



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS
455 N. Rexford Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210
Room 280A

Beverly Hills City Council Liaison / Public Works Commission Meeting

SPECIAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Wednesday, May 31, 2023
11:30 AM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Date / Time: May 31, 2023 / 11:35 AM

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Julian Gold MD, Councilmember Sharona Nazarian PYSD, Public Works Commissioner John Millan, Public Works Director Shana Epstein, Assistant City Manager Ryan Gohlich, Assistant Finance Director Tatiana Szerwinski, Senior Management Analyst Melissa Gomez, Executive Assistant Ilene Knebel, Rick Simonson (HF&H Consultants LLC)

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public will be given the opportunity to directly address the Committee on any item listed on the agenda.

Speakers: David Gingold

2. STATUS UPDATE FOR THE WATER AND WASTEWATER COST OF SERVICE STUDY

Public Works Director Shana Epstein gave a presentation on the proposed water and wastewater rates, including for water, fund balance projections, water tier adjustments, proposed water quantity rates and service charges, and comparisons with other agencies. For wastewater, the presentation covered the fund balance, return to sewer factors, single-family irrigation customer analysis, proposed wastewater rates, various customer bills with phase in, wastewater rates phased-in, and comparisons with other agencies. Combined bill impacts for all customer classes were also presented. Staff is not asking for a revenue increase in wastewater. The proposed wastewater cost of service rates would see single and multi-family bi-monthly fixed service charges decrease with the introduction of a flow-based quantity charge. Staff recommended that the Liaison review and provide direction on the proposed rate changes and policy recommendations.

The liaison asked about fluctuations in water bills, the effect of federal grants on the water fund balance, and the accounting behind the proposals. After discussion, the liaison approved moving forward the proposed water and wastewater rates to the full City Council for approval to notify the community following Proposition 218 guidelines. The plan is to present to the City Council at a study session in the summer, with a public hearing in October. Community outreach will be conducted in August and September. The schedule will be shared once finalized. If approved by the City Council, adjusted wastewater rates and the adjusted water reliability charge would become effective January 1, 2024, and adjusted water rates would become effective January 1, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

Date / Time: May 31, 2023 / 12:23 PM