



Utilities Advisory Board Regular Meeting

Agenda

September 24, 2024 @ 12:00 PM

City Hall Commission Chambers
401 S. Park Avenue

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Times are projected and subject to change.

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- 1. Call to Order**
 - 2. Consent Agenda**
 - a. Approve the minutes of August 27, 2024 1 Minute
 - 3. Public Comments (for items not on the agenda): Three minutes allowed for each speaker**
 - 4. Action Items**
 - 5. Non-Action Items**
 - a. Solar & Net Metering - Lisa Vedder 20 minutes
 - b. Recommendations on painting boxes - Mourad Belfakih 5 minutes
 - 6. Staff Updates**
 - a. Electric Utility - Mourad Belfakih 5 minutes
 - b. Water & Wastewater Utility – David Zusi 10 minutes
 - c. Performance Measurement – Wes Hamil 10 minutes
 - d. Educational Campaign – Clarissa Howard 5 minutes
 - 7. Board Comments**
 - 8. Upcoming Agenda Items**
 - 9. Adjournment**



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Consent Agenda

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September 24, 2024

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Approve the minutes of August 27, 2024

motion | recommendation**background****alternatives | other considerations****fiscal impact****attachments**

1. UAB-mins-2024-08-27 DRAFT



Utilities Advisory Board Regular Meeting Minutes

August 27, 2024 at 12:00 PM

City Hall Commission Chambers
401 S. Park Avenue

Present

Alison Yurko, Mary Dipboye, Michael Poole, Paul Conway, Kathryn Sutton, Leon Huffman

Absent

Paul W. Smith Jr. (left before meeting began)

Staff Present

Director of Water and Wastewater Utilities David Zusi, Director of Electric Utilities Jamie England, Electric Utility Operations Manager Miguel Cruz, Assistant Director of Water and Wastewater Utilities Tara Lamoureux, Electric Utility Engineer Manager Mourad Belfakih, Integrated Resources Program Manager Lisa Vedder, Director of Communications Clarissa Howard

1. Call to Order

Michael Poole called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

2. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve the minutes of June 25, 2024

Motion made by Paul Conway to approve the minutes, seconded by Kathryn Sutton. Motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

- b. Approve the minutes of July 23, 2024

Motion made by Paul Conway to approve the minutes, seconded by Mary Dipboye. Motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

Ms. Vedder clarified the "balancing authority" is currently Florida Municipal Power Agency.

3. Public Comments (for items not on the agenda)

4. Action Items

5. Non-Action Items

- a. Storm Season Preparedness - Jamie England

Mr. England provided an assessment of the City's storm preparedness. A tour of the Emergency Operation Center (EOC) was completed. Mr. England pointed out the following items that he is in agreement:

- members of Staff including City leadership, updates from Orange County Weather Meteorology via Emergency Management Program Manager Tony Braish, Utility Department group text, the Scada system, AIR - Assess, Isolate and Restore process, One line feeder maps, Damage assessment (DA) teams, hotel logistics at the Rauvadage, schedule off devices as well as feeders, on-site contracting with HDD

The following are items that need improvement:

- the meal plan for outside contractors throughout the course of the storm, identifying the critical customer lists, upgrading the Outage Management System (OMS), Replacement of AMI metering

Discussion arose on how to add Mr. England to the Orange County Weather Meteorology updating system rather than relying on Mr. Braish. Mr. Zusi explained that in the EOC, updates are communicated to Department Heads immediately upon receiving due to the close proximity of staff in the EOC. Board members discussed the priority listing of critical care residents in a home setting vs institutional setting. Staff will increase communications to those in-home settings, but will continue to prioritize restoration efforts with volume customers. Staff were questioned on the transmission issue that occurred during a previous hurricane and were asked to return to the Board an explanation of what occurred.

b. Electric Strategic Plan - Jamie England

Staff met with Hometown Connections to discuss formalizing action items and setting a timeline, meeting cadence for the entire initiative and identifying stakeholders into a strategic plan. Mr. England presented the objectives of the strategic plan in a slide presentation and will send the timeline to all the Board members. It was pointed out that throughout the strategic plan process, staff and UAB will be in a partnership deciding what is best for the electric utility as well as for the customers. It was agreed that renewable energy by 2050 will be an included component in the strategic plan.

c. Decide UAB meeting for December 3rd or 10th

Board members agreed with December 3rd.

