

**WATER BILLING AND INFRASTRUCTURE AD-HOC COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2023 3:00 P.M.**

Present: Committee Members: Chairperson, Virgi Lindsay, Vice Chair, Brian Grizzell, Vernon Hartley and Aaron Banks. Directors: Fidelis Malembeka, Chief of Staff, Shanekia Jordan, Clerk of Council, Sabrina Shelby, Chief Deputy Clerk of Council and Attorney Catoria Martin.

Absent: Ashby Foote and Angelique Lee.

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Chairperson Lindsay announced that there was not a quorum.

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Chairperson Lindsay recognized **Catoria Martin**, City Attorney, who stated that Agenda Items No. 1 and 3 would have to be discussed in Executive Session.

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Chairperson Lindsay requested that Agenda Item No. 2 be moved forward on the agenda. Hearing no objections, the following was discussed:

DISCUSSION: WATER METER INSTALLATION. **Chairperson Lindsay** recognized **Ted Henifin, 3rd Party Manager**, who gave an overview of the water meter installation. He informed the council that there were 30,000 meters which needed to be reinstalled. He also stated that he was working with the contactor to resolve issues with the meters. **Mr. Henifin** advised council that it would cost between 60-70 million to get out of the contract with Sustainability Partners. Mr. Henifin next gave a brief overview on E-Code which states that in order for water not to be turned off, there would have to be a medical necessity. He also is requested software that would inform him which customers are labeled under E-Code and stated that E-Code bills does not exempt someone from paying their bill.

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Council Member Hartley joined the meeting and **Chairperson Lindsay** called the meeting to order.

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Chairperson Lindsay recognized **Council Member Grizzell** who moved, seconded by **Council Member Hartley** to go into Closed Session to discuss pending litigation. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas – Banks, Grizzell, Hartley and Lindsay.

Nays – None.

Absent – Foote and Lee.

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Chairperson Lindsay announced to the public that the Council voted to go into Closed Session to discuss pending litigation.

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During Closed Session, **Council Member Hartley** moved and **Council Member Grizzell** seconded to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas – Banks, Grizzell, Hartley and Lindsay.

Nays – None.

Absent – Foote and Lee.

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Council Member Grizzell moved, seconded by **Council Member Banks** to come out of Executive Session. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas – Banks, Foote, Grizzell and Lindsay.

Nays – None.

Absent – None.

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Chairperson Lindsay announced that the Council voted to come out of Executive Session and no action was taken.

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There being no further business to come before the Committee, it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 4:14 p.m.

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