

Trades Advisory Council
September 26, 2003
Minutes

Present were: Lance Hornbuckle, Eric Holt, Jim Mclean, Tony Smith, Eba Hobbs, Gary Ragland, Mary Ellen Jackson, Mike Morris, Hal Balthrop and Martha Segal.

The changes in policy and procedure effective October 1, 2003 were discussed and are attached to this document. There has been controversy concerning the proposed metering of fire connection. The rationale for implementing this policy was reviewed. There is discussion outside of MWS concerning a possible delay in the implementation of the policy for fire metering due to concerns about impeding future development in this county. MWS has agreed to meet with ABC organization to discuss this issue. The remainder of the policies will be implemented as scheduled.

Eric Holt asked for MWS consideration concerning split services for irrigation for Commercial situations. Such issues as pressure loss, consumption and volume were discussed. MWS will visit this internally.

Hal Balthrop discussed variation in the policy concerning the placement of backflows. The present 100 foot rule was discussed as well as the need for the service line to be of material in accordance with MWS standards. There can be consideration for a variance in domestic placement.

Hal discussed the testing RFP that was on the street. There was much concern and discussion of this issue. Some felt MWS should pattern themselves after other cities in allowing the testing to be done privately with results given to the water authority. Hal will research other cities processes.

Plans approval was discussed. If changes are made after the plans are approved, the changes must be resubmitted for Committee review and approval.