



MINUTES
February 26, 2020
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CITY COUNCIL
LAW & REGULATION COMMITTEE MEETING
4:00 p.m.
Council Chambers
311 Vernon Street
Roseville, California
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1. CALL TO ORDER

Law and Regulation Committee Vice Chair Bruce Houdesheldt called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Bernasconi, Houdesheldt

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bella, a Woodcreek High School student.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comment received.

5. REPORTS/COMMENTS/COMMITTEE/STAFF

5.1. Electric Department Priority Legislation - February 2020

Memo from Utility Government Relations Administrator Amber Blixt and Electric Utility Director Michelle Bertolino with an update on key energy-related legislation and other activities that staff has been monitoring.

File #: 0103-32-02

CONTACT: Amber Blixt 916-774-5693 aablixt@roseville.ca.us

Utility Government Relations Administrator Amber Blixt made the presentation to the Committee.

General overview of legislative landscape was presented.

February 21: Bill introduction deadline

August 31: Last day for each house to pass bills

- General Activities
 - Wildfire Safety Advisory Board Inaugural Meeting
 - Roseville supports SMUD's revised application for a community solar program - SB 942 (Wilk) - Watch
- State Legislative Issues:
 - Wildfire Related
 - Self-Generation
 - Climate Change
 - Political Contribution Prohibitions

Wildfire Related:

SB 378 (Weiner) - Watch

- Establishes procedure for those affected de-energization event to recover costs accrued during de-energization event
- Fines for de-energization events if electric corporation failed to act in prudent manner

SB 801 (Glazer) - Watch

- Requires de-energization protocols to include backup electrical resources for those on life support equipment that have financial need

Utility Redesign:

SB 917 (Wiener) - Watch

- Process for transforming PG&E into a publicly owned utility
- Creates California Consumer Energy and Conservation Financing Authority as well as Northern California Energy Utility District
- Authority can acquire assets by eminent domain and enter into agreements with the District and other POUs to transfer assets
- City is watching the bill to see if it gains momentum; uphill battle likely

Self-Generation:

SB 953 (Wiener/Nielsen) - Watch

- POUs to ensure customers with renewable energy/storage systems are not subject to discriminatory fees
- Current legislation does not contain language the City would oppose; however City opposed a similar, further reaching bill by same author last year
- City is monitoring to determine whether problematic language will be included and how "discriminatory fees" will be defined

State Legislation Continued:

AB 1839 (Bonta) California Green New Deal - Watch

- Carbon Free Utilities; may be a catalyst for new or accelerated RPS/GHG targets

Ab 2079 (Kiley) Contribution Prohibitions - Watch

- Prevents IOUs from making a contribution for a candidate for elective state office and also prohibits candidate from accepting contribution from IOU

No public comment received.

Item for information only. No official action taken.

5.2. Environmental Utilities Priority Legislation - February 2020

Memo from Utility Government Relations Administrator Noelle Mattock and Environmental Utilities Director Richard Plecker with an informational report on state and federal activities that staff have been engaged in and legislation that staff has identified as potentially having a significant impact on City utility customers and the Environmental Utilities Department.

File #: 0103-32-02

CONTACT: Noelle Mattock 916-774-5504 ncmattock@roseville.ca.us

Utility Government Relations Administrator Noelle Mattock made the presentation to the Committee.

Water:

State - Water Resiliency Portfolio

- Over 100 actions

Governor's Climate Resilience Bond

- \$4.75 Billion
- Approximately \$2 Billion currently that could be beneficial to region
- State Water Control Resources Board issued that AB401 report - options for a state low income to fund a program

Federal:

- Discussion Draft - Future Drought Resiliency Act (Jared Huffman)
- Mid-Pacific Water Users Conference

Waste Services:

SB 205 (Hertzberg) Implementation - enacted in October 2019 - requirements to ensure local governments or any business who are doing business with the Water Resources Control Resources Board be in compliance with the National Pollution Discharge Elimination Permit Program.

Gualco Group Onboarding - consultants to assist with the implementation of SB 1383 - Short Lived Climate Pollutants Bill and the Advanced Clean Truck Rules and working on water bonds.

No public comment received.

Item for information only. No official action taken.

5.3. Priority Legislation – February 2020

Memo from Government Relations Administrator Mark Wolinski and Deputy City Manager Megan MacPherson with an overview of key issues and a limited number of bills that have been introduced that are of particular interest to the City.

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CONTACT: Mark Wolinski 916-774-5179 mwolinski@roseville.ca.us

an Government Relations Administrator Mark Wolinski made the presentation to the Committee.

Priority Legislation:

- The Legislature returned to the Capitol in January for a very active first month of the 2020 legislative session
- Staff is completing the review of all introduced bills with a focus on bills that would impact local control and would have implications to other City services, programs and requirements

Review of Issues being tracked for City departments:

- Housing:
 - AB 5 - Signed into law in 2019
 - In response, this year new bills have been introduced to clarify elements of and/or negate the new law.
- Employee Classification:
 - AB 1850 (Gonzalez) Employee Classification
 - AB 1925 (Obernolte) - Worker status: independent contractors: small businesses (Watch)
 - Ab 1928 (Kiley) Employment Standards: Independent Contractors (Watch)
 - ACA 19 (Kiley) Right to Earn a Living (Watch)
- Homelessness
 - The Governor's 2020-21 State Budget proposal includes a new multi-pronged approach to address homelessness
 - Elements include funding to move people off the street quickly, transforming Medi-Cal, and a new mental health pilot program
 - An Executive Order signed by the Governor would provide additional resources to address homelessness
 - The Governor's State-of-the State address also focused on homelessness
- Government relations and city staff from all departments continue to develop advocacy strategies on bills that are important to the city
- Staff will continue to update the L&R Committee each month on the most critical bills on the list
- Staff will continue to work with the city's state and federal representatives regarding the city's positions on legislation and regulatory matters

No public comment received.

Item for information only. No official action taken.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Law and Regulation Committee Vice Chair Bruce Houdesheldt adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.