

DULUTH PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
August 20, 2019

Members Present: Councilor Arik Forsman, Chris McIntosh, Rob Prusak, Carrie Ryan, Councilor Joel Sipress; Councilor Zack Filipovich arrived at 5:19 p.m.

Members Absent: Howard Jacobson

Staff Present: Bob Asleson, Leanna Gilbert, Eric Shaffer, Glenn Strid, Kerry Venier

Call to Order: President Prusak called the meeting to order at 5:16 p.m.

Approval of previous meeting minutes

New business:

2020 utilities budget discussion

Glenn Strid gave an overview of each of the proposed utility budgets and answered questions from commissioners. Eric Shaffer answered questions about the five-year utility capital plans. Commissioners will review this again at the next meeting and consider a resolution approving and recommending the budget to City Council.

Updates from staff

Eric Shaffer reported on the progress of various projects including Decker Road, Superior Street water and gas, Woodland Avenue water and gas, McCuen Street water main, and the water plant roof.

Upcoming Council actions

The 2020 City fee schedule will be coming up soon, and the Commission will need to review and approve utility-related fees at the next meeting.

Commissioner questions and comments

President Prusak said thank you for putting together the budget information.

Preview of upcoming business

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at 5:15 p.m. in City Council Chambers. The Commission will consider a resolution approving and recommending the 2020 utility budget to City Council. They will also review proposed 2020 utility-related fees. The Commission will review the stormwater utility rates in the next few months.

Known absences for future meetings

Commissioner McIntosh will not be able to attend the September meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.