



Pueblo Energy Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 2nd, 2024 | 4 – 5:30 PM

Hybrid – Zoom and Public Works

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Attendance				
	Michael Briscoe	✓	Thea Rodrguez	✓ George Andrews, Staff
	Brett Boston, City Councilor	✓	Tyler Surat	
✓	Tom Corlett	✓	John Vigil	
✓	Ken Danti	✓	Anthony Vigil	
	Nicole Ferguson	✓	Alan Ward	
✓	Dylan Goodman	✓	Edgie Walrath	
✓	Laura Getts		Mike Wakefield	
✓	Patti Olenick			

Call to Order, Chair Ken Danti called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

John moved to approve meeting minutes and from September 7th, 2024, seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

1. City Updates, George Andrews

City Council Work session with the Public Utilities Commission Monday October 7th, Informative presentation- no opportunity for public comment. Opportunity for public comment at the town hall on Oct 29th and 30th at City Hall. Black Hills EV Expo at PCC Oct 12th from 10am – 4pm with different ride and drive models to test. New EV charging rate established to amend the free charging ordinance. Rate set at \$.25 per kWh and \$.25 per minute of idling. Highlighted new BeamSpot streetlight charging and discussed how to implement with Black Hills Energy. The City is continuing conversations with New Day Hydrogen about the hydrogen fueling station on site of the proposed new Pueblo Transit Facilities on North East corner of N Erie & 18th St. Integrating Brightly Energy Manager in City buildings to report energy consumption, carbon emission monitoring and automated bill entry. Energy performance contracting bid scored and resolution to award contract during 10/15 City Council meeting.

2. CAMU Survey Update, John Vigil

Colorado Association of Municipal Utilities conducts utility rate survey twice per year. The latest report from July 2024 shows Black Hills Energy as the 5th most expensive residential utility in the state. This is largely due to the declining price of natural gas. More information about bill riders is available under BHCE Rate Trend Report <https://www.blackhillsenergy.com/billing-and-payments/rates-and-regulatory-information/colorado-rates-and-regulatory-information>

3. Strategy Discussion

Shared objective tree and logic framing document to discuss key topics for subcommittee. Themes include Renewable Energy Generation, Energy Efficiency, EV Infrastructure, Strengthening Policy Awareness at state and local level, community engagement, and monitoring progress. The need to break down work in subcommittees. The need to collaborate City and County Public Works and Planning for building code. How to prioritize objectives

4. Open Discussion

Action Colorado annual meeting October 25th at CSU Pueblo from 9-5. The need to streamline Black Hills rebate process.

5. Suggestions for next meeting

Black Hills demand side management rebates, Pueblo Regional Building discussion on energy efficiency building codes, Pueblo County and City enhanced collaboration efforts

Zoom Chat log

00:15:19 Patti Olenick: is there a communications flyer about the ev event we can share?

00:40:21 Laura: Can we please get a copy of the latest CAMU Survey? Also, do you have any projections past 2030. We're curious how much BHE's \$1 billion+ Clean Energy Plan just approved by the State will impact rates after 2030.

00:42:56 Alan Ward: A municipal utility does not pay taxes

00:46:05 Laura: Thank you

00:49:32 Patti Olenick: Learn more at www.blackhillsenergy.com/sustainability

01:11:40 Laura: I apologize, I need to drop off now. Appreciate all of the work in this.

01:14:24 Thea Rodriguez: I'd be really interested in the community engagement and education objective.

Next meeting: Wednesday, November 6th 4 – 5:30 pm