speak Form" and hand it to the Clerk of the Board and when recognized by the President of the Board, go to the podium and address the Board. The Board can't take action on any item not on the agenda.

6. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Any item on the Consent Agenda may be removed and placed under New Business at the request of any Board Member or member of the Public.
 - A. Approve Minutes for the regular meeting of February 16, 2017, and the Special Meeting of February 22, 2017.
 - B. Approve Current Demands for February 2017.

The Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented was made by Director Nolasco, Jr., and seconded by Director Tabarez, Jr.

Motion approved 5/0 by Roll Call:

AYES: S. Escobedo, P. Tabarez, Jr., D. Garcia-Ruiz, T. Sandoval,
and M. Nolasco, Jr.

7. REPORTS:

A. President and Director's Comments

Director Nolasco, Jr. reported while he was in Sacramento he spoke with Assemblyman Garcia regarding the grant application that is pending approval for Heber Parks.

B. Operations Report for February 2017

C. Engineer's Report Regarding Water Treatment Plant Improvement Project.

Report was in Agenda package.

D. General Manager's Report. Information was given to Board.

8. NEW BUSINESS: Discussion and Possible Action

A. Information Only Regarding Request For Secondary Water Source Connection From Residents on Mustang Court – General Manager

Heber resident Hector Cabral approached the Board regarding Secondary Water Source for Residents on Mustang Court.

B. Authorize the Submittal of a Request for Proposal to Repair the Influent Pump Station at the Wastewater Treatment Plant – General Manager

Motion to Authorize the Submittal of a Request for Proposal to Repair the Influent Pump Station at the Wastewater Treatment Plant was made by Director Tabarez, Jr., seconded by Director Escobedo.

Motion approved by Roll Call: 5/0

AYES: S. Escobedo, P. Tabarez, Jr., D. Garcia-Ruiz, T. Sandoval,
and M. Nolasco, Jr.

C. Authorize the Implementation of the Senior Citizen Residential Discount for Waste Hauling Services – General Manager

Motion to Authorize Implementation of the Senior Citizen Residential Discount for Waste Hauling Services was made by Director Sandoval, seconded by Director Tabarez, Jr.

Motion approved by Roll Call: 5/0

AYES: S. Escobedo, P. Tabarez, Jr., T. Sandoval, D. Garcia-Ruiz
and M. Nolasco, Jr.

9. OLD BUSINESS: PUBLIC HEARING: 6:30PM

Convene a Public Hearing to Accept and Consider Public Comments Regarding the Proposed Water and Wastewater Rate Adjustments – General Manager

President Garcia-Ruiz opened the Public Hearing at 7:08 pm. Mrs. Garcia-Ruiz read instructions on how the Public Hearing would be conducted the residents that wanted to speak would only have 3 minutes to speak and they would also have to state their full name and address. Connie Jimenez a professional translator was introduced to the public. Below is a list of residents that spoke during the Public Hearing.

Armando Equihua 1102 Heber Ave. – Approached the Board with a list of signatures he collected opposing the proposed rates. Mr. Equihua mentioned that he had collected 1,017 signatures that were on 58 pages he handed to General Manger, he also stated he wanted copies and have the General Manager sign a cover letter regarding the opposing of rates.

Eunice Romero 1233 N. Cherry Ave. – Opposed for the Rates.

Richard Carrillo 80 W Mallard Ave. – Approved for the Rates.

Maria Elena Fierro 48 W Maple Ave. – Opposed for the Rates.

Carmen Borjon 1229 Palm Ave. – Opposed for the Rates.

Nestor Angeles 12 Pheasant Ave. – Suggested the Board should consider raising the water usage if the rates are going up, and see if there are any other programs that can be taken into consideration.

Salvador R. Felix 70 W Maple Ave. – Opposed for the Rates.

Maria E. Magana 30 Cantaloupe St. – Opposed for the Rates.

Teresa Estrada 75 14th Street – Opposed for the Rates.

Sergio Nava 56 W. Blue Sky – Opposed for the Rates.

Hector Caro 1044 Heffernan Ave. – Opposed for the Rates.

Leopoldo Equihua 1102 Heber Ave. – Opposed for the Rates.

