

**CITIZENS' WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CWAC)  
Technical, Planning, and Policy Subcommittee**

Thursday, January 14, 2021, 12:00 p.m.



Virtual Meeting via MS  
Teams

**Legal Action Report and Meeting Minutes**

**1. Roll Call/Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Chair Mitch Basefsky. Those present and absent were:

**Present:**

Mitch Basefsky (Chair)	Representative, City Manager
Mark Stratton	Representative, City Manager
Mark Taylor	Representative, City Manager
Placido dos Santos	Representative, City Manager
Val Little	Representative, Ward 3
Alison Jones	Representative, Ward 6

**Not Present:**

**2. Announcements – None**

**3. Call to Audience – None**

**4. Review & Approval of December 10, 2020, Legal Action Report and Meeting Minutes**

Member Stratton moved to approve the Legal Action Report and Meeting Minutes. Member Dos Santos duly seconded the motion. The motion and passed on a voice vote of 6 - 0.

**Conservation Ordinances**– Introduced by Conservation and Education (C&E) Chair Val Little. Member Little explained the C&E committee has requested the council look into the ordinances and set a process for updating and approving the two ordinances presented. Member Little drafted the notes and is requesting a memo to Mayor and Council from full CWAC with all three signatures. Each ordinance was reviewed and discussed.

**Motion:** Member Little motioned to develop a memorandum to Mayor and Council from full CWAC recommending a process be established to update the Conservation Ordinances as reviewed. The motion was duly seconded by Member Jones. No further discussion. The motion passed on a voice 6-0.

**5. Water Service Area Policy (WSA) – Presented by Richard Sarti, Tucson Water Engineering Manager**

- Water Service Area Background
  - Approval
  - Approval Extensions
  - Nine Refinements
  - Water Service Area Review Board (WASARB) formed
- Approvals and Denials
  - Graph depicted
- Common Reasons for Denial
  - Outside Service Area
  - Does not meet the Policy
    - Three side rule
    - Exceeds area requirements
  - In Service Area of another Municipality
  - In Service Area of another water provider
- Appeals
- Questions

The committee had a series of clarifying questions to understand the policy, recommendations and the committee responsibility in this area. The policy is presented on an annual basis for review and discussion. TPP has the ability to review in depth and make recommendation to the full committee.

**6. Pre-Annexation Development Agreement (PADA) Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) Fee – Committee Chair Basefsky opened the discussion. Items reviewed and discussed were:**

- Recommendation to review Mayor and Council Communication on September 22, 2020 and January 5, 2021
- PADA fee of \$750
- Justification of \$1,000 EDU fee
  - Amount suggested by council
  - a special connection fee
    - possible general fund revenue increases
  - rates and fees tied to cost of service analysis
    - Constraints on water rates
    - Rational and reasonable
- Notice of Intent (NOI) on February 9, 2021
  - Effective date July 1, 2021
  - Public Hearing on April 20, 2021
- Establishing a precedent of fees charged by Tucson Water for the General Fund

**Motion:** Member Taylor so moved the subcommittee would support the \$1000.00 EDU fees solely based on receiving justification that it meets the requirement and reasonable method in accordance with state law, and bares a rational relationship to service provided. The fees remain with Tucson Water to make improvements within

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the system. The motion was duly seconded by member Little. Discussion entailed several rephrasing options to represent the views of the committee members and their concerns. The motion passed on a voice vote 6-0.

**7. Future agenda items**

**8. Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 2:14 pm..



