



Minutes
Strategic Planning Committee
March 14, 2024

Committee members present in the Rosemont Conference Room or online:

Committee Chair Brian Risley, Mike O'Malley, Dave Donelson, Michelle Talarico and David Leinweber

Utilities Board members present in the Rosemont Conference Room or online:

Nancy Henjum

Staff members present in the Rosemont Conference Room or online:

Marcela Espinoza, Natalie Watts, Abby Ortega, Al Wells, Andy Colosimo, Brian Grim, Dan Hodges, Dan Norton, Danielle Nieves, David Padgett, Jared Miller, Jason Green, Kerry Baugh, Lauren Swenson, Lisa Barbato, Matt Dudden, Scott Shirola, Somer Mese, Travas Deal, Tristan Gearhart and David Ruddy

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

Call to Order

Committee Chair Brian Risley called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

Review Minutes

The minutes from the Feb. 18, 2024, Strategic Planning Committee meeting were reviewed and approved for posting.

**Compliance Reports_ER: 1-3 Board Expected Results Scorecard (Semi-annual): 2023
Balanced Scorecard Metrics Review**

Ms. Natalie Watts, Manager of Strategic Planning and Governance, reviewed the 2023-year end results of the Enterprise Balanced Scorecard. Ms. Watts stated that seven measures were classified as "far exceeded expectations", nine measures as "exceeded expectations", seven measures as meets expectations, three measures as "partially meets expectations", and two measures as "does not meet expectations."

There was a discussion on the measures that partially meet expectations and do not meet expectations.

Water and Wastewater System Extension Policy

Mr. Scott Shirola, Pricing and Rates Manager gave an overview of Utilities Rules and Regulations in relation to the Water and Wastewater System, especially regarding cost, owners, and developers.

Mr. Shirola proposed a potential Revision to the I-3 that would require Colorado Springs Utilities staff to inform the Board when Water and Wastewater System infrastructure is built. He also proposed a new G-13 guideline. The next step is to schedule the Utilities Board to consider the approval of these proposed changes.

Economic Development activity and the implications for Colorado Springs Utilities

Mr. Travas Deal, Chief Executive Officer, affirmed that concerns regarding economic development are being taken into consideration to the best of the organization's ability. Mr. Deal said the City, Colorado Springs Utilities and the Chamber and EDC were going to start meeting regularly to discuss economic development issues for the region. Committee Member O'Malley asked to be a part of these meetings.

Board Member Henjum asked about meeting the needs of annexation. Lisa Barbato, Chief System Planning & Project Officer, answered that there are resources that will need to be acquired. Committee member Dave Donnelson advised that consideration of the future is necessary.

Governor Polis' recent stance on green energy and its impact on Colorado Springs Utilities

Mr. Risley facilitated a discussion on Governor Jared Polis' recent stance on green energy and its impact on Colorado Springs Utilities. Mr. Deal stated there would be a half-day workshop for the Utilities Board on this topic in June, after the state legislature adjourns for the year. He also clarified that the Governor's claim that the military is headed for 100% decarbonization is not accurate. He stated that the military must meet state EPA guidelines while generating consistent power.

Plan for future meeting: Thursday, April 16, 2024

Mr. Risley discussed the next meeting in April and asked to have economic development added to the agenda as a standing item moving forward.

Adjournment

Prior to Adjournment, Mr. Deal confirmed that there were multiple outages that occurred because of the winter storm.

The meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m.