6. Staff Updates

a. Electric Utility - Jamie England

Mr. England provided and reviewed the Monthly Electric Utility Update document. The leading matrix is zero personal injuries and zero preventable vehicle accidents. The number of miles of undergrounding was updated. Project O will start soon. An error in the total miles completed this month was pointed out and removed. Equipment availability is less of an issue than in the previous year.

Ms. Yurko arrived at 12:36 pm

Twelve new style street lights were installed. A survey will be sent to all residents and those residents, where the lights were installed on Lake Knowles and Lake Wilbar. Ms. Howard explained that the new lighting will be called Decorative Lighting Standardization and the survey will be linked to the Mayor's email introduction of Mr. England. The existing poles are being left in place. The supplier, Holophane is fitting the existing poles with new streetlight heads.

Mr. England advised that EV charging rate will be up for vote at the Commission meeting on the following day. It was suggested to consider implementing an 85% charging limitation when the EV charging rate discussion is revived. It was discovered that charging to 85% is quick and charging the remaining 15% is slow.

PowerGrid is the new contractor that will be used to continue the underground project. They will start with the necessary pole replacement on Project O. This will allow an opportunity to observe their safety culture, production capability and their interaction with city staff. If satisfied, the next step will be two small underground projects. HDD will start Project O for the successful integration of PowerGrid.

b. Water & Wastewater Utility – David Zusi

Mr. Zusi completed the Kick-Off meeting. The consultant met with all the stakeholders. The next step will be a summary of all the discussions and talks regarding external forces that impact the utility. The UAB strategic plan meeting will be held October 16th at 8 am for two to three hours.

Informative letters will be sent out to all residents inside and outside the city limits related to the lead and copper rules. Future letters will be sent depending on status of service line. Mr. Zusi invited board members to tour the water facilities.

c. Performance Measurement – Wes Hamil

Mr. Hamil presented the Utility Monthly Performance Measurements. The annual target of 425M KWH was discussed. It was pointed out that with the rise of energy consumption, energy efficiency has also risen. Staff will research measuring the City's EV load. It was stated the City collects most of what is billed and the majority of help for residents comes from the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP) federal program along with some local churches and non-profit organizations.

d. Educational Campaign – Clarissa Howard

Attached to the agenda packet was the September 2024 utility bill insert recognizing Winter Park's electric rates as remaining one of the lowest among Florida municipalities. The Sept–Nov 2024 newsletter article informed water utility customers of the Lead and Copper Rule.

7. Board Comments

8. Upcoming Agenda Items

A suggestion for discussing rate increases in October led to the explanation that project cost is directly related to rate increases. An example of the costs associated with the street light modernization project could raise rates. Another suggestion in discussing rate increase is to provide the cost to implement the renewable energy plan.

- a. Recommendations on painting boxes-Sept.-Mourad Belfakih

Mr. Belfakih will offer suggestions in the September meeting.

- b. Solar & Net metering - September

The Solar & Net metering discussion will take place in September

- c. Give new members a synopsis of happenings during the year-Sept.

Board agreed to hold an orientation on September 11 at 10 am in the Chapman room to discuss UAB history, the new key energy plan, Commission and City objectives and a relationship with Florida Municipal Power Association.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Approved by the board on
/s/ Bahiyyah Layton, Board Coordinator



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Non-Action Items

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prepared by

Lisa Vedder

approved by**subject**

Solar & Net Metering - Lisa Vedder

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None



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Mourad Belfakih

approved by**subject**

Recommendations on painting boxes - Mourad Belfakih

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None



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Staff Updates

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Jamie England, Director of Electric Utility

approved by**subject**

Electric Utility - Mourad Belfakih

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1. July24 Electric Utility

Monthly Electric Utility Update (July)

Miles of Undergrounding performed

- Project J: 2.72 miles (63% complete)
- Project L: 9.57 miles (93% complete)
- Project R: 4.31 miles (100% complete)
- Residential Service Conversions (RSC) Last month: 77
- **Residential Service Conversions (RSC) This month: 38**
- RSC YTD: 640
- RSC LTD (beginning FY23): 1078

TOTAL for FY 2024 – 4.56 miles

- Total Citywide Project Miles- 127.5
- Total Miles Completed Last Month – 100.0
- **Total Miles Completed – 100.13**
- Percentage Completed Last Month - 78.4%
- **Percentage Completed This Month- 78.5%**
- Total miles remaining- 27.35

OH/UG Budget update

2024 Undergrounding budget = 7.78M

Notes of Interest

- Developing a policy/tariff update for the City that will identify dark sky decorative lighting for the City and outline the brightness levels for residential, business and DOT streets.
 - Dark Sky fixtures have been identified and will be assessed by COWP team.
 - 8 fixtures were placed on Lake Knowles
 - 4 around Lake Wilbar.
- Developing a plan for EV charging stations to have a fee for usage that will be designed to curb poor usage behavior on these charging station locations.
- Home Town Connections has established a plan, for executing the strategic plan for the Electric Utility, that has been reviewed and approved by the UAB.
- Project “R”, which was advanced by Commission to facilitate the 7 Oaks Park creation, will be 100% complete first half of April.
- Transformers have been placed in the field and UG mileage is beginning to reflect all the work that has been completed.