Frank Marquez 32 Fawcett Rd. – Opposed for the Rates.

Cynthia Villa 22 Second St. – Opposed for the Rates.

Pasty Becerra 53 14th St. - Questioned the difference between Residential and Commercial Rates.

Liliana Siordia 45 W Correll Rd. – Opposed for the Rates.

- A. Waive First Reading of Ordinance Number 2017-3 Establishing Rates and Charges for Water Service – General Manager

Motion to Waive First Reading of Ordinance 2017-3 Establishing Rates and Charges for Water Services was made by Director Sandoval, seconded by Director Nolasco, Jr.

Motion approved by Roll Call: 4/1

AYES: S. Escobedo, T. Sandoval, D. Garcia-Ruiz, and M. Nolasco, Jr.
NO: P. Tabarez, Jr.

- B. Waive First Reading of Ordinance Number 2017-4 Establishing Rates and Charges for Wastewater Service – General Manager

Motion to Waive First Reading of Ordinance 2017-4 Establishing Rates and Charges for Wastewater Services was made by Director Sandoval, seconded by Director Nolasco, Jr.

Motion approved by Roll Call: 4/1

AYES: S. Escobedo, T. Sandoval, D. Garcia-Ruiz, and M. Nolasco, Jr.

NO: P. Tabarez, Jr.

The Board took a ten minute break and reconvened at 9:21 pm.

OLD BUSINESS: Discussion and Possible Action

- A. Waive Second Reading and Adopt Ordinance Number 2017-1 to Amend Ordinance 2010-2 to Modify the Water Service Capacity Fees – General Manager
- Motion to Waive Second Reading and Adopt Ordinance Number 2017-1 Modifying the Water Services Capacity Fees was made by Director Sandoval, seconded by Director Nolasco, Jr.
- Motion approved by Roll Call: 3/2
- AYES: S. Escobedo, T. Sandoval, and M. Nolasco, Jr.
- NO: P. Tabarez, Jr., and D. Garcia-Ruiz,
- B. Waive Second Reading and Adopt Ordinance Number 2017-2 to Amend Ordinance 2010-3 to Modify the Wastewater Service Capacity Fees – General Manager
- Motion to Waive Second Reading and Adopt Ordinance Number 2017-2 Modifying the Wastewater Services Capacity Fees was made by Director Sandoval, seconded by Director Nolasco, Jr.
- Motion approved by Roll Call: 3/2
- AYES: S. Escobedo, T. Sandoval, and M. Nolasco, Jr.
- NO: P. Tabarez, Jr., and D. Garcia-Ruiz,
- C. Award the Contract to Construct Athletic Soccer Field Lights at Tito Huerta Park to Tom Watson Inc. in the Amount Not To Exceed \$203,000 – General Manager
- Motion to award the contract to construct athletic soccer field lights at Tito Huerta Park to Tom Watson Inc. was made by Director Garcia-Ruiz, seconded by Director Sandoval.
- Motion approved by Roll Call: 5/0
- AYES: S. Escobedo, T. Sandoval, M. Nolasco, Jr., D. Garcia-Ruiz, and P. Tabarez Jr.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. Board of Supervisors meets every Tuesday @ 8:30 am at 940 W Main St., El Centro.
- B. CSDA newsletter www.csda.net
Special Districts Legislative Days – May 16-17

11. CLOSED SESSION:

Motion to go into Close Session at 10:51 pm was made by Director Sandoval, seconded by Director Nolasco, Jr.

Motion approved by Roll Call: 5/0

AYES: S. Escobedo, T. Sandoval, M. Nolasco, Jr., D. Garcia-Ruiz, and P. Tabarez Jr.

The Board reconvened back into Open Session at 10:57 pm. No reportable action was taken.

- A. Government Code Section § 54956.9(b) Conference with Legal Counsel - Potential Litigation

12. ADJOURNMENT:

The motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:58 pm was made by Director Sandoval, seconded by Director Nolasco, Jr.

Motion approved by Roll Call: 5/0

AYES: S. Escobedo, T. Sandoval, M. Nolasco, Jr., D. Garcia-Ruiz, and P. Tabarez Jr.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting for March 16, 2017, were prepared by Raquel Carrillo – Secretary of the Board



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