

Audit Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 19, 2020
10:00 a.m. Teleconference via Microsoft Teams

Open Session

Meeting took place entirely via Microsoft Teams. Present were Council members Andy Pico and Tom Strand, Committee members Brian McAllister, Welensky Nathan, and Nicole Motley, and alternate Barry Baum. Also, present were Interim City Auditor Jacqueline Rowland, auditors Shawn Alessio, Greg Anderson, Tom Baird, Sally Barber, Jennifer Carpenter, Vickie Classen, and Sandy Snee. Linette Crouch was present to take the minutes and Linda Helsley was present to run Teams.

Others attending the meeting via Teams included Adam Hegstrom, Ellen Hooper, Brenda Koskey, Tristan Gearhart and Jason Cross from Utilities, Beth Conklin, Steven Dubay, Charae McDaniel, Kelly Rajab, Kerry George and Greg Phillips from the City and its other enterprises. Citizen Debin McGeehan also attended.

Pico called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Minutes from the October 15, 2020 meeting were approved a written.

Rowland presented the 2020 Budget Status report. There were no questions. Rowland presented the Hotline Status report. She indicated that the format of future reports would change. An increase in contacts has been seen since Colorado Springs Utilities has added Fraud Hotline information to their 'contact us' page on their website. <https://www.csu.org/Pages/contactus.aspx>. Strand asked how we get the word out to citizens. Rowland replied that is an area of interest.

Rowland reintroduced report 20-24 Colorado Springs Utilities 2021 Gas Forecast in order to address some concerns. The report presented at the October 15 meeting had been updated to remove the chart titled Gas Forecast vs. Actual Units, and retitled graph Gas Forecast vs. Actual Revenue to Non-Fuel Gas Residential and Commercial Base Rates. These changes were made to better reflect the substance of the report and eliminate confusion. Baum requested additional information about all elements of revenue generated. Gearhart stated he would be happy to discuss this area further at a private meeting.

Rowland presented reports 20-25 Colorado Springs Utilities 2021 Rate Case and 20-29 Colorado Springs Utilities Electric Cost Adjustment and Gas Cost Adjustment. Both reports had already been published as required by timing of rate filings. There were no additional questions.

Pico read the statement to go into closed session. In accord with City Charter art. III, § 3-60(d) and its incorporated Colorado Open Meetings Act, C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(d) and (g), the City Council Audit Committee, in Open Session, is to determine whether it will hold a Closed Executive Session. The issues to be discussed involve: Consideration of documents protected by the "Open Records Act".

The Chair shall poll the Audit Committee members, and, upon consent of two-thirds of the members present, may hold a Closed Executive Session. If consent to the Closed Executive Session is not given, the item may be discussed in Open Session or withdrawn from consideration.

Unanimous – move to closed session at 10:29 a.m.

Closed Session

Report 20-31 Colorado Springs Utilities Mobile Device Administration

Report 20-30 2020 Annual Follow-up

Report 20-32 City of Colorado Springs Fire Department Sick Leave Utilization Historical Trends

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Pico returned the committee to open session at 11:47 a.m. Pico announced this was his last Audit Committee meeting and Councilmember Tom Strand will take over as Committee Chair. Pico adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.