

City of Bainbridge Island Utility Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes – June 11, 2025

Meeting Convened 5:30 pm.

Present: Charles Averill (co-Chair); Andy Maron, Wanda Schulze, Svend Brandt-Erichsen, Martin Pastucha

Also Present: Council liaison Jon Quitslund, Public Works Director Chris Wierzbicki

Agenda and Conflicts of Interest

- No items were added to the agenda
- No conflicts of interest were disclosed

Council Liaison Report

Council Member Quitslund provided the committee with an update on recent Council actions:

- The Council authorized the City Manager to seek bids for sewer improvements
- The Council considered the water and sewer rate study. Andy Maron provided the Council with background regarding the study. After deliberations, the Council acted upon the water and sewer rates, setting new rates that will take effect January 1, 2026.
- An ordinance related to the cable TV franchise agreement with Comcast received first reading. The proposed franchise agreement would have a 5 year term.
- The Council acted upon the recommended reappointment of Ted Jones and Martin Pastucha to the Utility Advisory Committee. Sheina Hughes did not apply for a new term. As a result, there is a vacancy on the Advisory Committee.

Approval of Minutes for April 17, 2025, Meeting

Minutes approved as submitted.

Comprehensive Plan Update

The Committee reviewed their recommended revisions to the utility section of the Comprehensive Plan, including revisions that have been made in response to prior UAC comments.

For the wastewater section, the Committee discussed further refinements related to sewer treatment, in light of the pending KPUD and Sewer District # 7 transitions. The Committee also discussed the collective revisions that have been made to the electricity section.

The Committee also discussed the implementation section of the Plan. The UAC recommended prioritizing implementation actions, and also recommended including an implementation element for stormwater.


Future Actions: Chris Wierzbicki will incorporate further revisions in response to Committee comments. The revised document will likely to be ready for final review at the next meeting.

Public Works Update

Chris Wierzbicki provided a brief update regarding public works activities:

Lower Lovell Sewer Replacement Project - shoreline conditional use permits are in process. The goal is to start construction on the project in the fall of 2025.

Water Tank Project -- The roof of the new water tank is now in place. The next step will be painting inside and outside.

 CO CHAIR