
MEETING MINUTES
November 3, 2022
7:00 PM

I. Call to Order & Orders of the Day

Roll Call

PRESENT: Chair Ruth Merino, Desiree Grahn, Glen Garfunkel, Victor Niemeyer, Vice Chair Anthony Strawa, Richard Zahner

ABSENT: Ted Marena

- STAFF: Deputy Director Joe Flores, Public Information Representative Laura Correa-Hernandez, Public Information Representative Kayla Boardman, Director Lori Mitchell, Deputy Director Jim Caldwell, and Assistant Director Zach Struyk.
- Community member in attendance – Karen Nelson, Marcos Santiago, Nicholas Ochoa, and Carlos Salas.

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Chair Merino convened the Clean Energy Community Advisory Commission at 7:02 p.m. via zoom.

II. Public Record

None on file.

III. Public Comment

Karen Nelson spoke, and Carl Salas spoke.

IV. Consent Calendar

Approve the minutes for the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 29, 2022.

Document Filed: September 29, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes.

Action: Upon motion by Commissioner Niemeyer and seconded by Commissioner Garfunkel and carried, the minutes were unanimously approved (6-0-0).

V. Reports and Information Only

A. Chair Merino. No update.

B. No update

VI. New Business

A. Downtown West Mixed-Use Development (Potential action).

- Public comment from Karen Nelson and Jim Caldwell spoke.
- Commissioners asked questions and discussion ensued.

Upon motion by Commissioner Zahner and seconded by Commissioner Niemeyer. The motion was passed (3-2-1-1).

B. San José Clean Energy Cost of Service Summary Report for 2023 Rates (Potential action)

Upon motion by Commissioner Niemeyer and seconded by Commissioner Strawa and carried, the Commissioners unanimously approved the CECAC recommendation (6-0-0).

VII. Old Business

There was no old business.

VIII. Meeting Schedule and Agenda Items

The next meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2023 at 7:00 PM.

Potential agenda items for next meeting:

- *Programs Roadmap Update*

IX. Adjournment

Chair Merino adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:18 p.m.

RUTH MERINO, CHAIR

ATTEST:
CLEAN ENERGY COMMUNITY ADVISORY SECRETARY

Adrienne Barreto, COMMISSION SECRETARY

CECAC RECOMMENDATION

A. Downtown West Mixed-Use Development (Potential action)

The Commission expresses appreciation for the work to define the costs and benefits of City municipal electric distribution service to new developments in the City of San José, but is concerned the work to define the costs and benefits of City municipal electric distribution service to new developments in the City of San Jose, as presented to the CECAC, is incomplete. We would like to note that the Commission was not provided the August 24, 2022 memo to Council regarding Downtown West Project (DTW).

The Commission recognizes that the City Council asked the staff to propose an ordinance at the December 6, 2022 City Council meeting to allow the formation of a City owned municipal utility. We recognize the proposed ordinance does not commit the City to take further steps to operate a municipal utility.

The Commission expresses no views on the merits of DTW or the merits creating a municipal utility, but strongly advises the Council to seek an independent review of the opportunities and risks before proceeding at this time.

B. San José Clean Energy Cost of Service Summary Report for 2023 Rates (Potential action)

The Clean Energy Community Advisory Commission (Commission) expresses appreciation for the work to conduct the SJCE cost of service study and findings that will allow SJCE to keep rates aligned to underlying costs, build operating reserves for resiliency, and set rates to address local goals.

The Commission agrees with staff recommendation to offer GreenSource at a lower-cost than 2022 and maintain renewable energy content at 60%; maintain TotalGreen's premium relative to GreenSource; and increase the discount for SJ Cares from 5% to 10% below GreenSource, maintain the same power mix as GreenSource.

The Commission appreciates that SJCE customers are expected to see a reduction in monthly generation charges.