

## MINUTES

### UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD

City of Garland

Council Work Session Room, City Hall

200 N. Fifth Street, Garland TX

6:00 p.m., April 27, 2010

#### 1. Welcome/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hyatt at 6:01 p.m.

Attendance: Lowell Hyatt, Lee Alewine, Gary Pickens, Jim Spence, Billy Thompson, Tony Torres

Absent: Linda Kirk Campbell

Staff: Ray Schwertner, Greg Vetrano, Tom Hancock, René Dowl

#### 2. Consider Approval of the Minutes for April 13, 2010

Chairman Hyatt asked for comments or changes to the April 13, 2010, minutes.

There were no comments or changes

--Motion by Mr. Torres to accept the minutes; seconded by Mr. Thompson, The motion was unanimously passed

**At 6:09 p.m. Chairman Hyatt called the UAB into an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the GP&L 2010-2011 O&M Operating Budget. The UAB members present were Messrs. Hyatt, Alewine, Pickens, Spence, Thompson and Torres. A staff member explained why specific data which will be discussed is in fact a competitive matter. Chairman Hyatt then asked the UAB members to vote on whether or not they considered the data to be a competitive matter. Messrs. Hyatt, Alewine, Pickens, Thompson and Torres voted "yes". Mr. Spence voted "no". Mr. Hyatt then explained that a member voting "no" had the option of either remaining or leaving the Executive Session. Mr. Spence elected to remain in the session.**

**The session ended by a motion at 7:01 p.m.**

#### 3. Consideration of Excusing Absences for UAB Members

There were no absences to consider.

#### 4. Written Briefing – Residential Rate Comparison

For information purposes only – no action taken on this item

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### **5. Briefing by Staff – Smart Meters used by GP&L**

Mr. Schwertner explained the difference between the digital meters used by GP&L and smart meters. He noted that digital meters can be read remotely but that there is no two-way communication with the meter. He further explained that the meters could not be hacked and that accuracy levels are improved over the mechanical meters that were replaced.

### **6. UAB External Communications Policy & Procedures (Campbell/Pickens)**

After extensive discussion the Board concluded that it should continue working on the content of a presentation and defer participation in public events at this time.

--Action Board agreed to hold this on the agenda as a future item

### **7. Discuss plans for orientation of a new UAB member (Alewine)**

Mr. Alewine stated that he continues to review information provided by Mr. Spence as possible orientation material. He has not completed the packet or decided which items will be included in it.

--Action Mr. Alewine will finalize the content for presentation at the next regular meeting on May 25, 2010.

### **8. Discuss with staff development of policy for UAB receiving and distributing data**

Mr. Schwertner suggested that requests for information or staff assistance be approved through his office due to the current demand placed on staff to meet work requirements.

### **9. Discuss proposed name change for UAB**

Mr. Torres proposed renaming the Board GP&L Advisory Board.

--Action Board agreed to present proposed change to Council at a future date.

### **10. Future Items**

Annual overview of the TMPA year-end report (January)

### **11. Citizen's Comments**

There were no citizens present.

### **12. Agenda items for next meeting, May 25, 2010, 6:00 p.m.**

- Call to Order
- Consider Approval of the Minutes for April 27, 2010
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**12. Agenda items for next meeting, May 25, 2010, 6:00 p.m. (cont'd)**

- Written Briefing – Residential Rate Comparison
- Discuss Plans for New UAB member
- Review GP&L 2010-2011 O&M Operating Budget
- Citizen's Comments
- Agenda items for next meeting
- Adjourn

**13. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Hyatt at 8:10 p.m.

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Eloyce René Dowl, Secretary

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Lowell Hyatt, Chairman