

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-012

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIO VISTA APPROVING THE FORMATION OF THE MUNICIPAL RATES AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE AND THE PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF THE COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, on December 20, 2022, City Council meeting, City Council directed staff to return to a future meeting with recommendations to formalize the purpose, scope, and formation of a new committee whose objective would be public outreach and education regarding the City's anticipated Proposition 218 evaluation and rate study for water, wastewater, and garbage rates; and

WHEREAS, at their regular meeting on January 17, 2023, further clarifications were made regarding the proposed committee and City Council subsequently directed staff to begin advertising for three (3) at-large vacancies for the proposed committee.


NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIO VISTA that the City Council hereby finds, determines, and resolves as follows:

1. A new standing committee to be named the Municipal Rates and Utilities Committee will be established; and
2. Membership of the new Municipal Rates and Utilities Committee will be comprised of two (2) City Council Members and three (3) at-large residents, to be nominated by Mayor and approved by City Council; and
3. The Municipal Rates and Utilities Committee will adhere to their Purpose and Scope **attached** hereto as Exhibit 1; and
4. The Municipal Rates and Utilities Committee will dissolve when its defined purpose has been served, or the City Council determines it is no longer needed.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 7th day of **March 2023**. I, **PAM CARONONGAN**, **CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF RIO VISTA**, **HEREBY CERTIFY** the foregoing resolution was introduced and passed at a regular meeting of the Rio Vista City Council by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Council Members Dolk, Donnelly, Okamura, Vice Mayor Stanish and Mayor Kott
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

ATTEST:



Pam Caronongan, CMC, City Clerk





CITY OF RIO VISTA

MUNICIPAL RATES AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The Municipal Rates and Utilities Committee was established by the City Council of the City of Rio Vista on March 7, 2023. This Committee, which has been created for a specific purpose as set forth below, will cease to exist once its purpose has been achieved or per City Council directive, whichever comes first.

Committee Purpose and Scope

The purpose of the Municipal Rates and Utilities Committee is to review and provide input to staff as the City updates its' water, wastewater (sewer), stormwater, and solid waste rates. The Committee will also provide a forum to keep the public informed as these studies proceed and will help to educate Rio Vista residents. The Committee will also work with staff to ensure the proper processing of any rate increases are handled in compliance with the provisions of Proposition 218.

The Committee will receive presentations from City staff and the City's consultant(s) on the subject matter (the rate studies, impacts on and of potential rate changes, legal obligations of Proposition 218), and information relevant and necessary to the subject matter.

The Committee will endeavor to inform and educate Rio Vista residents on the subject matter as the projects progress and new information becomes available. This will include conducting informational presentations and feedback to City staff regarding public outreach, and monthly reports to City Council regarding the Committee's findings and activities. Additionally, the Committee, by motion and consensus, will make recommendations for City Council's consideration regarding community outreach, education, and advocacy.

Once new rates have been implemented, the Committee's scope will cease to exist, and the Committee will be dissolved. Should the City Council determine at any time before then that there is no longer a need for the Committee, they may choose to terminate the Committee.

Membership

The Committee will be comprised of five (5) voting members; two (2) are City Council Members and three (3) are at-large residents. Appointments will be made by City Council's approval of the Mayor's nominations. Upon the Committee's formation, the Mayor will appoint the Chairperson and that member will serve as Chair for the duration of the Committee. Should a vacancy occur on the Committee before the Committee is dissolved or terminated, the Mayor will nominate a new appointment to be approved by Council vote.

Meetings

The Committee shall determine the time and date when meetings will be held. Unless otherwise designated meetings will be held in the City Council Chambers in City Hall.

All Committee Members and meetings are subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act, which governs how meetings of a public body are held. Generally, all meetings must be open to the public with advanced notice unless excepted. Special meetings are noticed at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting. Regular meetings are noticed at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the meeting.