



City of Arts & Innovation

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES MINUTES

MONDAY, JULY 11, 2022, 6:30 P.M.
PUBLIC COMMENT IN-PERSON/TELEPHONE
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER
3900 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE, CA 92522

PRESENT: Chair David Crohn, Vice Chair Rebeccah Goldware and Board Members Nipunjeet Gujral, Rosemary Heru, Nancy Melendez, Gary Montgomery, Gil Oceguela, and Peter Wohlgemuth

ABSENT: Member Deborah Cherney

Chair Crohn called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Vice Chair Goldware led the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There was no one wishing to address the Board of Public Utilities.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of June 27, 2022, were approved as presented.

BOARD ATTENDANCE

The Board of Public Utilities excused the absence of Chair Crohn from the June 13, 2022, meeting.

AGREEMENT FOR SELECTIVE CATALYTIC REDUCTION MAINTENANCE - RIVERSIDE ENERGY RESOURCE CENTER (RERC) UNITS 3 AND 4

The Board of Public Utilities (1) approved an agreement with Cormetech, Inc., Durham, North Carolina, to perform selective catalytic reduction maintenance on Riverside Energy Resource Center Units 3 and 4 for \$288,900; and (2) authorized the City Manager, or designee, to execute the agreement with Cormetech, Inc., including making minor and non-substantive changes.

FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 CHANGE ORDERS FOR EXISTING WATER OPERATIONS AND WATER FIELD ANNUAL PURCHASE ORDERS DUE TO INCREASED COSTS

The Board of Public Utilities (1) approved a 40 percent change order increase, in the amount of \$46,040, to the existing annual Purchase Order 220941 for Agua Mansa Properties to accept disposal of concrete, asphalt and miscellaneous items from Riverside Public Utilities Water Field Division, for a total purchase order amount of \$160,000; (2) approved a



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47 percent change order increase, in the amount of \$35,000, to the existing annual Purchase Order 220695 for Vulcan Materials Company for purchase of cold mix for the Water Field Division, for a total purchase order amount of \$110,000; (3) approved the expenditure for a Third Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Babcock & Son's Inc., including an 11 percent change order increase in the amount of \$100,000, to the existing annual Purchase Order 222032 to provide laboratory testing and analytical services, for a total four-year contract amount of \$2,636,364; and (4) recommended that the City Council approve the Third Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Babcock & Son's Inc., including an 11 percent change order increase in the amount of \$100,000, to the existing annual Purchase Order 222032 to provide laboratory testing and analytical services, for a total four-year contract amount of \$2,636,364.

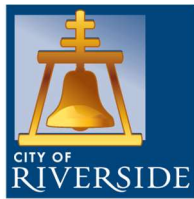
DISCUSSION CALENDAR

EXPENDITURE FOR CAPITAL PURCHASE OF UTILITY BILLING SYSTEM DATABASE DISASTER RECOVERY IMPROVEMENTS - RECOMMEND CITY COUNCIL APPROVE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT AND SOFTWARE

Following discussion, it was moved by Member Ocegüera and seconded by Member Montgomery to (1) approve an expenditure in the amount of \$196,249.59 for the Riverside Public Utilities' share of the capital purchase, for the utility's billing system database disaster recovery improvements; and (2) recommend that the City Council approve the purchase of the equipment and software as outlined in the staff report, with a Riverside Public Utilities cost of \$196,249.59 and a total project cost of \$392,499.18. The motion carried unanimously with Member Cherney absent.

REQUEST FOR BID RPU-7911 AGREEMENT FOR WEED ABATEMENT AND TRASH REMOVAL SERVICES FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC UTILITIES PROPERTIES

Following discussion, it was moved by Member Wohlgemuth and seconded by Member Ocegüera to (1) award Request for Bid RPU-7911 resulting in the approval of a Landscape Maintenance Services Agreement with Scott Tractor Service, Bloomington, California, for Weed Abatement and Trash Removal Services for various Public Utilities properties for a three-year term through June 30, 2025, in an amount of \$272,740 annually and a total contract amount of \$818,220; and (2) authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the necessary agreements and any other documents necessary to effectuate the work as outlined in the staff report, including making minor and non-substantive changes and to sign all documents and instruments necessary to complete the transactions. The motion carried unanimously with Member Cherney absent.



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EXPENDITURE FOR PARTICIPATION IN SOLVE THE WATER CRISIS COALITION FOR FISCAL YEARS 2023 AND 2024 - DESIGNATION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES GENERAL MANAGER AS DESIGNEE TO REPRESENT CITY OF RIVERSIDE ON SOLVE THE WATER CRISIS COALITION

Following discussion, it was moved by Member Montgomery and seconded by Member Ocegüera to (1) approve an annual expenditure of up to \$15,000 for participation in Western Municipal Water District's Solve the Water Crisis Coalition for fiscal years 2023 and 2024; (2) designate the Public Utilities General Manager as the designee and Utilities Assistant General Manager Water Delivery as the alternate to represent the City of Riverside on the Solve the Water Crisis Coalition. The motion carried unanimously with Member Cherney absent.

ELECTRIC, WATER, AND CUSTOMER RELATIONS/FINANCE COMMITTEES STRUCTURE REVIEW - REVIEW AND APPROVE REVISIONS TO BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES STANDING RULES

Following discussion, it was moved by Vice Chair Goldware and seconded by Member Wohlgemuth to approve and adopt a revised version of the Standing Rules to eliminate Riverside Public Utilities Committees from its Standing Rules effective July 14, 2022. The motion carried with Chair Crohn, Vice Chair Goldware, and Members Gujral, Heru, Montgomery, Ocegüera, and Wohlgemuth voting aye, Member Melendez voting no, and Member Cherney absent.

RIVERSIDE MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 2.78 CODE OF ETHICS AND CONDUCT REVIEW FOR RECOMMENDATIONS TO BOARD OF ETHICS FOR CONSIDERATION

Following discussion and without formal motion, the Board of Public Utilities received and ordered filed the report regarding Code of Ethics and Conduct with no recommendations for the Board of Ethics.

BOARD MEMBER/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

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

There were no reports given at this time.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES CONSIDERATION

Chair Crohn requested staff prepare a list of upcoming educational items and materials to be presented to the Board on an informal basis.

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 an update on the progress of an



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archive portal that will give the Board and the public access to educational and informational presentations, the formal introduction of Assistant General Manager of Water David Garcia, an update on water production numbers, and an announcement that the Public Utilities Department will sponsor Good Morning Riverside on July 14, 2022: (1) impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic and Emergency Orders update; (2) the WA-12 Agricultural Service Water Rate Report as of May 31, 2022; (3) Customer Engagement Program updates through May 2022; (4) the power and water supply reports for May 2022; (5) a list of contracts executed not requiring Board approval through May 2022; (6) Southern California Public Power Authority minutes; (7) a list of upcoming Board of Public Utilities and City Council meetings; and (8) Electric and Water utility acronyms.

The Board of Public Utilities adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


LORENA VERDUSCO
Deputy City Clerk