

JOINT UTILITIES & TECHNOLOGY AND SPECIAL CALLED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2022 | 2:00 p.m.  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

## MINUTES

COUNCIL PRESIDENT WARDINE T. ALEXANDER, COMMITTEE CHAIR  
COUNCILORS DARRELL O'QUINN & HUNTER WILLIAMS, COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Councilor(s) Present: Alexander, O'Quinn, Williams

### I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Committee Chair, Council President Alexander.

### II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Action Taken:**

**Councilor Williams Motioned to Approve.**

**Councilor O'Quinn Seconded the Motion.**

**The June 22, 2022 Joint Utilities & Technology and Special Called Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes were approved as recorded.**

### III. NEW BUSINESS

None

### IV. BUSINESS: STATUS OF ONGOING PROJECTS

#### a. BIRMINGHAM WATER WORKS

**Rick Jackson presented an updated on the Birmingham Water Works to the Committee.**

The BWW has encountered challenges with billing, particularly meter reading, and is diligently working to rectify those issues.

The number of customers who had not been billed or had started to receive multiple bills has decreased from 13,000 down to approximately 2,100 (1% of customer base).

The BWW has finalized a new bill design. With the new bill design, it will eliminate the possibility of customers ever receiving multiple bills. The new bill is easier to understand. The release date is September 1, 2022.

The BWW is entering budget season; preparing for the 2023 budget.

The BWW is trying to complete as many construction projects as possible before the current budget is over.

The Board invested \$30 million into water main replacements.

**Action Taken:**

**No Action Taken – Information Only.**

#### b. JEFFERSON COUNTY SEWER

No Report

#### c. AT&T

No Report

MINUTES

d. **VERIZON**  
**No Report**

e. **SPIRE**  
**No Report**

f. **TRAFFIC ENGINEER**  
**No Report**

g. **CROWN CASTLE**  
**No Report**

h. **SPECTRUM**  
Robert Smith presented an update to the Committee.  
Spectrum continues to maintain and improve its network of service.  
Spectrum's mobile service continues to grow.  
Spectrum is currently hiring service technicians.  
Spectrum received FCC funding.  
Spectrum offers Affordable Connectivity Program. The Federal Government will distribute vouchers to individual who meet certain requirements, and they can receive service for \$29.95. For additional information, citizens can call 877-959-1748.

V. **ADJOURNMENT**  
**Councilor Williams Motioned to Adjourn.**  
**Councilor O'Quinn Seconded the Motion.**  
**The Meeting was Adjourned.**