Issues/Concerns

- Project “J” is underway. This project will be time consuming and costly as the area is very dense and has little open area for our undergrounding.

2024 Goals

- Zero personal injuries within work group
- Zero controllable vehicle accidents within work group
- Mileage goal undetermined due to supply issues

- Green indicates goal has been met
- Red indicates goal will not be met
- Orange indicates still underway



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Water & Wastewater Utility – David Zusi

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Wes Hamil, Director of Finance

approved by**subject**

Performance Measurement – Wes Hamil

motion | recommendation

No action is necessary

background

The attached performance measurements are presented to keep the board informed of the status and trends of important data points for the Water and Wastewater and Electric Utilities.

Separate charts for city solar facilities showing monthly production trends were appended to the performance measurement report.

alternatives | other considerations**fiscal impact**

None

attachments

1. Utility Monthly Performance Measurements- Black and White

Utility Monthly Performance Measurements

These measures are used as management tools to evaluate performance in key areas and draw attention to those that may require further investigation. This report organizes the performance measurements by service type.

Electric Utility

Service Type	Measure	Goal	May	June	July	On Target
Efficiency	Rate Comparison to Duke	<100%	65.65%	68.16%	68.16%	Met Goal
	Rate Comparison to Municipal State Avg	<105%	87.07%	87.52%	89.16%	Met Goal
Financial	Rolling 12 month kWh	425 (FY24)	431,222,000	440,084,110	439,942,624	Met Goal
Operational	Heart of Florida United Way Emergency Utility Assistance Program: Assistance provided to customers		\$3,606	\$1,170	\$5,289	
	Heart of Florida United Way Emergency Utility Assistance Program: Available balance		\$17,829	\$16,659	\$11,370	
	Heart of Florida United Way Emergency Utility Assistance Program: Number of customers approved for assistance		9	4	11	
	Underground System Complete (%)		78.3%	78.4%	78.5%	
Reliability	SAIDI (in minutes)	< 60 minutes	1.14	2.41	3.20	
	Outage Occurrences		8	22	16	

Both

Service Type	Measure	Goal	May	June	July	On Target
Customer Service	Total calls to customer service queue:		7,292	6,500	6,686	
	Customer hangup without selecting a queue		1,284	1,207	1,121	
	Turn on/off service		1,061	989	1,069	
	Billing info		1,466	1,321	1,409	
	Pay utility bill		897	863	866	
	Paymentus information		55	51	53	
	Report power outage		512	449	587	
	System error and flow disconnect		121	107	92	
	Demolition		15	11	24	
	Commercial garbage		38	29	42	
	Transfer to water and wastewater		155	56	86	
	Spectrum service		121	83	97	
	Permits		1,464	1,245	1,137	
	Engineering inspections		103	89	103	
	Average wait time for customers selecting a queue		2m22s	2m19s	1m56s	
	Abandoned call % for customers selecting a queue		8%	8%	6%	
	Number of disconnects for non-pay		84	56	0	

Financial

Service Type	Measure	Goal	May	June	July	On Target
Financial	Accounts receivable/billed revenue – FYTD	<8%	4.95%	6.84%	5.97%	Met Goal
	Average cost of purchased power per kWh – FYTD – Fuel		\$0.0253	\$0.0259	\$0.0257	
	Average cost of purchased power per kWh – FYTD – Non-Fuel	<\$0.03	\$0.0198	\$0.0212	\$0.0208	Met Goal
	Average revenue per kWh-FYTD-Fuel		\$0.0254	\$0.0253	\$0.0252	
	Average revenue per kWh-FYTD-Non-Fuel		\$0.0821	\$0.0817	\$0.0817	
	Bad debt expense/billed revenue – FYTD	<0.25%	0.42%	0.34%	0.28%	Near Goal
	Debt service coverage ratios - W&S - FYTD	>1.5	2.77	3.03	3.05	Met Goal
	Debt service coverage ratios - Electric - FYTD	>2.75	3.39	3.44	3.56	Met Goal
	Percentage of utility accounts receivable over 60 days past due		3.98%	3.72%	5.11%	
	Utility accounts receivable over 60 days past due – all accounts		\$215,336	\$268,432	\$325,224	
	Utility accounts receivable over 60 days past due – inactive accounts only		(\$29,613) (1,295 accts)	\$6,304 (566 accts)	\$19,673 (687 accts)	
	Fuel cost stabilization fund (minimum balance trigger point for adjustment is \$1,050,000 and maximum balance trigger point is \$1,750,000)	\$1,400,000 target balance	\$1,766,439	\$1,582,934	\$1,433,806	Met Goal

