

**Full Meeting**  
**Utilities Committee**  
Tue, Mar 11, 2025 4:30PM

**Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 00:01**

All right, welcome everyone to the utilities committee for Tuesday March 11. Calling this meeting to order, and please rise and join me for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**All People Present 00:14**

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God indivisible with liberty and justice for all. **[Alderson Meltzer does not say the words "under God" when reciting the pledge.]**

**Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 00:27**

Thank you. Please be seated. Roll Call of membership. Let the record note that Alder Heffernan is excused, and we will take roll call from my left.

**Alderson Patrick Hayden (District 7) 00:36**

Patrick Hayden, district seven.

**Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 00:38**

Vered Meltzer district two.

**Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 00:40**

Brad Firkus District Three.

**Alderson Chad Doran (District 15) 00:41**

Chad Doran district 15.

**Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 00:43**

Thank you. We need an approval of the minutes from the previous meeting. 25-0221, approval of the February 25 meeting minutes.

**Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 00:52**

Move to approve.

**Alderson Patrick Hayden (District 7) 00:53**

Second.

**Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 00:54**

We have a motion and a second. All in favor, say, Aye. Aye. Any opposed or abstaining? Seeing none the minutes are approved.

**Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 01:03**

We have no public hearings or appearances today. We have two action items. First one is 25-0222, award meter test bench upgrade to Core and Main in the amount of \$97,079 with a 10% contingency of \$9,708 for a project total not to exceed \$106,787.

**Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 01:26**

Move to approve.

**Alderson Patrick Hayden (District 7) 01:27**

Second.

**Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 01:27**

All right, we have a motion and a second. Director Loper, what mic do you have? All right, go ahead.

**Deputy Director of Operations Nathan Loper (Public Works) 01:36**

Yeah. So, I think the memo explains this somewhat. This is a project we've been looking forward to for some time, and we're required by the Public Service Commission to test our meters, and they need to test within a certain accuracy percentage. And the older and more outdated the testing equipment, the less likely we're going to get accurate tests. And we started noticing that with some of our larger meters, where we were shipping the larger meters out to a third-party testing facility and paying them to test our meters. So, we realize that it's time for us to do the upgrade, and fortunately, we're able to reuse many of the components that we have in place now, just swapping out a few items. So should be a pretty straightforward project and won't have much downtime.

**Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 02:24**

Thank you. Any comments or questions from the committee? All right, so after we—if we approve this next week on Wednesday at Council, how soon will the new test bench be online? Be in use?

**Deputy Director of Operations Nathan Loper (Public Works) 02:43**

Probably be a couple of months. You know, we'll have to order the parts and then have them come in and then, you know, schedule the installation. But once they start the project, it's a few days to a week to get everything swapped out.

**Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 02:55**

Awesome. And do we have any supply chain concerns, or are we confident that things will arrive at the time we expect them?

**Deputy Director of Operations Nathan Loper (Public Works) 03:01**

Yeah, hopefully there's no supply chain issues here.

**Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 03:05**

All right, thank you. All right. All in favor say aye. Aye. Any opposed or abstaining? There are none. That is recommended four zero for approval.

**Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 03:16**

Moving down, we have 25-0223, approve the 2024 annual storm water report to the WDNR which is due March 31, 2025.

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**Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 03:26**

Move to approve.

**Alderson Patrick Hayden (District 7) 03:27**

Second.

**Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 03:28**

All right, we have a motion and a second. Director Neuberger, go ahead.

**Deputy Director Pete Neuberger (Public Works) 03:33**

Thank you, Chair. Staff are here to and happy to answer any questions that the committee may have. We don't have any areas in particular about the report that we feel the need to talk about. It's a pretty standard report. You know, we've been at this for a number of years now. I don't think there's anything particularly remarkable about it, but certainly if anything caught the committee members' eyes, we would be happy to discuss.

**Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 04:00**

Thank you. Any comments or questions from the committee? All right. Well, thank you for your staff, your team's hard work on this year after year. Really appreciate that it doesn't become interesting or challenging in any way. So, thank you for that.

**Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 04:19**

All right, all those in favor say aye. Aye. Any opposed or abstaining? There are none. That is recommended for approval.

**Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 04:28**

We do not have any information. Items today. We'll entertain a motion on for the last item.

**Alderson Patrick Hayden (District 7) 04:36**

Move to adjourn.

**Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 04:37**

Second.

**Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 04:38**

We have a motion and a second to adjourn. All in favor say aye. Aye. Any opposed or abstaining? There are none. We are adjourned. Thank you all very much.