

CITY OF RIVERSIDE
BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Minutes of: Regular Meeting of the Board of Public Utilities

Date of Meeting: August 10, 2020

Time of Meeting: 6:31 p.m.

Place of Meeting: Virtual Meeting – Microsoft Teams

CHAIR CALLED MEETING TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Present: Board Chair David Crohn
Vice Chair Elizabeth Sanchez-Monville
David Austin
Jeanette Hernandez
Andrew Walcker

Absent: Ana Miramontes, Jo-Lynne Russo-Pereyra

Gil Oceguera (*Joined late due to technical difficulties*)
Peter Wohlgemuth (*Joined late due to technical difficulties*)
David Austin (*Joined late due to technical difficulties*)

Board Chair Crohn called for a short recess.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG WAS GIVEN

E-COMMENT

E-comment was received from Jason Hunter for Item 3 and a portion read into the record.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Telephone call was taken from Jason Hunter (Ward 1) commented about Utility rates.

CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made to approve Item 2:

Motion – Walcker Second – Austin

Ayes: Crohn, Hernandez, Oceguera, Sanchez-Monville

Absent: Miramontes, Russo-Pereyra

Peter Wohlgemuth (*Joined late due to technical difficulties and did not vote on this item*)

OTHER ITEMS

2. Approve a Professional Consultant Services Agreement with C.E. Mechanical, Inc. of Chino, California for air compressor maintenance at Riverside Energy Resource Center Units 3 and 4 and Springs Power Plant for \$364,236 for a five-year term ending on July 1, 2025.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

Item 4 was taken prior to Item 3 due to technical difficulties.

4. That the Board of Public Utilities approve additional funding in the amount of \$91,850 for Work Order No. 2001119 for tracking expenses and invoices associated with the 69kV Materials Yard scope of work; and approve the capital expenditure of \$676,850 for Work Order No. 642975 for Riverside Transmission Reliability Project and Increase contract amount for Bid No. RPU-7680 for 69kV Materials Yard to Western Construction Specialist, Inc. in amount of \$83,500, to accommodate for supplementary yard management and material handling services.

Ami Bhanvadia, Principal Engineer, Energy Delivery, gave a presentation that included background and scope of this portion of Riverside Transmission Reliability Project. She explained the fiscal impact of this item and the expected length of project.

A motion was made to approve Item 4:

Motion – Austin Second – Oceguera

Ayes: Crohn, Hernandez, Oceguera, Sanchez-Monville, Walcker

Absent: Miramontes, Russo-Pereyra

Peter Wohlgemuth (*Joined late due to technical difficulties and did not vote on this item*)

3. Discuss the City Council's request for the Board to approve the full cost associated with the Professional Consultant Services Agreement for RFP 1963 for a forensic review of the City of Riverside's participation in the Southern California Public Power Authority with Eide Bailly, LLP, in an amount not to exceed \$115,500 and a term ending December 31, 2020.

Brandi Becker, Principal Management Analyst, gave the background information, history, auditor selection details and scope of services on Item 3.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (Item 3)

Telephone call was taken from Jason Hunter (Ward 1) commented on the RFP process and support for approving the item as presented.

Discussion ensued, with Board members in agreement the audit is necessary. More discussion with General Manager Todd Corbin regarding reimbursement of audit and City Attorney Susan Wilson regarding the impact of declining to approve the expenditure for the agreement followed.

A motion was made to move Item 3 to the next Board of Public Utilities meeting to enable Board Member Dave Austin's participation (at the time experiencing technical difficulties):

Motion – Walcker Second – Sanchez-Monville

Ayes: Austin, Crohn, Hernandez, Oceguera, Wohlgemuth

Absent: Miramontes, Russo-Pereyra

BOARD MEMBER/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

5. Systematic reporting on meetings, conferences, and seminars by Board Members and/or staff: None.
6. Items for future Board of Public Utilities consideration as requested by a Member of the Board of Public Utilities:
 - Board Member Hernandez requested a presentation covering designated and undesignated utility Reserve accounts.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

7. Update on Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic and Emergency Orders
8. WA-12 Agricultural Service Water Rate Report – June 30, 2020
9. Monthly Water and Power Supply - June 2020
10. Upcoming Meetings
11. Electric / Water Utility Acronyms

General Manager Todd Corbin updated the Board on current COVID pandemic response and operations within the Utility and the City. He presented to the Board the effect of the pandemic on water usage and demands compared to past years. The outlook forward looks steady and favorable. Keep Riverside Clean and Beautiful is offering a drawing for waterwise landscape

makeover projects..

Board Chair David Crohn adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Public Utilities will be held on Monday, August 10, 2020 at 6:30 as a virtual meeting.

By: _____

Todd M. Corbin, General Manager
Board of Public Utilities

Approved by: City of Riverside Board of Public Utilities

Dated October 26, 2020