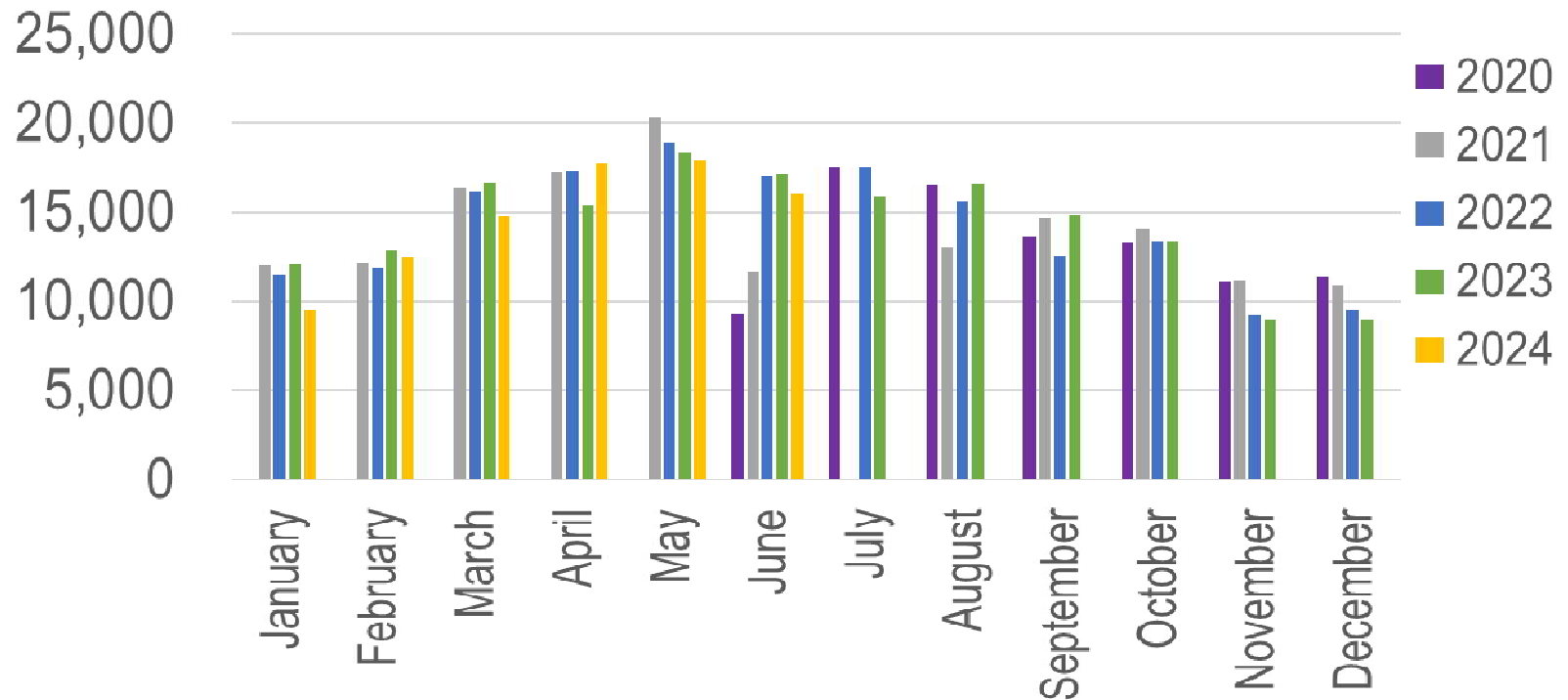
Water Sewer Utility

Service Type	Measure	Goal	May	June	July	On Target
Environment	Count of Rebates Processed		8	5	2	
Operational	Average % Water meters reporting	>98.5%	95.00%	95.00%	94.86%	Near Goal
	Count of Wastewater Incidents	0	0	0	0	
	Wastewater Incident Overflow in 1,000s Gallons	0	0	0	0	
	Water pumped compared to CUP allocation	<12.4 mgd	12.9	11.9	11.6	Met Goal

