UTILITY PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULE CONTINUES
City, Citizens seek resident feedback about utility transfer, infrastructure investment

INDIANAPOLIS – Mayor Greg Ballard and Carey Lykins, Citizens Energy Group president and CEO, will continue to hold public meetings to discuss the proposed transfer of the water and wastewater utilities to Citizens.

“Invoking the public during each step of the process is extremely important to the success of the transfer. We have received invaluable feedback at the more than 30 public meetings we have attended regarding the transfer, and those questions and concerns voiced will help us shape the final agreement,” said Mayor Ballard. “This proposal will shape the future of our neighborhoods and city by ensuring predictable and consistent utilities while providing $425 million to invest in our crumbling streets, sidewalks and bridges. I encourage our residents to attend a public meeting, learn more about the utility transfer and ask questions.”

The public meeting schedule includes:

May 10, 7-8:30 p.m.: IPS School 42, 1001 West 25th St.
May 11, 7-8:30 p.m.: Southport Presbyterian Church, 7525 McFarland Blvd.

“We appreciate all who have attended our public meetings and voiced their opinions. Listening to feedback regarding the water and wastewater utilities is an important part of the process for Citizens. These additional public forums will allow us to continue to hear from our owners, the citizens of our community, about their concerns and questions regarding the utilities and the public charitable trust” said Lykins

Representatives from the Mayor’s administration and Citizens will also attend town hall meetings hosted by City-County Councillors to discuss the transfer of the utilities to Citizens. Town hall meetings include:

May 10, 6-7:30 p.m.: Councillor Maggie Lewis’ Town Hall Meeting
Pike Township Government Center, 5665 Lafayette Rd.
May 18, 6-7:30 p.m.: Councillor Ryan Vaughn’s Town Hall Meeting
Broad Ripple High School, 1115 Broad Ripple Ave.
May 19, 7-8:30 p.m.: Councillor William Oliver’s Town Hall Meeting
Washington Park Community Center, 3130 E. 30th St.
On March 10, 2010, Mayor Ballard and Lykins signed a Memorandum of Understanding to transfer the water and wastewater utilities to Citizens. Before final approval of the transfer, the City must receive approval from the Board of Waterworks, City-Council Council and IURC. The Board of Public Works unanimously approved the transfer on April 14. As a result of the transfer, the City will receive more than $425 million that will be directly invested in the City’s crumbling infrastructure. In addition, Citizens agrees to assume approximately $1.5 billion of City debt (combined debt of waterworks and wastewater).

Currently, the City-County Council Rules Committee is considering ordinances filed by Councillor Mike Speedy to approve the PILOT financing and permit the City to proceed with negotiations to transfer of the City’s water and wastewater utilities to Citizens. The Council will analyze the utility transfer and must approve any final agreement.

For more information on the utility transfer or to view videos from the public forums, visit www.indy.gov/utilities.

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