

Minutes of the Oil and Gas Advisory Committee
City of Aurora, Colorado
January 15, 2020

Meeting was called to order at 4:07 p.m.

The following were present:

Brad Pierce, Committee Member, Chair, Citizen
Josh Reddell, Committee Member, Vice-Chairman, Citizen
Polly Page, Committee Member, Citizen
William Gollhofer, Committee Member, Citizen
Tom Tobiassen, Committee Member, Citizen
Jim Rogers, Committee Member, Industry
Max Blair, Committee Member, Industry via telephone
Philip Holmes, Committee Member, Industry
Justin Wells, Committee Member, Surface Owner
Marc Cooper, Committee Member, Surface Owner
James Spehalski, Committee Member, Surface Owner
Stephen Rodriguez, Local Government Designee, City of Aurora Planning and Development Services
Ian Best, City of Aurora, Assistant City Attorney
Juliana Berry, City of Aurora Planning and Development Services
Eric Farstad, CTEH
Dr. Tami McMullin, CTEH
Ryan Seastrom, COGA
William Allison, FTI
Ashley Campbell, Crestone
Patty Youa, Extraction
Kathy Denzer, ConocoPhillips Co

1. Brad Pierce, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m. There was a quorum.
2. Chairman Pierce introduced himself and asked those present to introduce themselves.
3. Corrections were made to the November 20, 2019 meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Ms. Page and seconded by Mr. Tobiassen to approve the minutes as amended.

Motion passed unanimously with Chairman Pierce abstaining.

4. Juliana Berry reported the Planning Director has conditionally approved two more ConocoPhillips Oil and Gas Permits. Two additional applications are under review and will probably be conditionally approved once the reviews are completed. There are two more applications from ConocoPhillips that are expected to be under review soon. Both of the pipeline applications are going through the review process. A new operator called GMT has submitted an application for 16 wells; the site is located in the Majestic Commercenter. This application is under review.

Ms. Berry further reported that staff continues to attend Rule Making Meetings and COGCC hearings.

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Stephen Rodriguez reported that management is still working on forming the Oil and Gas Division.

Mr. Rogers asked if the Committee will get a preliminary review of the Oil and Gas Division as it is proposed and how it will be organized. Ms. Berry responded that more information should be available by the next meeting. Mr. Rodriguez stated that applications for the Manager of the new division are currently being reviewed.

Mr. Rogers asked if the new division will be taking over all of the responsibilities regarding oil and gas that Planning has been performing. Mr. Rodriguez answered affirmatively.

Chairman Pierce asked about GMT and if they had an operator agreement. Ms. Berry answered that GMT has agreed to follow the Axis Operator Agreement and timelines.

Chairman Pierce asked if the manager of the Oil and Gas Division will be the one to hire the remaining staff for the division. Staff answered affirmatively. Mr. Pierce also noted that the current Planning and Legal staff that supports the Committee will also be affected and looks forward to more information at the next meeting.

5. Public Comment Period.

None.

6. Dr. Tami McMullin and Eric Farstad gave a presentation: Evaluating the Public Health Impact of Oil and Gas Emissions.

A question and answer period followed.

7. Chairman Pierce announced that the 8th Annual Energy and Environment Symposium will be held in Rifle, CO on April 15th and 16th. Mr. Rodriguez stated that he will send out an email to gauge the Committee's interest in attending.

8. Discussion Regarding Topics for Future Meetings.

Mr. Reddell stated that attorney Howard Boigon, who is heavily involved in the oil and gas industry will be the guest speaker for the March meeting.

The following were topics that are of interest for future meetings:

Have Council Members and or the Mayor attend the meeting.

Operator Agreements

Direction from Council regarding the structure of the Committee.

Ms. Page stated that there has been a lot of discussion at Council meetings regarding the structure of the Oil and Gas Advisory Committee and that she would like Councilmembers Marcano and Johnston to attend a meeting with the Committee to discuss the make-up of the Committee.

A general discussion ensued.

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Chairman Pierce stated that he submitted a 3rd Quarter Activity Report to the Planning and Economic Development Policy Committee last week. Activities of the Committee noted in the report were changes to the bylaws regarding quorums, election of officers, and recommendations for appointments to the Committee. The 4th Quarter Activity Report will include a summary of the November 2019 meeting, and the public comment during that meeting.

9. The general meeting was formally adjourned at 5:16 p.m. until March 18, 2020.

Minutes Approved

Brad Pierce, Chairman

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