



Minutes
Strategic Planning Committee
April 16, 2024

Committee members present in the Rosemont Conference Room or online:

Committee Chair Brian Risley, Dave Donelson, and David Leinweber

Staff members present in the Rosemont Conference Room or online:

Jared Miller, Dan Norton, Abigail Ortega, Kathryn Rozwod, Gabe Caunt, Travas Deal, Lisa Barbato, David Padgett, Andrew Colosimo, Kevin Binkley, Mike Francolino, Lauren Swenson, Tristan Gearhart, Matt Dudden, Jacqueline Nunez, Michelle Wills-Hill, Fredrick Garcia, Scott Caldwell, Rebecca Kerrigan, Chris Welch, Brittany Harrison, Christopher Olney, Pattie Bengner, Eric Shea, Kim Gortz, Jane Zook, April Speake, Emily Magnuson, Justin Zeisler, Jay Anderson, Joseph Rasmussen, Tyrone Johnson, Jennifer Jordan, Sarah LaBarre, Christian Nelson and Natalie Watts

City of Colorado Springs staff members present in the Rosemont Conference Room or online: Renee Congdon and David Beckett

Call to Order

Committee Chair Brian Risley called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and read a statement regarding the Colorado Open Meetings Law and the City Charter and noted that public comment would not be a part of the meeting. Attendees in the Rosemont Conference Room introduced themselves.

Review Minutes

The minutes from the March 14, 2024, Strategic Planning Committee meeting were reviewed and approved for posting.

I-12 Environmental Stewardship

Mr. Dave Padgett, Project and Program Management General Manager, and Lauren Swenson, Environmental Services Manager, gave an overview of the I-12 Environmental Stewardship Report.

Integrated Resource Planning – Strategic Initiatives Update

Ms. Abby Ortega, Resource Infrastructure Planning General Manager, introduced the subject matter experts for each of the four services areas that provided updates to their Integrated Resource Plans.

Water Integrated Resource Plan (WIRP)

Mr. Justin Zeisler, Water Resource Planning Supervisor, reviewed the water integrated resource plan and provided high-level considerations on a conservation potential study

that is currently being undertaken. Mr. Zeisler also reviewed the 50-year planning window for the WIRP. Colorado Springs Utilities is seeking grant funding to help with a collaborative study with regional partners on reusing local supply.

Electric Integrated Resource Plan (EIRP)

Ms. Kathryn Rozwod, Energy Resources Planning Supervisor, reviewed the electric integrated resource plan and provided high-level considerations on the plan approved in June 2023. The plan had to be updated due to load growth and policy and legislative changes. The Clean Energy Plan demonstrated 80% emissions reduction by 2030. There are plans in place to retire generating units to help accomplish this requirement.

Gas Integrated Resource Plan (GIRP)

Ms. Rozwod reviewed the gas integrated resource plan and provided high-level planning considerations. Colorado Springs Utilities submitted their Clean Heat Plan on July 28, 2023. In 2024-2025, 2% of total gas revenue will be spent working toward achieving a 4% reduction in greenhouse gas below 2015 levels; and between 2026-2030, 2.5% of total gas revenue will be spend working toward achieving a 22% reduction in greenhouse gas below 2015 levels. The rebate values for gas have increased in 2024 to promote customer adoption, more than doubling the expected peak gas savings for demand side management (DSM). The gas load and gas resource forecasts were reviewed going through the year 2051. Some of the proposed projects to meet the organization's ongoing needs were highlighted.

Wastewater Integrated Resource Plan (WWIRP)

Ms. Emily Magnuson, Wastewater Planning Supervisor, reviewed the organization's wastewater integrated resource plan and provided high-level planning considerations. One of the projects currently underway is the Eastern Wastewater System Expansion Design. This will provide 17.5 million gallons per day growth by 2070.

Economic Development Update

Mr. Mike Francolino, Customer and Enterprise Services Officer, introduced Mr. Dan Norton, Customer Services General Manager, and Mr. Jared Miller, Strategic Customer Relations Manager, who reviewed the Economic Development Program Quarterly Dashboard (January through March 2024).

This dashboard provides statistics on how Colorado Springs Utilities interacts with prospective companies wanting to open or expand their business within the city of Colorado Springs. Colorado Springs Utilities' role is to support and give information only – not to market or recruit business development.

This is an important discussion topic and will be added to the Strategic Planning Committee agenda as a standing item.

Plan Future Meeting: Joint Finance / Strategic Planning Committee (May 17, 2024 – 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.)

Mr. Risley stated the next meeting in May will be a joint Finance / Strategic Planning Committee Meeting. A draft agenda is being developed.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.