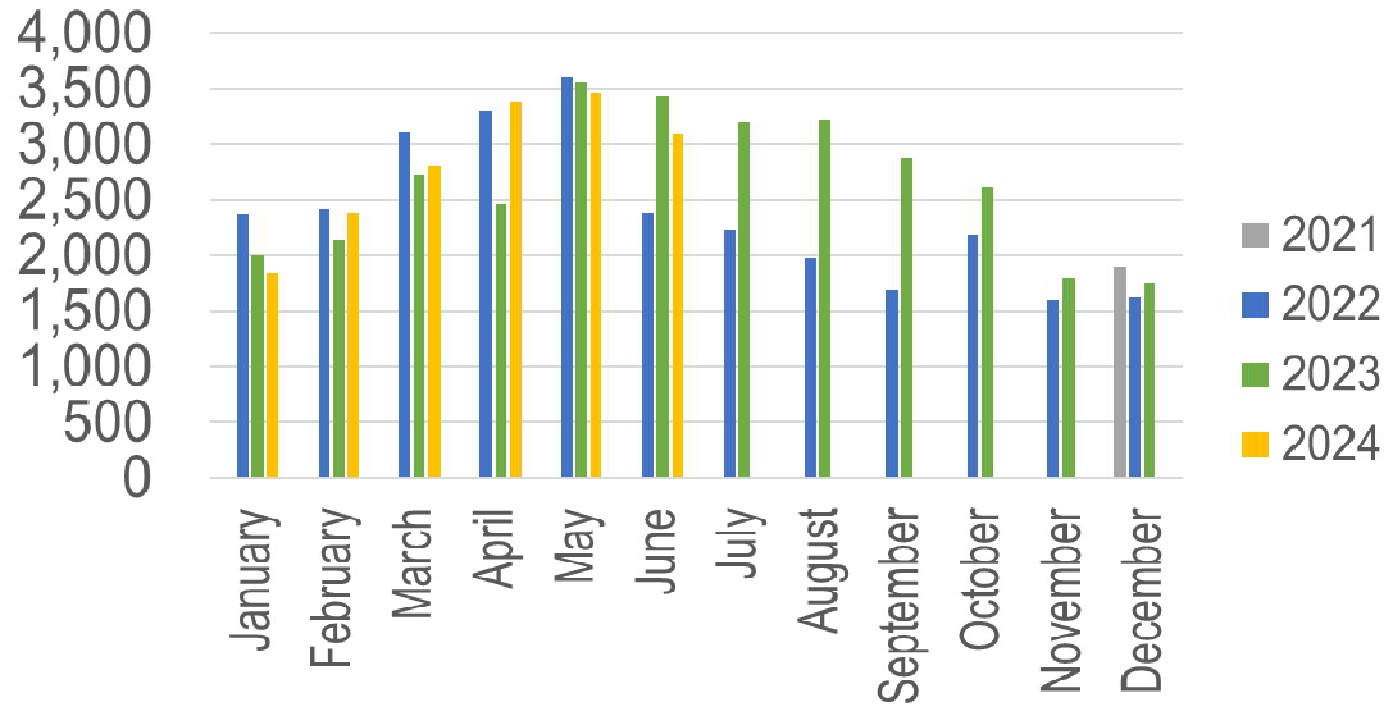
*FMPA and FMEA data often lag 1or2 months.

Index Key- the monthly data text is colored green when the change from the previous month is an improvement, and red when it is not. The On Target column is highlighted comparing the most recent monthly data to the Goal: Red if below, Yellow if Near, Green if Above.

