



City of Duluth

411 West First Street
Duluth, Minnesota 55802

Minutes - Final

Duluth Public Utilities Commission.

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

5:15 PM

Council Chambers, Third Floor, Duluth City Hall

CALL TO ORDER

President Prusak called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Councilor Zack Filipovich, Councilor Arik Forsman, Howard Jacobson, Chris McIntosh, Rob Prusak, Carrie Ryan, Councilor Joel Sipress

Staff Present: Bob Asleson, Jim Benning, Leanna Gilbert, Greg Guerrero, Eric Shaffer, Glenn Strid, Kerry Venier

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No citizens were present for comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[DPUC004](#) October 15, 2019 minutes

Indexes:

Attachments: [10152019 DPUC meeting minutes draft](#)

Commissioner Jacobson motioned to approve the minutes, and the motion was approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

[DPUC006](#) November 19, 2019 meeting notes

Indexes:

Attachments: [11192019 DPUC meeting notes](#)

These meeting notes were received.

[DPUC005](#) 19PUC-003 - RESOLUTION AMENDING ARTICLE IV OF THE BYLAWS ADDING SECTION 5 REGARDING PUBLIC COMMENT PROCEDURES.

Indexes:

Attachments: [19PUC-003 amending Bylaws Article IV](#)

Commissioner Filipovich motioned to approve resolution 19PUC-003, and the resolution was approved unanimously.

[DPUC007](#) 2020 meeting schedule

Indexes:

Attachments: [2020 DPUC Meeting Schedule](#)

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month. Commissioner Forsman motioned to approve the 2020 meeting schedule, and it was approved unanimously.

UPDATES FROM STAFF

Eric Shaffer reported on a Notice of Violation received from the MPCA regarding Park Point overflows. There was some discussion about causes of the issue and actions that could be taken. Eric Shaffer also mentioned a transformer that will be installed at the Lakewood Water Treatment Plant.

UPCOMING COUNCIL ACTIONS

No actions were mentioned.

COMMISSIONER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS

Vice President Ryan asked about the plan for starting the stormwater discussion. The plan is to begin discussions in January. Staff can give a summary to bring everyone up to speed again.

President Prusak stated that he was originally planning to resign from the Commission after we acted on the stormwater issue. He has since changed his mind and will finish his term.

PREVIEW OF UPCOMING BUSINESS

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 5:15 p.m. in City Council Chambers. The Commission will discuss the stormwater utility. Commissioner Filipovich would like to look into amending the quorum requirements for the Commission.

KNOWN ABSENCES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Commissioner Forsman will not be able to attend the January meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:43 p.m.