City of Bainbridge Island
Utility Advisory Committee

January 26, 2015 meeting

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

UAC members present: Andy Maron (chair), Jeff Kanter, Nancy Nolan, Emily Sato

UAC member absent: Steve Johnson

Others present: Councilmember Liaison Val Tollefson, Public Works Director Barry Loveless, Public Works Engineer Chris Munter

1. "Utility Tax." The Committee briefly revisited the subject of utility tax and hydrant fees. Having heard nothing from the Council suggesting the need for further work, the Committee assumes Council has what it needs from UAC and will make its decision in due course.

2. Sewer Plan. The committee spent most of the meeting on this topic. In response to the UAC’s request, Barry presented the Committee with a rework of the CIP included in the Draft Sewer Plan, along with supporting technical data. His conclusion is that the CIP in the Draft Plan could be adjusted over the near term so that, together with making yearly draws from the approximately $3.2 million reserves held by the Sewer Utility, the Utility could be responsibly operated for the next several years with no increase in sewer rates. The Committee approved Barry’s approach, and he will now work with his consultant to modify the Draft Plan to incorporate this changed approach. If all goes well, the Committee expects to recommend a revised Draft Plan to the Council.

3. Upcoming work. The UAC plans to resume work on the SSWM at its next meeting, and continue that work until the Draft Water Plan is completed later this year.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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