



BRISBANE CITY COUNCIL

ACTION MINUTES

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SPECIAL MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2016

BRISBANE CITY HALL, 50 PARK PLACE, BRISBANE

7:30 P.M. CALL TO ORDER – FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Lentz called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Conway, Davis, Liu, O’Connell, and Mayor Lentz
Councilmembers absent: None
Staff present: City Manager Holstine, City Clerk Spediacci, City Attorney Roush

ADOPTION OF AGENDA (Deletions, Additions, Changes and Adoption)

CM Conway made a motion, seconded by CM O’Connell, to adopt the agenda as proposed. The motion carried unanimously by all present.

WORKSHOP

A. Presentation on Peninsula Clean Energy

Ms. Kirsten Pringle, from the County of San Mateo’s Office of Sustainability, introduced herself and said that Mr. David Silverman from the County Counsel’s Office was also in attendance to answer any legal questions that may come up.

Ms. Pringle began by thanking Mayor Pro Tem Liu for serving on the Community Choice Energy Advisory Committee. She then gave a Power Point Presentation outlining the Community Choice Energy (CCE) Program which she said was a local energy model to “Green the Grid”, provide customer choice, and boost local economies. She began by giving an overview of the program including the background of CCE’s being authorized by the California Assembly in 2002. She said that California currently has three CCE programs in Marin, Sonoma, and Lancaster.

She explained that CCE’s allow communities to pool their electricity demand in order to purchase, and potentially develop, power on behalf of local residents, businesses, and municipal facilities. She then explained the benefits of a CCE, why San Mateo County was interested in a CCE, and explained the basic program features. She said that the CCE in San Mateo County would be called Peninsula Clean Energy (PCE) and be governed by a Board of Directors made up of elected officials from jurisdictions that the PCE would serve. She said that the County of San Mateo is asking all SMC cities to join the PCE and explained the steps needed to achieve that.

Ms. Pringle then reviewed the technical study results that were conducted, including prospective supply scenarios, a summary of scenario results in year one, the risks, uncertainties, and mitigations, and the key findings and conclusions.

After Councilmember questions and clarifications of both Ms. Pringle and Deputy County Counsel Silverman, Mayor Lentz asked for public comments or questions.

Glenn Fieldman asked about a campaign to have people save energy and asked if the new JPA Board would be making up guidelines for the purchase of renewable energy. Ms. Pringle said that the definitions of “renewable” are set by the State.

Anja Miller said that she was a member of the CCE Group and expressed her pleasure that the County was taking a leadership role in establishing the PCE. She also complimented the County’s Sustainability staff members for their expertise and dedication.

Jonathan Scharfman said that he was a resident of San Mateo County and also a business owner in Brisbane and he questioned how emerging technologies would be added to the list of eligible renewable sources. Ms. Pringle said that the JPA could consider an annual bidding process.

Barbara Ebel said that the new JPA’s votes should be weighted on how much production a City or entity produced.

Tony Attard advocated for 100% wind power energy and talked about other entities competing with the new PCE.

Deb Horn asked that the Council and community think about the opportunity for the Baylands to have a local grid.

City Manager Holstine said the Peninsula Clean Energy Joint Powers Agreement and related documents would be considered by the City Council at their meeting of February 18, 2016.

Mayor Lentz thanked members of the public for attending the workshop.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Sheri Marie Spediacci, City Clerk