

City of Arts & Innovation

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES MINUTES

MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2024, 6:30 P.M.
PUBLIC COMMENT IN-PERSON/TELEPHONE
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER
3900 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE, CA 92522

PRESENT: Chair Gildardo Ocegüera, Vice Chair Rebecca Goldware and Board Members Peter Wohlgemuth, Brian Siana, Sandra Polichetti, Gary Montgomery, Nancy Melendez, and Rosemary Heru

ABSENT: None

Chair Ocegüera called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

Board Member Siana led the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Vice Chair Goldware nominated Chair Ocegüera to continue as Chair of the Board of Public Utilities.

Following discussion, it was moved by Board Member Melendez and seconded by Board Member Wohlgemuth to close the nominations for the position of Chair and elect Gildardo Ocegüera as Chair of the Board of Public Utilities. The motion carried with Chair Ocegüera, Vice Chair Goldware, and Board Members Wohlgemuth, Siana, Montgomery, Melendez, and Heru voting aye and Board Member Polichetti abstaining.

Board Member Melendez nominated Vice Chair Goldware to continue as Vice Chair of the Board of Public Utilities.

Following further discussion, it was moved by Chair Ocegüera and seconded by Board Member Wohlgemuth to close the nominations for the position of Vice Chair and elect Rebecca Goldware as Vice Chair of the Board of Public Utilities. The motion carried with Chair Ocegüera, Vice Chair Goldware, and Board Members Wohlgemuth, Siana, Montgomery, Melendez, and Heru voting aye and Board Member Polichetti abstaining.

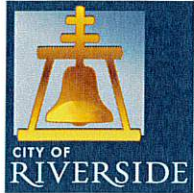
COMMUNICATIONS

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Human Resources Director Rene Goldman provided the Human Resources Department update.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Malissa McKeith spoke regarding training for board members, meeting minutes, untreated water, and formula for charging Riverside Public Utilities back for services rendered.



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CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Board Member Wohlgemuth and seconded by Board Member Montgomery to approve the Consent Calendar as presented below affirming the actions appropriate to each item. The motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of February 26, 2024, were approved as presented.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PUBLIC POWER AUTHORITY SEMI-ANNUAL EXPENDITURE REPORT

The Board of Public Utilities (1) received and ordered filed the Southern California Public Power Authority semi-annual expenditure report for the period of July 2023 through December 2023 and; (2) requested the Southern California Public Power Authority semi-annual expenditure report be forwarded a recommendation to the City Council for consideration.

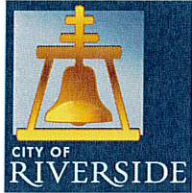
DISCUSSION CALENDAR

GAGE CANAL COMPANY'S CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023/24

Following discussion, it was moved by Board Member Melendez and seconded by Vice Chair Goldware that the Board of Public Utilities (1) recommend that the City Council approve the Gage Canal Company's capital expenditure budget for Fiscal Year 2023/24; and (2) directed staff to return to the Board of Public Utilities for further discussion on the capital needs of the City water infrastructure serving the Gage Canal Company shareholders. The motion carried unanimously.

LICENSE AGREEMENT - USE OF PORTION OF RIVERSIDE WATER COMPANY CANAL - 21801 BARTON ROAD, GRAND TERRACE

Following discussion, it was moved by Board Member Siana and seconded by Board Member Montgomery that the Board of Public Utilities recommend that City Council (1) approve the License Agreement with W-H GT Owner IX, L. P., for use of a portion of the Riverside Water Company Canal, also known as Assessor's Parcel Number 1167-121-08, for a twenty-five-year term - consisting of total revenue of \$270,824.51; and (2) authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the License Agreement, including making minor and non-substantive changes, and to sign all documents necessary to complete the transaction. The motion carried unanimously.



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BOARD MEMBER/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

SYSTEMATIC REPORTING ON MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, AND SEMINARS BY BOARD MEMBERS AND/OR STAFF

Chair Oceguera reported on the Ground Water Management Committee meeting, Water Awareness Week, and increasing influence and building consensus training in Washington.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES CONSIDERATION

Chair Oceguera requested (1) the 2024 Workplan vision statement be discussed; and (2) an ongoing list of requests be added to this item.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Following discussion and without formal motion, the Board of Public Utilities received and ordered filed the General Manager's reports including: (1) WA-12 Agricultural Service Water Rate report as of January 31, 2024; (2) Water Supply Report for January 2024; (3) Customer Engagement Report updates through January 2024; (4) Southern California Public Power Authority Agenda and Minutes; (5) a list of upcoming City Council and Board meetings; and (6) Electric and Water utility acronyms.

The Board of Public Utilities adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DIANA ALEGRIA
Deputy City Clerk