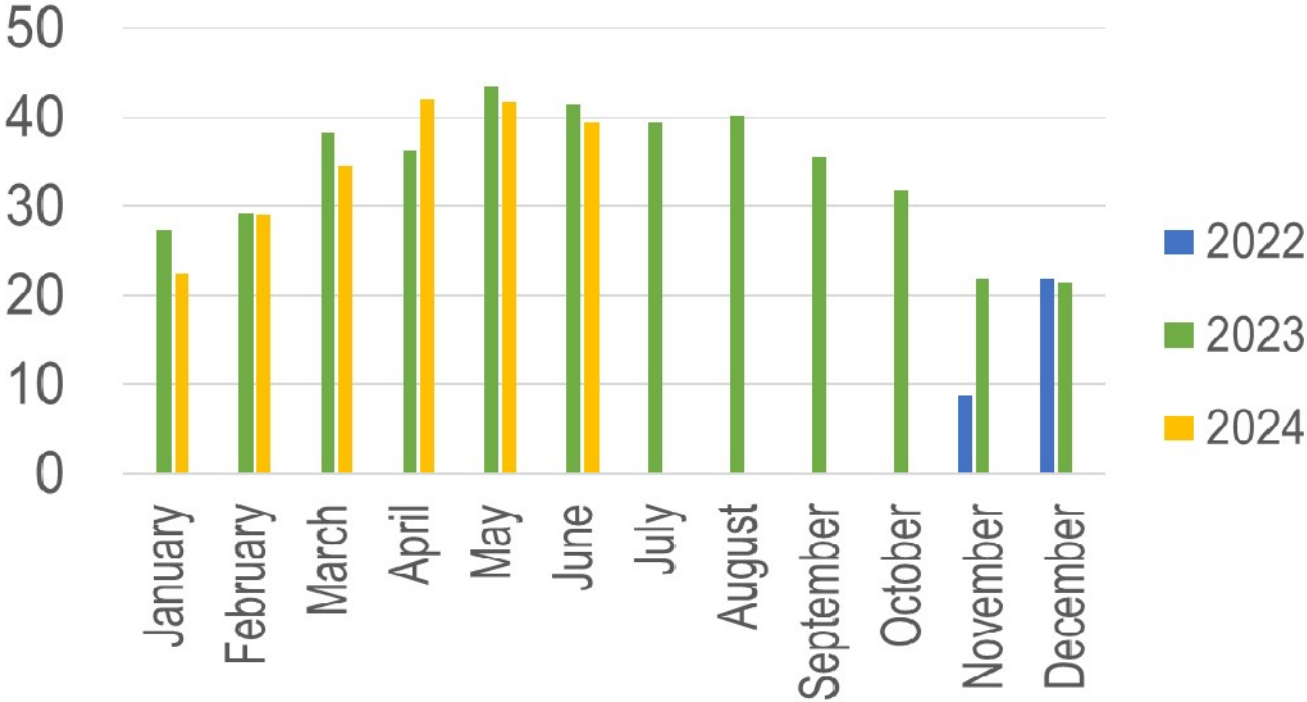
Aloma Water Treatment Facility Solar Production (kWh)



WP Library & Event Center Solar Production (kWh)



WP Electric Warehouse Solar Production (MWh)





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Staff Updates

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Clarissa Howard, Director of Communications

approved by**subject**

Educational Campaign – Clarissa Howard

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1. 8.5x11utility-2024-october bill insert
2. Winter Park seeks resident feedback on new decorative street lights 09.17.24
3. Sustainability & EV Car Show 09.21.24
4. Winter Park to start charging to charge - 09.19.24

info & updates

October utility bill insert



Conversations are brewing at CoffeeTalk

Mark your calendars to join your city leaders for a cup of conversation and coffee at this year's CoffeeTalk series.

brewing schedule	:	NOV 07	Commissioner Craig Russell
	:	DEC 05	Commissioner Marty Sullivan
Thursdays	:	JAN 09	Mayor Sheila DeCiccio
8:30-9:30 a.m.	:	2025	

Join us in Commission Chambers @ 401 S. Park Ave.

Virtual link access will be available approximately one week prior to each gathering at cityofwinterpark.org/meetings.



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Annual Veterans Day Celebration Friday, November 8 | 10 a.m.

Winter Park Community Center Ruby Ball Amphitheater
adjacent to Shady Park | 721 W. New England Ave.

All veterans that have served in any military campaign or branch in honor of our nation's freedom and their families are invited to attend as we pay tribute to their dedicated service to our country.

For more information, please call **407-599-3506**.

save the dates

Thursday, November 7 or 14 | Friday, November 8 or 15

what Fall Cleanup

when set items at the curb after 5 p.m. the evening before your 2nd regularly scheduled trash pickup day

where north of Fairbanks/Aloma avenues corridor {**nov 7 or 14**}
south of Fairbanks/Aloma avenues corridor {**nov 8 or 15**}

info 407-774-0800

please note yard waste and household hazardous waste* are NOT included in the Fall Cleanup. [*please see HHWD event info on opposite side]

If you live in an apartment, townhome or condo that does not provide curbside service, please contact Waste Pro directly for large item pickup (fees may apply).

for updates on upcoming things to enjoy, please access
cityofwinterpark.org/events



please
note

City Hall CLOSED
thursday & friday
NOV 28 & 29
in observance of
Thanksgiving



Attention water utility customers

The city's Water & Wastewater Utilities Department is currently working to identify if your water service lines (city- and privately-owned) are made of lead, non-lead or if it is unknown. This inventory is being done due to a recent revision to the Lead and Copper Rule established by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The updated rule requires all public drinking water utilities to provide an initial water service line inventory by Wednesday, October 16.

