

# Water/Wastewater Task Force ACTION SHEET June 9, 2022

#### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at noon by Chair Chris Hoy.

## **Members in Attendance:**

Chris Hoy, Salem City Council, Chair
Trevor Phillips, Salem City Council (virtual)
Jackie Leung, Salem City Council
Micki Varney, Salem City Council
Kevin Cameron, Marion County Board of Commissioners
Bruce Carnine, Suburban East Salem Water District
Deborah Galardi, Consultant (virtual)
Ryan Mann, General Public (virtual)
Scott McClure, City of Turner Administrator
Chris Sarles, SEDCOR
Laura Tesler, General Public
Jordan Truitt, Salem Chamber of Commerce

## **Public:**

None

#### Staff:

Kristin Retherford, Interim City Manager
Peter Fernandez, Public Works Director
Josh Eggleston, Chief Financial Officer
Alicia Blalock, Administration Division Manager
Brian Martin, City Engineer
Mirla Alvarez, Management Analyst
Heidi Rietman, Management Analyst

### **Absent Members:**

Virginia Stapleton, City Council

Peter Fernandez provided an introduction to the Cost of Service Analysis and Sample Bills. Deb Galardi followed up with detail on the elements of the Cost of Service Analysis and Sample Bills.

Discussion included water rights, water treatment, Sample Bills Scenarios A, B, and C. Further discussion included the staff-recommended increase of 5.5% for 2023 and 3.5% for 2024, impact to low-income residents, comparison cities, and inflation. A motion was made by Laura Tesler to adopt 5% for 2023 and 5% for 2024. The motion was seconded by Kevin Carmeron. The motion carried 7/5 in favor of the 5%/5% increase. Peter asked the committee if they would have supported increases of 5% for 2023 and 3.5% for 2024 and the committee unanimously agreed by consensus.

## The meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

PowerPoint presentation is on file. Listen to meeting: Audio Water/Wastewater Task Force June 9, 2022

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