# Concept of Change: Utilities Governance September 16th, 2024



July 22<sup>nd</sup>: Presented current state, governance model options, and considerations of each.

Council directs Administration to create a transition plan and necessary supporting budget requirements for the establishment of a Municipally Controlled Corporation as a means of further exploring modernization of The City's utility governance models to be presented to Council before the end of 2024.

## Today's Decision

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### The Process So Far

Presentation to Council July 22, 2024



DECIDE: Public Hearing & Council Decision on MCC, Q2 2025

DIRECT: Consideration of Implementation Plan & Budget Q4 2024



**Implementation**, beginning Q4 2025

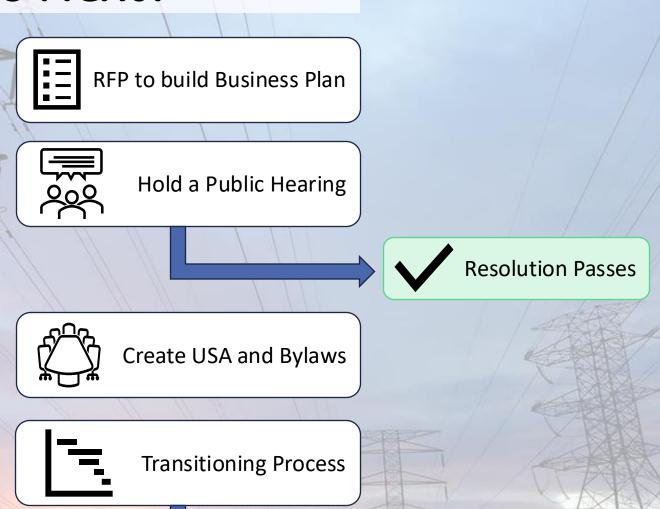
### A Municipally Controlled Corporation

A Municipally Controlled Corporation is a corporation in which and municipality is the sole or majority shareholder. The MGA provides guidance for the creation and operation of and MCC.

#### An MCC must:

- ✓ Conduct its operations 'to provide services, facilities, or other things that, in the opinion of council, are necessary or desirable for all or part of a municipality'
- ✓ Provide services to the benefit of residents and the profits and dividends provide a direct benefit to the residents

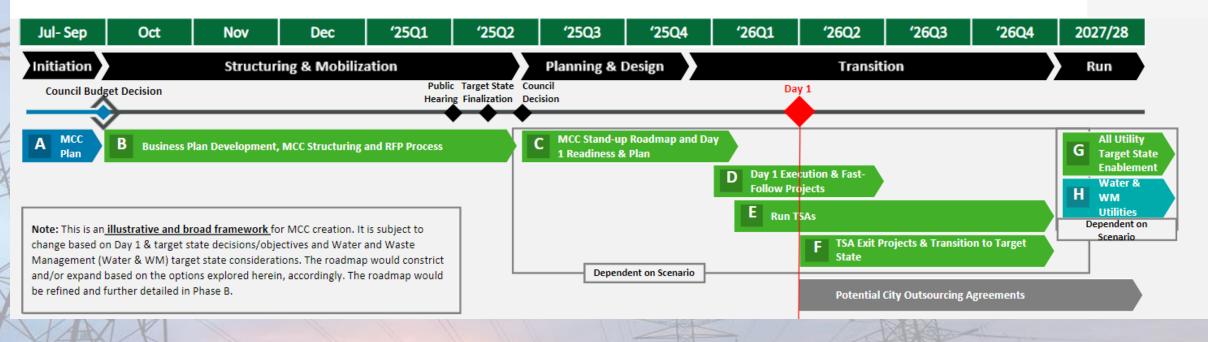
### What's Next?



Day 1- Take Off!

### Timeline for the Process

#### Potential MCC Execution Framework



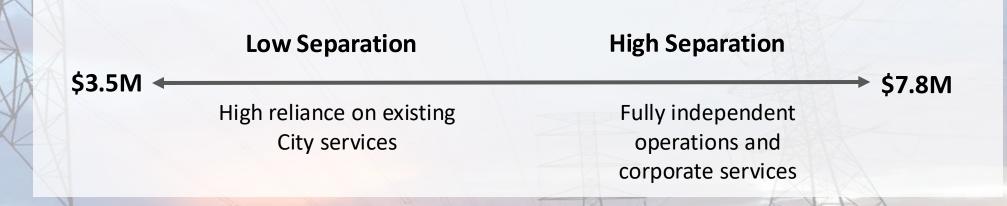
### Transition Decisions to be Made

The transition process itself will include making and enacting business decisions around:

- Potential Structure, Board Composition and Criteria
  - All Council, some Council and some independent, all independent
  - Criteria for independent members
- Degree of Separation
  - Different functions (IT, HR, etc) can be separated to a different degree
- Reliance on 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Services and Transition Service Agreements
  - Decisions on which services to outsource to City through TSAs or other providers
- Pace of Transition and Inclusion of Other Utilities
  - Accelerated stand up, or include and wait on other utilities?

### What will this cost?

- There is a range for the potential cost of \$3.5M to \$7.8M which will be influenced by decisions made through the transition process
- Degree of separation refers to the level of reliance on The City once the MCC is formed; will impact transition budget



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