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**To:** Anne Beierle, Deputy Director of Public Works  
**From:** Melissa Elliott, Manager  
**Date:** February 28, 2019  
**Re:** Utility Rate Citizens Committee Meeting Summary for February 19, 2019

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The first meeting of the City of Golden Utility Rate Citizens Committee was held on February 19, 2019.

**Attendees included:**

City of Golden Staff:

Anne Beierle – Deputy Director of Public Works  
Stephanie Novello – Assistant Finance Director  
Terry Sanchez – Public Works

Citizens:

\*Peter Luptovic – Citizens Budget Advisory Committee  
\*Karen Oxman – Citizens Budget Advisory Committee  
\*Don Cameron – Planning Commission  
\*Adam Schiche – attorney for energy company in Lakewood  
\*Steven Smith – economic professor at Colorado School of Mines  
\*Tanja Rauch-Williams – Sustainability Board

Jim Dale – Council Member for Ward 3

Bob Slavic – Utility manager, Colorado School of Mines

Invites were also sent to representatives from Jefferson County, Jeffco School District, but the main business representative here is Bob Slavic, CSM

\*Denotes member of the Ad Hoc Utilities Rate Citizens Committee

Consultants:

Todd Cristiano, Raftelis

Melissa Elliott, Raftelis

Hannah Palmer Dwore, Raftelis

It was noted that the URCC will have a place on the city's website by the end of February where meeting summaries and materials will be posted.

**The URCC reviewed their Charge and Charter:****Goals:**

1. To represent and communicate the views of the community
2. To provide input on rate structure options and associated customer impacts
3. To formulate a recommendation for Golden City Council

**Anne Beierle provided an overview of Golden's Water, Sewer, and Stormwater Utilities**

Slides from the presentation were provided to each participant and will be available on the city's website.

**Anne Beirle provided a history of Golden's rate structure and rate increases for the Water, Sewer, and Stormwater Utilities.**

Materials from the presentation were provided to each participant and will be available on the city's website.

**Pricing objectives introduction**

Todd Cristiano provided an overview of the rate study, which includes three components:

1. Financial plan – to ensure sufficient funding to meet utility's needs
2. Cost of Service Analysis – to determine the costs put on the system by different customer classes
3. Rate structure Design – to determine how to recover costs

An overview of pricing objectives was provided to each participant and will be made available on the city's website. URCC participants were asked to consider the stakeholder groups that they represent when reviewing the pricing objectives and to determine how they will rank them in order of importance for the next meeting. It was noted that some pricing objectives can be mutually exclusive, and there is not a quantitative way to balance these objectives.

**Next meeting – March 19, 6 to 8 pm****Topics to be discussed include:**

- Group exercise to rank the pricing objectives.
- Rate Making 101
- Customer usage characteristics