

STAFF REPORT UTILITY MEETING

AGENDA DATE: March 28, 2023

DEPARTMENT: City Commission

TITLE:

Discussion regarding rooftop solar procedure brought forward by Vice Mayor McVoy

SUMMARY:

Vice Mayor McVoy is seeking to change the procedure for approving rooftop solar.

BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION:

Vice Mayor McVoy would like to have the Commission vote on changing the procedure for approving rooftop solar to allow homeowners (and businesses) to be free to set the size of their systems (within the Tier limits) as they see fit. Currently the utility ties it to the average of the previous 12 months of electric bills. A tie to retroactive usage does not make sense if a household is moving toward electrification. Simple examples would be buying an electric vehicle, installing heat pumps, or switching from gas to induction stove. It would be very reasonable for a homeowner to want to size their solar system to encompass these future increased needs.

The Vice Mayor requested that staff prepare a resolution for the policy change, if needed, and is seeking approval from the Commission.

MOTION:

Direction is sought regarding changing the procedure for approving rooftop solar.