

TRADES ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 18, 2006

Present: Gary Ragland, Mary Ellen Jackson, Ilke Hanloser, Roscoe Jones, Jim Tamulis, Rick Jones, Gail McQuiston, Richard Smith, Martha Segal, Hal Balthrop, Eba Hobbs and Kelly Sloan

Mary Ellen brought the meeting to order. Minutes of the last meeting were reviewed and were approved with changes.

A focus group of the Trades Advisory Council will take place February 15, 2006, 10:00 a.m. until 11:30 a. m., in the MWS Customer Service Center 2nd floor conference room located at 1700 Third Avenue North. Lunch will be served after the meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to assess the Council's meeting structure and effectiveness. It is important for everyone to attend this meeting, if at all possible, as their input is valuable.

Gary Ragland explained the policy for New Fire Service Lines. The policy allows customers to bypass the high expenses of the full flow device. For fire service only, the preferred configuration is:

- Full flow fire meter and RP at or near point of connection (high hazard) Preferred
- Full flow meter and Double Check if no high hazard conditions on site (low hazard) Preferred
- Double detector check (low hazard) Minimum requirements

Ilke Hanslor stated she would like a letter stating the configuration was approved.

Backflow Guidelines and Requirements were reviewed and approved as is. It was suggested that a Codes Department representative attend the TAC meetings.

Residential Meter Guidelines and Requirements were reviewed. Changes were made. The last two items were deferred to the next meeting. The changes will be made and a draft attached to these minutes

Gary reported that it will be six months to one year before the plastic meter box can be approved. The vendor is scheduled to attend the TAC meeting in March.

A meeting will be scheduled in February to go over the Commercial Meter Guidelines and Requirements and meter boxes.