

**City of South Pasadena Finance Committee
Minutes for Meeting of:
October 10, 2013, 6:30 p.m.**

Location: Burke Triolo Studio
538 Mission Street
South Pasadena, CA 91030

- I. Roll Call** Committee Chair Adrian – Present
Member Burke – Present
Member Catania – Present
Member Peters – Present
Member Rusk – Excused
City Council Liaison Schneider - Present
City Treasurer Pia – Present
Finance Director Batt – Present

Also Present: NREC Commissioner Diana Mahmud
NREC Commissioner Kim Hughes
Interim Asst. Finance Director Shally Lin
Public Works Director Paul Toor

II. Public Comment

Committee Chair Adrian gave a brief update on the water bill issues at Francisco Woods.

III. Approval of Minutes

Deferred.

IV. New Business

a. Water Rate Increases

Public Works Director Toor gave a detailed presentation on the water rate increases being proposed for the next three years. There was discussion on the state of the water infrastructure, the capital projects being undertaken to repair the system, the requirements of the bond issue being used to finance these repairs, possible future funding opportunities to complete all the necessary projects, issues related to implementing a water budget model, and the possibility of establishing a low-income subsidy program. The Committee discussed various outreach options to educate the community about the proposed water rates.

V. Continuing Business

a. Global Water Contract Issues

Finance Director Batt gave a brief update on remaining issues with the Global Water billing systems. He asked for input from the Committee on renegotiating the Global Water contract, but the consensus of the Committee was not to get directly involved in this project since it is an operational issue rather than policy. The Committee did request that staff report back on any progress with this, as well as on the ongoing relationship with Global Water. The Committee also recommended that staff visit the Global Water facilities in Arizona to get more familiar with their operations.

b. Update on Ad Hoc Downtown Project Advisory Committee

Deferred.

VI. Committee Member Comments

None.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. The date of the next regular meeting will be determined later.

Accepted:

Carrie Adrian
Committee Chair Adrian

Feb 17, 2014
Date