MINUTES

ENERGY AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MAY 18, 2005

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman McNelly called the meeting to order at 7:36 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Adamson, McCormack, McNelly, Mitchell, Murphy, Roberts,

Twineham

MEMBERS ABSENT: Hardwick, Pugh

PUBLIC PRESENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Assistant Planner Sowers, Clerical Support Norton

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of April 20, 2005 were approved as submitted.

ACTION ITEMS:

A. Approve Summary of 2004 Accomplishments for Distribution to City Council

After discussion and clarification of the changes, MOTION made by Chairman Roberts, SECONDED by Committee Member Roberts and CARRIED by all those present to ACCEPT the ERMC Activity Report of 2004 as amended.

b. Make recommendation on Sewer Utility and Rate Fee Plan.

The current plan is going to go to City Council for its first reading on June 7, 2005. The City has hired a consultant to inform the public about the fees. There is a 25% fee that is presently charged on the water bills. This fee will continue to fund some sewer expense, street sweeping, tree trimming, and storm drains. The public will continue to pay that fee in addition to the sewer fee. If a fee is not implemented the condition of the sewers can only become worse.

Committee Member McCormick thought that the Committee should have a role informing the public about the program. Vice Chairman McNelly advised that a consultant has been hired to assist in determining the best course of action, but the Committee can certainly monitor the consultant's progress. Once the public information element of the sewer fee is in place, a briefing by the consultant should be scheduled.

MOTION made by Committee Member Adamson SECONDED by Committee Member Roberts and CARRIED by all those present to strongly recommend that Council create a Sewer Utility Rate Fee Plan to fund the infrastructure deficiency.

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Chairman McNelly said he would prepare a letter on behalf of the Committee, to be submitted to the City Council in support of the Sewer Utility Rate Fee Plan.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

a. Distribution of Green Pages

Assistant Planner Sowers reported that she received 5 or 6 calls per day requesting yard waste stickers, and talked to about 30 people. She received good feedback from two callers who thought the brochure was a great idea. Four thousand extra copies of the brochure and are available for distribution to the public at the information desk, library, and the senior center. The local cable company will feature a Green Pages ad.

Committee Member Twineham asked how the Green Pages would be distributed in the fall. Assistant Planner Sowers said it would be up to the committee noting that the Community Service Newsletter is published on a quarterly. Committee Member Twineham suggested placing the publication on the agenda in two months and if possible creating a link to the Green Pages on the City's website as a downloadable PDF.

It was suggested that the Green Pages be placed at Special Events such as Round-Up-Days, Taste of Fullerton, and at the museum. Chairman McNelly said that the Composting Workshop is coming up and suggested that brochures be placed at various tables or booths at the Arboretum.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

COMMITTEE COMMENTS:

Assistant Planner Sowers noted that due to lack of interest the City Council has extended the time for filling termed-out positions on the Committee. Members are asked to encourage their colleagues to fill out an application to serve on the Committee.

The next ERMC meeting is scheduled for July 20, 2005.

ADJOURNED AT: 8:50 A.M.		
	Beverly Norton	
	Clerical Support	