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Tuesday June 16, 2026 6:30 pm

MINUTES

1. CALL CITY COUNCIL MEETING TO ORDER

A. Welcome and Roll Call – Deferred

B. Prayer – Deferred

C. Pledge – Deferred

D. Attendance- City Council Members Present: Mayor Nile

Mathisen, Alfred Kettle, Steven Secrest, and Shaun Murray.

Ben Allred was excused.

Water Board Members Present: Chairman Mark Reidhead, Cory

O' Driscoll, and Shane Jenson.

Jesse Danley and Andrew Ercanbrack were excused.

Staff: Public Works Director Ben Mower. Secretaries Tasha Crum and Kaelyn Meyers.

Visitors: Jeffrey Baker, Craig Nebeker, Royce Hammer, Doug Moore and Mike Verhoes.

Kristi More, Gabrielle Bronstein, and Mike Miller attended remotely via Team Meetings.

2. FUNDING DISCUSSION- The Ferguson Group (TFG)

Kristy More, Gabrielle Bronstein and Mike Miller, with The Ferguson Group, joined the meeting via Microsoft Teams to present an overview of how the organization supports clients and communities through grant funding, particularly for water and wastewater projects. TFG provides weekly grant updates, custom funding guides, and strategic funding plans to match projects available programs. They explained that the firm has been in business for 44 years, works exclusively with local governments and public agencies, and has secured billions of dollars in grant funding. They emphasized the firm's strong grant success rate, especially for water projects with the Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and EPA, attributing this to early strategic positioning, preparing projects in advance of funding announcements, and integrating advocacy with grants to closely tracking federal budget. The firm will email further information to Ballard City Secretary so that the Board Members and City Council can contact TFG directly with questions and review the PowerPoint presentation and related materials.

Council Member Steve Secrest reported that TFG pursues to find grants that match both the City of Ballard, and Ballard Water & Sewer Improvement District's

needs and works with Congress and funding agencies to secure those funds. He noted that potential funding for water projects might become available as early as 2028. He also mentioned that TFG'S advocates have researched Ballard and believe that, given the City's planned growth, the incoming railroad, and oil field activity, Ballard is a strong candidate for federal support because investments here would have a significant positive impact. Council Member Steve Secrest explained that the next step for Water Board and City Council is to request detailed cost information from grant advocates.

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