In 1991, the Lead and Copper Rule was created to reduce exposure to lead and copper in drinking water after determining lead had adverse health effects. Lead is not naturally occurring in Winter Park's source water, the Floridan Aquifer, and does not come from the city's water treatment plants or distribution system piping.

The most common sources of lead in drinking water are lead pipes, or brass and bronze faucets and fixtures installed prior to 2003. Homes built after 1989 will not have lead service lines due to changes in the building code. Be assured that throughout the course of installation, replacement, inspection and upgrades to the city's water system, no lead piping has been found by city employees.

As required by the EPA

- Properties that have not yet had service lines identified by city staff will be notified by mail in October that their material is unknown.
- No correspondence will be necessary with properties that have service lines identified as non-lead.
- If any service lines are identified as lead, you will be notified immediately.

On October 16, the city will post a web-based interactive map identifying the service line material on both the city- and privately-owned sides of the meter as lead, non-lead or unknown. City staff is diligently working to complete the water service line inventory of approximately 25,000 service lines. Your patience during this process is greatly appreciated.

Please access cityofwinterpark.org/leadcopper for the interactive map as well as a short informational video about the city's efforts to compile the water service line inventory, quick property owner survey, and FAQs. For questions, please contact leadandcopper@cityofwinterpark.org or 407-599-3219.

lead & copper

HHWD+
household hazardous waste dropoff

- » Bring proof of city residency.
- » Refer to lists of accepted items.
- » Keep in original containers & labeling.
- » Prescriptions go to Public Safety Facility.

helpful tips

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saturday **November 9 | 8 a.m. to noon**
Cady Way Park @ 2525 Cady Way

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cityofwinterpark.org/hhwd

March 2025 Election Info

Commission Seat 3 & Seat 4 qualifications

- » Candidates must be a qualified elector **AND** reside within Winter Park city limits [per City Charter].
- » Candidates may download pre-qualification documents and candidate packets by accessing cityofwinterpark.org/elections.

qualifying

- » **begins** Monday 01.13.25 @ noon
- » **ends** Tuesday 01.21.25 @ noon

general election » Tuesday 03.11.25

run-off election [if necessary] » Tuesday 04.08.25

official ballot language

Proposed City Code Amendment Article IV, Division 2, § 62-97

Shall the City of Winter Park amend Article IV, Division 2, § 62-97 of its Code of Ordinances, as provided in Ordinance 3292-24, to revise the City Code to repeal the City's ban on the use of internal combustion powered leaf blowers and to regulate noise created by the use of leaf blowers consistent with those regulations regulating noise created by power tools?

Yes_____ No_____

Whole Home Surge Protection

want more info?



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cityofwinterpark.org/electric-utility
866-548-3419



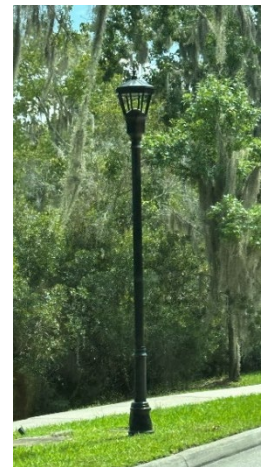
PRESS RELEASE

Winter Park seeking resident input on new proposed decorative street lights

WINTER PARK, FL (September 17, 2024) The city's Electric Utility Department is undergoing a city-wide street light standardization review with a focus on achieving the city's lighting needs while capturing the aesthetic charm of Winter Park. These new lights have been installed along Lake Knowles and Lake Wilbar for residents to view and the city is seeking [feedback](#).

While utilizing the existing pole, the electric utility installed a new style street light head that is designed to project the lighting array downward reducing light pollution. This design is beneficial for a few reasons:

- Enhances the safety of neighborhoods by improving lighting and visibility.
- Prevents the light from escaping upward and outward, therefore reducing light pollution.
- Reduces lighting impact to nearby homes and maximizes light array on the streets where it is impactful.
- Not only do the lights enhance neighborhood aesthetics, they are also energy efficient using LED bulbs that are more cost-efficient to replace and shine a soft, warm-white glow.



