

SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 10th, 2023

6:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Mayor:	Mark Anderson
Mayor Pro Tempore:	John Vogel II
Commissioners:	Alison Cagle Maximilian D'Water Sarah Schrader
City Clerk:	Marissa Morales
Assistant to City Clerk:	Julia Fresne
Water Clerk:	Will Plazewski
Public Works Director:	Scott Morrow

MINUTES PREPARED BY: Julia Fresne

1. ORDINANCE 01-2023 (SECOND READING)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO, FLORIDA ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM OF ANNUAL INFLATIONARY ADJUSTMENT (INDEXING) OF THE CITY'S WATER RATES; PROVIDING FOR RAISING OF MONTHLY WATER UTILITY SERVICE RATES PURSUANT TO A FLORIDA RURAL WATER ASSOCIATION RATE STUDY; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S ERRORS, CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

MOTION: ADOPT ORDINANCE 01-2023

MADE BY: Commissioner D'Water

SECOND: Commissioner Vogel

- A. Mayor Anderson expressed support for adopting the ordinance. Raftelis and Stantec were contacted for independent rate study estimates and both firms quoted at least \$30,000 and starting at \$10,000 to audit the FRWA rate study. Raftelis created the software used by FRWA to conduct studies and stated confidence in the performance of FRWA Mayor Anderson stated that rates must increase to maintain vitality of the water system and is confident with the FRWA recommended proposed rates.
- B. Commissioner Vogel expressed concern over disagreement amongst the commission and asked for separate commercial and residential rates, removal of meter size factor, and less tiers to vote in favor but was opened to the opinions of other commissioners.
- C. Commissioner Cagle agreed with Commercial Vogel to lessen the number of tiers to prevent public confusion and simplify the rates.
- D. Commissioner D'Water expressed the urgency to increase rates due to present and future necessary repairs and to sustain the water department.
- E. Commissioner Schrader disagreed with having a meter size factor and was still against the proposed rates.
- F. Commissioner Vogel agreed with Commissioner D'Water with the city needing to address water issues and proposed to come to an agreement to pass the rate increase then perform a rate study audit to increase public confidence.
- G. Dyana Stewart, Utility Asset Manager for FRWA, advised that she presented several scenarios including keeping current rates.

- H. City Attorney Buhr advised that the ordinance must be re-read if changed substantially.
- I. Don Kandalec, 32905 Dunne Road, stated the need for a rate increase due to the population increase. Mr. Kandalec inquired about water tower maintenance and was advised it is part of a contract with the company performing the work.
- J. The commission discussed whether to re-do the ordinance or pass with amendments.
- K. City Attorney Buhr advised of the risk to further delay the ordinance passing. Mayor Anderson and Commissioner D'Water expressed their support to pass the ordinance and consider decreasing rates in future meetings if necessary.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Commissioner Vogel	-	NAY
Commissioner Schrader	-	NAY
Commissioner D'Water	-	AYE
Commissioner Cagle	-	NAY
Mayor Anderson	-	AYE

- L. Janice Davis, 12116 Palm Street, expressed her dismay in continuing to put off passing new rates and urged the commission to decide. Mrs. Davis disapproved of spending more money to audit the rate study and advised of her confidence that the commission would make the right decision in the end.
 - M. Ron Burcham, 32236 Corbin Ridge Street, asked that the commission only raise the base rate and remove the tiers altogether.
 - N. Pam Pepperman, 12046 Palm Street, asked whether maintenance costs were higher for larger meters and was advised they were. Mrs. Pepperman expressed the need for repairs due to the age of the system and disagreed with willingly using budget reserves.
 - O. Water Clerk Plazewski asked for specific guidance from the commission on what to present for the next meeting.
 - P. Commissioners agreed to raise the base rate across the board and include three 7,000-gallon tiers. Meter size would be removed and there would be no differentiation between commercial and residential. Outside of the city rates would be 25 percent higher.
2. City Clerk Morales presented a quote from Utility Engineer Daniel Magro for the work on water line relocations for the FDOT roundabout project. This allow FDOT to include city elements of the relocations in their bid packet to start the process to receive assistance and a promissory note.

MOTION: ALLOW THE WATER COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE ROUNDABOUT CONTRACT AGREEMENT

MADE BY: Commissioner Vogel
SECOND: Commissioner Schrader

- A. Commissioners asked that Public Works Director Morrow request a new traffic study be done by FDOT at the area.
- B. Joan Huckins, 32508 Pasco Road, expressed concern over the potential of overcrowding in the area and questioned the need of the roundabout rather than a traffic light.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Commissioner Vogel	-	AYE
Commissioner Schrader	-	AYE
Commissioner D'Water	-	AYE
Commissioner Cagle	-	AYE
Mayor Anderson	-	AYE

3. **ADJOURNMENT:** Special Meeting adjourned at 07:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia Fresne, Assistant to the City Clerk