

**CITY OF BOULDER, COLORADO  
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS MEETING MINUTES**

<b>Name of Board / Commission:</b> Water Resources Advisory Board	
<b>Date of Meeting:</b> 15 August 2016	
<b>Contact Information of Person Preparing Minutes:</b> Rene Lopez 303-413-7149	
<b>Board Members Present:</b> Dan Johnson, Lesley Smith, Kirk Vincent, Mark Squillace <b>Board Members Absent:</b> None	
<b>Staff Present:</b> Jeff Arthur, Director of Public Works for Utilities Joe Taddeucci, Water Resources Manager Douglas Sullivan, Acting Principal Engineer for Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Ken Baird, Utilities Financial Manager Eric Ameigh, Project Coordinator for Public Works Russ Sands Rene Lopez, Board Secretary <b>Consultants Present:</b> Rick Giardina, Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc. Andrew Rheem, Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc.	
<b>Meeting Type:</b> Regular	
<b>Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order</b>	<b>[7:01 p.m.]</b>
<b>Agenda Item 2 – Briefing from City Council Member Matt Appelbaum</b> <b>[7:02 p.m.]</b>	
<b>Agenda Item 3 – Approval of the 20 June 2016 Meeting Minutes</b>	<b>[7:45 p.m.]</b>
Motion to approve minutes from 20 June 2016 as amended. <b>Moved by:</b> Smith <b>Seconded by:</b> Vincent <b>Vote: 3:0 Squillace not eligible to vote</b>	
<b>Agenda Item 4– Public Participation and Comment</b>	<b>[7:47 p.m.]</b>
<b>Public Comment:</b>  <b>Catherine Long Gates</b> – Staff incredibly helpful and supportive. 1916 farming land purchased outside of the City of Boulder 2 water service accounts on property; one leased one owned. Combined stormwater bills exceed \$1100 per month. Disagrees strongly with recommendation for stormwater fee structure. Appeal process for fees should be available on a case by case basis with requirements for exemption. Please give consideration for one size does not fit all, and urban areas with agricultural lands is not a common thing in comparable cities.	
<b>Agenda Item 5 – Information Item – Update on Rate Study</b>	<b>[7:53 p.m.]</b>
Ken Baird, Eric Ameigh and Rick Giardina, Andrew Rheem of Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc. presented this item.  <b>Executive Summary from the Packet Materials:</b> In 2014, Utilities Division staff met with customers to better understand the impacts of proposed 2015 utility rate increases. Many customers indicated they did not understand utility rate structures and/or had questions and concerns about the calculation of the charges on their utility bills. The Utilities Division periodically reviews its rate setting methodology to assure that utility rates are meeting community goals and are aligned with fee-based principles. These findings led staff to propose an evaluation of the rate structure and associated calculations for water, wastewater, and stormwater/flood management utilities as part of the 2015 work plan. As a first step, a public engagement process was implemented to solicit broader feedback across all customer classes. The initial public engagement process took place in April and May 2015 and consisted of three open houses and an online survey. More than 26,000 postcards were mailed to utilities customers to notify them about the engagement opportunities. In June 2015, staff presented to WRAB the results of the public engagement process, as well as options for the Utility Rate Study’s guiding principles and its areas of study (the June 2015 packet can be found here). Guiding principles are high-level goals and speak to what the rate structures should be designed to accomplish. The public engagement process did not indicate a strong need or desire to change the five	

existing guiding principles for the water rate structure. WRAB recommended that the guiding principles should apply not only to water but also to the other two utilities. In addition, it was determined that the stormwater/flood management utility should have a guiding principle specifically encouraging development that minimizes stormwater impacts. These discussions resulted in recommended guiding principles and their application across the three utilities, as shown in the following table.

**WRAB Discussion Included:**

- Discussions regarding using water budget options
- Comments regarding revenue generation
- Discussions regarding CII (commercial, industrial, institutional) accounts and adjusting their water budget
- Comments regarding staff impacts of multiple rate structure
- Discussions regarding block one and block two allocations
- Discussions regarding equity between residents by reducing block one and allocation amounts of block one reflecting consumption rates
- Discussions regarding different billing alternatives to the block system
- Discussions regarding impervious vs pervious areas in Non-Single Family Resident rate structures for stormwater

**Agenda Item 7 - Matters from Board:** **[10:36 p.m.]**

- \*Consideration of a motion to amend Section 1.5, Regular Board Meetings, of the Water Resources Advisory Board Bylaws related to meeting start times.

**Moved by:** Johnson **Seconded by:** Vincent

**Vote: 4:0**

- Vincent – water conservation ideas submitted to resiliency plan
- Johnson – out for next meeting
- Suggestion to borrow money

**Agenda Item 8 – Matters from Staff:** **[10:39 p.m.]**

- Aug. 29<sup>th</sup> – BVCP update joint board meeting
- Boulder community hospital site – Sep 12<sup>th</sup> 11-5pm – Eco district
- CIP study session with council

**Agenda Item 9 – Future Schedule** **[10:50 p.m.]**

- 6pm start time
- Silvia Pettem to provide a presentation on her book
- Water efficiency plan
- Flood studies
- Rate Study

**Adjournment** **[11:00p.m.]**

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, by motion regularly adopted, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

**Motion to adjourn by: Squillace Seconded by: Vincent**

**Motion Passes 4:0**

**Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting:**

The next WRAB meeting will be **Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup> 2016 at 6:00 p.m.**, at the **City's Municipal Services Center, 5050 East Pearl St., Boulder, CO 80301**

APPROVED BY:

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Board Chair

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Date

ATTESTED BY:

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Board Secretary

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Date

*An audio recording of the full meeting for which these minutes are a summary, is available on the Water Resources Advisory Board web page.*

<https://bouldercolorado.gov/boards-commissions/water-resources-advisory-board-next-meeting-agenda-and-packet>