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RECOMMENDED ACTION: Discuss and Consider Approving Resolution #2023-176, Dissolving the Rate Advisory Committee, Establishing the Community Advisory Panel, and Other Matters in Connection Therewith

BACKGROUND

In April 2022, the New Braunfels Utilities (“NBU”) Board of Trustees (“Board”) approved Resolution #2022-157, establishing the NBU Rate Advisory Committee (“RAC”). The RAC is an 18-member committee whose purpose was to review NBU’s rate structure and provide feedback to the Board for the 2023 rate structure, design, and proposed rate plan for fiscal years 2024-2025. In February 2023, the RAC submitted their feedback to the NBU Board and completed their task for this specific initiative, ending the need for the RAC until the next rate plan will be considered.

NBU regularly performs a comprehensive review of major initiatives internally, but would like to receive more community input on important topics moving forward. In order to accomplish this endeavor, staff would like to recommend dissolving the RAC and create a Community Advisory Panel (“CAP”), tasked with reviewing certain NBU initiatives, including but not limited to, NBU’s Integrated Resource Plan (“IRP”), the drought ordinance, and the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Rate Plan.

At a future Board meeting, staff will recommend the appointment of thirteen (13) community members to the CAP. City Council will nominate seven (7) members, four (4) members will be nominated by the NBU Board, and two (2) at-large participants, through an application process and nomination by the NBU Board, will be appointed to serve staggered terms on the CAP. In addition, the NBU Board will appoint the Chair and Vice Chair, and approve the bylaws for the CAP.

NBU staff recommends approval to dissolve the RAC, create the CAP, and direct staff to provide governance materials and appointee nominations to be considered at a future board meeting.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Customers and Community

Financial Excellence

Stewardship

EXHIBITS

None