

**Tulare Chamber of Commerce
Governmental Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 13, 2016 at 12:00 pm, 1165 N. Blackstone St., Tulare**

Call to order: Ben Brubaker called the meeting to order at 12:16 PM

Updates:

- Chamber of Commerce – Ben Brubaker, Rachel Souza
- Tulare Downtown Association – Renee Soto
- City of Tulare – Presentation by Trisha Whitfield to follow
- County of Tulare – Supervisor Pete Vander Poel III
- Board of Equalization – Tom Mendes
- Congressional: Congressman Devin Nunes – Rudy Mendoza

Minutes: Upon motion being duly made and seconded, minutes for May were approved.

Presentation:

- **Trisha Whitfield, Field Representative for the City of Tulare presented on the Utility Rate Study for Water and Sewer Services**
 - Background on the last time rates were increased and the years of deferred maintenance in the City of Tulare
 - What is the plan?
 - Rehabilitation &
 - Economic
 - Advancement
 - Program
 - Went over City of Tulare Economic Development Policy, goal is to make base stronger to grow the community
 - Discussed projects to be considered in rate increase
 - Prop 218 notice has been mailed to residents and is available on the City of Tulare website
 - Timeline for proposed rates, 7/21 @3pm BPU Public Hearing

Discussion and/or Action Items:

- Request for position on the proposed water and sewer rate changes for the City of Tulare (Prop 218). **Upon motion being duly made and seconded, proposed water and sewer rate changes (Prop 218) was endorsed.** Motion: Dennis Mederos. Second: Mike Lane. Philip Smith asked to be excluded from the vote as he serves on the Board of Public Utilities. Motion carries to support the proposed water and sewer rate changes (Prop 218).

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 1:12 pm.