If you are traveling along Lake Knowles (Temple Drive & Lake Knowles Circle) or Lake Wilbar (Wilbar Circle) please provide your feedback on the new lights by participating in the city's [survey](#) accessed at cityofwinterpark.org/electric-utility.

Resident input is appreciated and needed to determine the right fixture style for Winter Park. Please submit your [survey](#) no later than Friday, September 27, by 5 p.m.

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Communications

Media Inquiries: Craig O'Neil
407-599-3506 • 321-303-2653 cell

PRESS RELEASE

Winter Park Sustainability Fair & EV Car Show

WINTER PARK, FL (September 18, 2024) In recognition of [National Drive Electric Week](#), the city's [Natural Resources & Sustainability Department](#) will present its **3rd Annual Sustainability Fair & EV Car Show, Saturday, September 21**, from **9 a.m. to noon**, in Central Park West Meadow located at 150 W. Morse Blvd., adjacent to the United States Post Office. City officials will share remarks at 9:45 a.m. Event sponsors include [VinFast Orlando EV Car Dealership](#) and [WindMar Solar + Roofing](#).

Over 30 vehicles will be on display including the department's brand-new Ford® Lightning and Nissan® Leaf. The event will also feature an array of sustainability vendors such as [Beacon the Magical Dolphin](#), [Bike Walk Central Florida](#), [Electrification Coalition](#), [Shuffled Vintage](#) and [Suntek Lawn Care](#). All vendors show a commitment to sustainability through their business or organization. Be sure to also visit the [Keep Winter Park Beautiful & Sustainable](#) table for **FREE** giveaways and sign up for one of many raffles starting at 10:30 a.m., with a grand prize being an electric leaf blower from [Ingenium Power and Sport](#). Don't miss out on this family friendly event with face painting!

Orange County Public Schools (OCPS) will display one of their six new electric school busses, funded in part by a grant from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. The district launched its electric bus pilot program in 2023, becoming the first in Florida to deploy electric busses. The goal was to assess potential cost savings from eliminating diesel fuel expenses and the need for oil and filter changes, while also reducing air pollution. The program has since moved beyond its pilot phase, with OCPS now incorporating electric busses into regular operations.

The Natural Resources & Sustainability Department oversees the implementation and management of sustainability programs, projects and policies outlined in the [Sustainability Action Plan](#), while also ensuring the management and regulatory compliance for the city's iconic lakes.

For more information regarding the Sustainability Fair & EV Car Show, please contact sustainability@cityofwinterpark.org or 407-599-3479. ###

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PRESS RELEASE

Charging to charge: Winter Park to implement Electric Vehicle connection rates

WINTER PARK, FL (September 19, 2024) Since the City of Winter Park installed its first EV charging station in 2012, the usage patterns associated with the EV charging stations have changed. The charge-for-free nature of the city's public-facing charging stations has become a source of increasing complaints related to vehicles using a charger for extended periods—even overnight, parked un-connected to a charger or left connected to the charger for extended periods when already fully charged.

To reinforce the true purpose of the spaces created exclusively to charge EVs, on Friday, November 1, the city will begin implementing its new EV Charger connection rates:

- \$1 per 20-minutes of connected time, billed at the start of the charging period.
- Add \$10 per hour after 3 hours of connected time, billed at the start of each hour.

Please access cityofwinterpark.org/EVCharging for examples of EV charging rates.

In addition, the Winter Park Police Department will begin issuing citations to enforce the following parking restrictions at public-facing EV charging station spaces:

- EVs must be connected to the charging station when parked in the space.
- Non-EVs are prohibited from parking in spaces designated for EV charging in accordance with city ordinances.

Charging to charge is not unique to Winter Park, in fact charging rates are a normal function of EV ownership. They are applied by utilities such as OUC and Florida Power and Light at stations located at Orlando Utilities Commission Robinson Recharge Mobility Hub and cities of Dunedin, Green Acres, Celebration and Jacksonville Beach.

12 years ago, the city installed six grant-funded public Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations. Now in 2024, the city offers 11 EV charging stations for residents and guests to charge up while they shop, dine and enjoy city amenities. Offering EV charging stations is important to the city as it supports the commitment to reducing greenhouse emissions and also furthers the goals of its [Sustainability Action Plan](#). For more information regarding EV Charging Stations and connection fees, please access cityofwinterpark.org/EVCharging or sustainability@cityofwinterpark.org.

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