



City Commission Work Session Minutes

June 26, 2025 at 3:30 PM

City Hall Commission Chambers
401 S. Park Avenue

Present

Mayor Sheila DeCiccio; Commissioners Marty Sullivan and Craig Russell; City Manager Randy Knight; Assistant City Manager Michelle del Valle; and City Clerk Rene Cranis. Absent: Commissioners Kris Cruzada and Warren Lindsey

Also Present

Director of Electric Utility Jamie England; Hometown Connection Consultant Mark McCain, and Utilities Advisory Board (UAB): Michael Poole, Katherine Sutton, Alison Yurko, Leon Huffman, Paul Smith.

1. Meeting Called to Order

Mayor DeCiccio called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

2. Discussion Item (s)

a. Electric Utility Strategic Plan

Mr. McCain gave a presentation on the phased approach leading to the development of the strategic plan with the input of the UAB and the goals of the plan. He summarized the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats as identified by staff and UAB members and spoke about the mission statement, using the city's vision statement.

Mr. England reviewed strategic priorities, strategies and goals for renewable energy, improved customer experience and communication, and investment in staff and technology. The next steps are to implement and communicate, monitor, and evaluate the plan.

Topics discussed:

- Mission statement – amend to read, "Electric service and operations..."
- Timing and cost of undergrounding residential service not done prior to 2022.
- Outage Management System - improved customer communication of outage status.
- Renewable energy - goals and cost, feasibility to reach 100% goal by 2050.
- Staffing - skill gaps, need for substation specialist, meter specialist, reliability engineer; alleviate burnout. Leadership training, recruiting at the high school level.
- Goals: Strategies to move remaining city residents to WP electric utility from other providers. Mr. Knight spoke about previous efforts and challenges in pursuing this and expressed a willingness to assist in the effort.

3. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

Mayor Sheila DeCiccio

ATTEST:

City Clerk Rene Cranis