

MUNICIPAL UTILITIES COMMISSION
MINUTES
October 6th, 2022

The Municipal Utilities Commission met in Special session on Thursday, October 6th, 2022 at the MUC Conference Room, 410 Academy St., Cambridge, Md. in person. Mayor Stephen Rideout convened the meeting at approx. 5:30PM

Present: Mayor- Stephen Rideout
Commissioner Pasden
Commissioner Williams
Commissioner Brooks
Commissioner Holotik
Commissioner Glenn Ford.
Jane Dorman, Water Resource Administrator
Ed Bramble, Superintendent
City Manager, Tom Carroll
City Attorney, Patrick Thomas

Utility White Paper – Tom Carroll, City Mgr.

Mr. Carroll introduced a plan to increase water bills 10%. There was a lengthy conversation pertaining to the capital project items. The Commission said they do not fund these small items from reserves. The Commission was concerned that they had not approved these capital improvement items prior to Mr. Carroll submitting the chart. Mr. Carroll stated he received these items from Ed Bramble and Jane Dorman.

Mrs. Dorman said they were asked to give a list. This is only a paper projection. After discussion, Mrs. Dorman asked Mr. Carroll if he needed a motion to approve the increase. Mr. Carroll stated he did not.

MUC Re-organization

There was considerable conversation pertaining to the powers of the City Manager over the MUC. The Commission understands the need for the MUC to absorb the Sewer system but wanted to be held responsible for it.

Commissioner Pasden asked if the MUC runs smoothly, why change it?

Mr. Carroll said he is responsible, by charter, to control all of the personnel of the City.

This was debated by the Commission.

The City Attorney stated based on the ordinances that he read, the city Manager had control.

Commissioner Holotik asked what is the position of the Commission and their responsibilities?

Mr. Carroll said he has no idea.

Mayor Rideout said we need to look further into the ordinances and find out exactly what is their intent.

The Commissioners commented their opinions. They agreed that at some point the rates will have to be increased. However, they all disagreed that Mrs. Dorman's position should not be filled.

This will be discussed later. Mr. Carroll said he will meet with Ed, Jane, Chris and Tiffany.

Next Meeting

Next meeting of the MUC is scheduled for October 27, 2022

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:40pm. was made by Commissioner Holotick , seconded by Commissioner Williams Closed

Commissioner Pasden asked the Commissioners to stay for a work session. Mr. Carroll said he was staying because he is allowed to by Law.