



Legislation Text

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An Ordinance Amending Article 1 (General Provisions) of Chapter 12 (Utilities) of the Code of the City of Colorado Springs 2001, As Amended, Pertaining To Colorado Springs Utilities

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Summary:

The City Council, meeting as Utilities Board, discussed draft changes to City Code to implement the Governance Process Review changes and to conduct administrative Utilities business at Utilities Board meetings. Changes include updating governance and policy language, changing the Utilities Executive Director to Chief Executive Officer, and consolidating the Authorities, Powers and Duties of the Utilities Chief Executive Officer into a single location in the City Code.

Previous Council Action:

Draft City Code changes were presented to City Council, meeting as the Utilities Board, at the October 26, 2016 Governance meeting and the November 16, 2016 Utilities Board meeting.

Background:

Following discussion at the August 24 Utilities Board Governance meeting, the City Attorney's office provided draft changes to the City Code. Changes included incorporating governance policy changes and updating language to move administrative authorities to the Utilities Board to conduct Utilities business.

Financial Implications:

N/A

Board/Commission Recommendation:

N/A

Stakeholder Process:

Public comment opportunities were available at Utilities Board Governance meetings on September 28, 2016 and October 26, 2016, the November 16, 2016 Utilities Board meeting, and through CSU.org.

Alternatives:

Take no action.

Proposed Motion:

Move to approve City Code Changes to implement the Governance Process Review changes and to conduct administrative Utilities business at Utilities Board meetings.

Ordinance language updates the terms Utilities “Executive Director” to “Chief Executive Officer” and “Regulations” to “Utilities Enterprise Policies throughout City Code; adds Authorities, Powers and Duties of the Utilities Chief Executive Officer to Chapter 12.1.107; lists the administrative authorities of the Utilities Board in Chapter 12.1.104 as:

- Hire, evaluate and terminate services of a Chief Executive Officer and set the salary of the Chief Executive Officer
- Appoint Utilities Policy Advisory Committee members and customer advisory group members
- Approve the sale, conveyance or lease of Colorado Springs Utilities property and water rights that are not a substantial part of a Utilities system
- Appoint directors and representatives to authorities, partnerships, joint ventures, and similar entities in which Utilities participates.