



MINUTES GLENDALE WATER & POWER COMMISSION

**CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBER
613 E. Broadway, 2nd Floor, Glendale, CA 91206**

Monday, November 02, 2020, 4:00 PM

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m.

Present: President Kedikian, Commissioners Flanigan and Jazmadarian

Absent: Commissioner Avanesian and Lall

2. GWP COMMISSION/ STAFF COMMENTS

None.

3. REPORTS – INFORMATION

a. Legislative Update

Mr. Leo Zalyan, Legislative Analyst, reported on key energy and water bills from the legislative session and listed potential bill topics for 2021. Mr. Zalyan highlighted recently adopted legislation, including AB 841, a transportation electrification bill that adds additional infrastructure to support charging stations, and SB 364, which provides a tax exemption to non-residential solar energy system constructed before 2025. On the water side, Mr. Zalyan highlighted AB 2560, which provides additional procedures for water quality notification and response levels.

Commissioner Flanigan noted that he wanted to flag for GWP that AB 841 may include funding for schools for HVAC upgrades. In response to a question from Commissioner Flanigan, Mr. Zalyan explained that "procurement mandate" refers to a requirement that all utilities procure a certain type of energy, such as hydroelectric energy. Concerning SB 364, President Kedikian inquired whether residential solar systems are exempt from taxation and Mr. Zalyan.

b. GWP Cares Program Update

Mr. Craig Kuennen, Deputy General Manager, presented a report regarding the GWP Cares Program, which provides one-time bill relief to eligible residential and commercial customers financially affected by COVID-19. Mr. Kuennen stated that the program was initially scheduled to be open from July 1 through October 30, 2020, but the program has been extended through December 31, 2020. Mr. Kuennen noted that GWP has received fewer applications than expected for the program and has only expended about 1/3 of the budgeted funds, described the outreach that has been done and how customers can apply. Mr. Kuennen also covered other supports in place to help customers struggling with bill payment.

Commissioner Flanigan encouraged interested customers to apply for the GWP Cares

Program. Commissioner Jazmadarian asked if GWP might extend the program beyond December 2020, and Mr. Kuennen responded that GWP has the ability to do so and will evaluate closer to the end of the year, noting that GWP is also considering ways that the program might be modified to help customers, including demand charge customers. President Kedikian inquired about what happens to the program funding if not expended, and Mr. Kuennen responded that the Public Benefits Charge Program funds the program, and as such, funds will not be lost; the funds can be used for this program or another Public Benefits Charge program in a future year.

c. Mylar Balloons Ban Update

Ms. Dorine Martirosian, Principal Assistant City Attorney, presented a report regarding the mylar balloon ban recently adopted by City Council Ordinance. Ms. Martirosian covered existing California laws on mylar balloons, and the provisions of Glendale's Ordinance, including exceptions to the ban, and GWP's outreach and education efforts with local businesses.

Commissioner Jazmadarian expressed support for the new Ordinance. President Kedikian inquired whether the City can add warning signs on helium tanks. Ms. Martirosian responded that while this is not part of the Ordinance, this is something that the City can discuss with store owners if they are amenable.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Herbert Molano (request for reporting on water pipeline management, planning and budgeting)

5. AGENDA FORECAST

The Commissioners reviewed the agenda forecast for the December meeting. Commissioner Flanigan requested a status update in December 2020 and January 2021 on the Virtual Power Plant program, and President Kedikian seconded the request.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn:

Moved by: Commissioner Jazmadarian

Seconded by: President Kedikian

Motion Passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:37 p.m.