



Hildale / Colorado City Utility Advisory Board / Planning & Zoning Work Session

Thursday, December 11, 2025 at 5:00 PM

320 East Newel Avenue, Hildale City, Utah 84784

Minutes

Welcome, Introduction and Preliminary Matters: Presiding Officer

Chair Nielsen called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Roll Call of Board Attendees: Utility Management Assistant

PRESENT

Utility Advisory Board:

Chair Ezra Nielsen

Board Member (Vice Chair) Sterling Jessop, Jr.

Board Member Ruth Steed (arrived at 5:15 pm)

Board Member Dale Barlow, Jr.

Board Member Theil Cooke (arrived at 5:55 pm)

Planning Commission:

Chair Elissa Wall

Commissioner Teresa Barlow

Commissioner Thomas Timpson

Staff & Public Present:

Jerry Postema

Nathan Fischer

Athena Cawley

Miranda Jeffs

Riley Vane

Pledge of Allegiance: By Invitation of Presiding Officer

Chair Nielsen led the pledge.

Work Session:

1. Water Conservation Plan will be discussed.

NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN

Director Postema introduced the purpose of the work session: to review and discuss a draft Water Conservation Plan/Ordinance being developed to satisfy Utah Division of Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) requirements and to establish enforceable conservation standards, primarily focused on landscaping. He noted the importance of having conservation requirements in ordinance to remain eligible for future grants and to demonstrate serious intent to conserve water while prioritizing potable use for people rather than non-essential irrigation.

Riley Vane of Jones & DeMille Engineering presented on requirements related to the Towns' pursuit of SRF-funded projects through the Division of Drinking Water. As a funding condition, the Towns must create or update an Asset Management Plan and a Water Conservation Plan, both subject to State review.

The presentation summarized conservation goals, including the statewide target of a 25 percent reduction in water use from 2005 to 2025. The Lower Colorado River South region baseline is approximately 262 gallons per capita per day (gpcd) for the 2015–2030 period. Local usage in Colorado City and Hildale is currently much lower due to ongoing watering restrictions, with observed use around 98 (gpcd). An inferred unrestricted baseline of approximately 130 (gpcd) was identified, with a proposed annual reduction target of 0.5 percent to reach approximately 126 (gpcd).

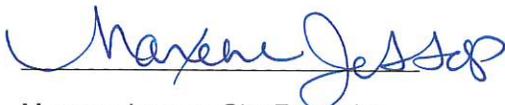
Additional plan content included base rate information, source production data, and tables consolidating impact fee and ERC/ERU information. Director Postema clarified the distinction between Equivalent Residential Connections (ERCs) and Equivalent Residential Units (ERUs), noting that while the terms are often used interchangeably, Utah Code applies ERCs to water connections and ERUs to sewer connections. The Board and staff acknowledged the common interchange of the terms and agreed that maintaining clarity in documents is important to avoid confusion.

The Board and Planning Commission members asked clarifying questions, particularly regarding ERC/ERU terminology. Superintendent Fischer provided informal, informational comments on GIS mapping accuracy and survey control, referencing fixed base points and centimeter-level precision, and expressed interest in future data comparisons and shared standards. Planning Commission Chair Wall and Commissioners Timpson and Barlow participated, noting interest in providing a future recap to their Commission and emphasizing the value of discussion beyond written minutes.

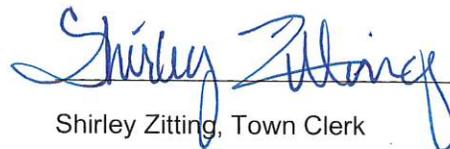
Adjournment: Presiding Officer

Chair Nielsen adjourned the meeting at 6:15 pm.

Minutes were approved at the Utility Board Meeting January 29, 2026.



Maxene Jessop, City Recorder



Shirley Zitting, Town Clerk

