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**SAFETY, UTILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 18, 2018**

Present: Chairman Dennis Sullivan and committee members Nick Nunnari and Mark Getsay.

Also present: Council President Mike Killeen; Councilmembers Ken Brady, Mike O'Donnell, Lynda Appel; Mayor Dennis Clough; Assistant Law Director Robin Leasure; Director of Purchasing Larry Surber; Brenda Fargo from Strategic Aggregation Consultants; and Pat McNamara from NOPEC.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

I. Discuss joining the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) for the gas aggregation program.

Discussion of NOPEC for the gas aggregation program included statements as to the present status of the city's electric choice. The city presently has an electric aggregation contract with First Energy Solutions (FES) since 2003 that expires in April, 2021. FES has filed for chapter 11 bankruptcy and is being sold to Exelon with Constellation administering the aggregation plan. Our contract stipulates 6% off residential and 4% off commercial rates. Presently, residents are being notified by mail of the switch to Constellation.

The city does not participate in a gas aggregation program. The city's last attempt to save Westlake residents money in such a program dates back to 2002. At that time, it was decided that the intended goals were not being met. After continual evaluations, Ms. Fargo now recommends that the city consider gas aggregation with NOPEC. The city is under no obligation to amend its agreement for electric aggregation. Also, the city is under no obligation to contract for gas aggregation.

Both Ms. Fargo and Mr. McNamara were asked to follow up with financial and cost analysis documentation pertaining to NOPEC.

The meeting was for informational purposes only. No vote was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis J. Sullivan, Chairman