

GOLD MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday June 15, 2022 @ 10:00am

- A. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** Determination of a Quorum and Acceptance of Agenda.

President Curtis called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Directors Bennie, Kogge, St. Pierre, Vice-President Seney and President Curtis responded to the roll call and the agenda was accepted.

- B. **RESOLUTION No. 2021/22 -16:** General Manager to present for discussion and action Resolution No. 2021/22-16: A Resolution of The Board of Directors of the Gold Mountain Community Services District (GMCS D) Making Findings and Determinations Pursuant to AB361 for Continued Virtual Meetings.

A motion was made by Vice-President Seney, seconded by Director St. Pierre to adopt Resolution No. 2021/22-16 approving continued virtual meetings. Under roll call vote all members present voted in favor.

- C. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Under Government Code Section 54954.3, members of the audience may address the Board on any agenda item before or during the Board's consideration of the item. The District allows a maximum of three (3) minutes for each speaker.

There were no comments from the public

- D. **PUBLIC HEARING:** Board President to conduct a public hearing to consider all written protests against proposed water and sewer rates.

President Curtis reviewed the process that had been conducted by the District over the past year to assure compliance with Prop 218, conducting a detailed cost of service rate study and communicating the proposed rate increase with rate payers to allow for public comment throughout the process.

President Curtis opened the public hearing at 10:09am.

Director St. Pierre indicated that he had been asked when the new rates would take effect and asked for that to be explained for the record. Mr. McLaughlin noted that the new rate implementation would be addressed later in the meeting and the new rates will take effect on July 1, 2022.

John Stetz, 818 Deer Trail, thanked the board for their work on the rate study and implementation process, he also asked about utilizing water from the proposed reclamation plant for golf course application.

Catherine Hansford reviewed the proposed new rates.

Mr. McLaughlin reported that the District had received 3 written protests to the rate increases and presented them for the record. He thanked the Board members and Catherine Hansford to their work on the project.

The public hearing was closed at 10:31am.

- E. WATER RATES:** Consider adoption of **Resolution No. 2021-22-17** adopting revised water rates.

A motion was made by Director St. Pierre, seconded by Vice-President Seney to adopt Resolution No. 2021-22-17 approving, and adopting the new water rates to take effect on July 1, 2022. Under roll call vote all members present voted in favor.

- F. SEWER RATES:** Consider adoption of **Resolution No. 2021-22-18** adopting revised sewer rates.

A motion was made by Director St. Pierre, seconded by Director Bennie to adopt Resolution No. 2021-22-18 approving, and adopting the new sewer rates to take effect on July 1, 2022. Under roll call vote all members present voted in favor.

- G. DISCONTINUE THE IMPOSITION OF STANDBY ASSESSMENTS:** Consider adoption of **Resolution No. 2021-22-19** to repeal Resolution No. 2008-09-01 and discontinue the imposition of standby charges.

Mr. McLaughlin explained that due to the approval of the new rates it is necessary for the Board to take action to discontinue the standby assessments approved by Resolution No. 2008-09-01.

A motion was made by Director St. Pierre, seconded by Vice-President Seney to adopt Resolution No. 2021-22-19 repealing Resolution No. 200-09-01. Under roll call vote all members present voted in favor.

- H. POLICY 5010 “Water Rates”:** Board Vice President to present Policy 5010 “Water Rates” for 2nd Reading and Adoption

President Curtis explained that Policy 5010 had been presented at the May 15 meeting and was scheduled for a second reading and adoption. Mr. McLaughlin noted that the water consumption rates will now be billed quarterly.

After a brief discussion it was moved by Director St. Pierre, seconded by Director Bennie to adopt Policy 5010 “Water Rates”. Under roll call vote all members present voted in favor.

- I. POLICY 5020 “Sewer Rates”:** Board Vice President to present Policy 5020 “Sewer Rates” for 2nd Reading and Adoption

President Curtis explained that Policy 5020 had been presented at the May 15 meeting and was scheduled for a second reading and adoption.

After a brief discussion it was moved by Director St. Pierre, seconded by Director Bennie to adopt Policy 5020 “Sewer Rates”. Under roll call vote all members present voted in favor.

- J. POLICY 5005 “Billing”:** Board Vice President to present amended Policy 5005 “Billing” for 2nd Reading and Adoption

Vice-President Seney presented billing policy 5005 to the board, she explained that water consumption will be billed quarterly effective July 1, 2022 and noted that the policy also included the fire tax billing.

Director Bennie asked if the policy could be changed if the Board decided to go to monthly billing. Ms. Seney explained that the policy could be amended at any time and noted that staff was still

researching late payment charges which would probably be revised and the policy amended in the near future.

Mr. McLaughlin outlined the billing schedule that would be implemented on July 1, 2022 and thanked the board for working with staff on the policy revisions.

It was then moved by Director St. Pierre, seconded by Vice-President Seney to adopt Billing Policy #5005. Under roll call vote all members present voted in favor.

K. POLICY 2150 “Reserves”: General Manager to present Policy 2150 “Reserves” for 2nd Reading and Adoption

Mr. McLaughlin reviewed Reserves Policy 2150, he explained the changes that were made for the handling of “capacity fees”.

After a brief discussion it was moved by Director St. Pierre, seconded by Vice-President Seney to adopt Reserves Policy #2150. Under roll call vote all members present voted in favor.

L. EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION: Board President to discuss employee compensation stemming from 20 May 2022 Closed Session to be included in the FY 22/23 Budget.

President Curtis reported that the Board met in closed session on May 20, 2022 to conduct a performance review of the General Manager. Following the review the Board is proposing a 10% salary increase for the General Manager.

It was moved by Director St. Pierre, seconded by Director Bennie to approve a 10% increase in compensation to the General Manager to take effect the first day of the first full pay period after July 1, 2022. Under roll call vote all members present voted in favor.

M. FY 2022-2023 Budget: General Manager to present FY 22/23 Budget for Board Consideration.

General Manager Rich McLaughlin presented the FY 22/23 Operating, Fire, Reserves and Capital Fund budgets for review and consideration. He thanked the Finance Committee for their help with the budget process. Mr. McLaughlin explained that the budget reflects the water consumption revenue with the first quarter of the old rates, it also included a propose 7.5% wage increase for the water/sewer operators and a \$1/hour rate for office personnel.

Following the presentation and a brief discussion it was moved by Director St. Pierre seconded by Director Bennie to approve the budgets as presented. Under roll call vote all members present voted in favor.

N. ADJOURN:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:27am.