

DULUTH PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
June 19, 2018

Members Present: Rob Prusak, Carrie Ryan, Councilor Joel Sipress, Councilor Em Westerlund

Members Absent: Councilor Noah Hobbs, Jennifer Julsrud, Chris McIntosh

Staff Present: Bob Asleson, Jim Benning, Todd Carlson, Leanna Gilbert, Tom Johnson, Tom Pfeffer, Eric Shaffer, Glenn Strid, Kerry Venier

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:18 p.m. by President Prusak.

NOTE: This was not an official meeting as there was no quorum.

New business:

Stormwater system discussion

Tom Pfeffer provided a couple of cost estimate scenarios for stormwater system needs based on realistic life expectancy and "best case" life expectancy. He also provided a spreadsheet comparing 2014-2018 capital expenditures to those scenarios. A more detailed presentation will be given at a future meeting when more commissioners are available. There was some discussion about the budget process, the stormwater rate history, funding, and various system needs.

Updates from staff

Jim Benning reported that over 100 letters were sent out for mandatory lateral rehabilitation primarily in lower Lakeside and Park Point. We submitted our program to WLSSD, and we are already implementing it. We will do mandatories first before volunteers. We are keeping a list of volunteers for if there is money available. We did not have any overflows during the storms over the last weekend.

Preview of upcoming business

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 21, 2018, at 5:15 p.m. in City Council Chambers. Commissioners and staff agreed that the July meeting should be cancelled. The commission will continue to discuss the stormwater system in August.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:48 p.m.