



*City of Arts & Innovation*

## BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES SPECIAL MINUTES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2024, 6:30 P.M.  
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER  
3900 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE, CA 92522

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

ABSENT: None

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

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

### PUBLIC COMMENT IN-PERSON/TELEPHONE

Tom Evans spoke regarding the water loss surcharge.

### COMMUNICATIONS

Sustainability Manager, Fortino Morales, provided the Riverside Public Utilities sustainability efforts update.

### BOARD MEMBERS DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest declared at this time.

### CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Board Member Melendez and seconded by Vice Chair Goldware 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 October 28, 2024, were approved as presented.

### BID 8079 - REPLACEMENT OF ONE STANDBY GENERATOR PER SITE - BOX SPRINGS, ORANGE TERRACE, AND TILDEN RADIO SITES

The Board of Public Utilities (1) approved a Service Agreement with Inland Electric Inc., Riverside, to Bid 8079 for the three Radio Sites Standby Generator Replacement Project, in the amount of \$213,997; (2) approved the capital expenditure for Work Order 2311805 in the amount of \$271,000 for the three Radio Sites Standby Generator Replacement Project; and (3) authorized the City Manager, or designee, to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the procurement described herein, as well as the ability to make minor nonsubstantive changes in alignment with all purchasing policies.



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### **INCREASE TO PURCHASE ORDER 252027 - WORK ORDER 2501500 - CABLE REPLACEMENT - ARROYO DRIVE**

The Board of Public Utilities approved an increase to Purchase Order 252027 for Herman Weissker, Inc., Riverside, for the total amount of \$44,866, and Work Order 2501500 for cable replacement on Arroyo Drive in the amount of \$31,953 for a total capital expenditure of \$60,000.

### **PURCHASE ORDER 250243 - AS NEEDED REPAIRS ON AIR INLET CHILLERS - 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR - RIVERSIDE ENERGY RESOURCE CENTER**

The Board of Public Utilities approved an increase of the authorized amount for as needed repairs on the air inlet chillers at Riverside Energy Resource Center in the amount of \$45,749 on Purchase Order 250243 with Trane U.S. Inc., for the 2024-25 fiscal year, for a revised total of \$122,254.

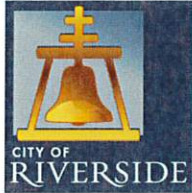
### **LEGAL BUDGET - LAW FIRM OF THOMPSON COBURN - INITIATE PETITION WITH FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY REQUIREMENT**

The Board of Public Utilities recommended that the City Council (1) approve a legal budget for the law firm of Thompson Coburn in an amount not to exceed \$600,000 to initiate a petition with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission regarding the City's Transmission Revenue Requirement; and (2) with five affirmative votes, authorize the Chief Financial Officer, or designee, to record a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$600,000 in the PU Elec Power Supply Operation-Outside Legal Services account.

### **DISCUSSION CALENDAR**

#### **BID 8117 - CONSTRUCTION OF 69KV RIVERSIDE ENERGY RESOURCE CENTER (RERC) TO FREEMAN SUB-TRANSMISSION LINE - WORK ORDER 2117652 - RIVERSIDE TRANSMISSION RELIABILITY PROJECT - WORK ORDER 642975**

Following discussion, it was moved by Board Member Siana and seconded by Board Member Wohlgemuth that the Board of Public Utilities (1) award Bid 8117 for construction of 69kV Riverside Energy Resource Center to Freeman sub-transmission line to Asplundh Construction, LLC., Anaheim, California, in the amount of \$6,452,235; (2) authorize a 20 percent contingency in the amount of \$1,290,447; (3) approve Work Order 2117652 for the total capital expenditure of \$8,343,000 for the purpose of tracking work related to the construction of the 69kV Riverside Energy Resource Center to Freeman line as part of the Riverside Transmission Reliability Project Work Order 642975; and (4) authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the procurement described herein, as well as the ability to make minor nonsubstantive changes in alignment with all purchasing policies. The motion carried with Chair Ocegüera, Vice Chair Goldware, and Board Members Wohlgemuth, Siana, Avery, Montgomery, Melendez, and Heru voting aye and Board Member Polichetti abstaining.



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### REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL 2357 - INLET GUIDE VANE UPGRADES ON GAS TURBINES - APPROVE WORK ORDER 2505220 - SPRINGS POWER PLANT

Following discussion, it was moved by Board Member Siana and seconded by Board Member Avery to (1) approve a Services Agreement to Request for Proposal 2357, with GE Vernova Operations, LLC., Houston, Texas, to perform Inlet Guide Vane upgrades on the gas turbines at Springs Power Plant in the amount of \$804,113.70; (2) authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the services agreement with GE Vernova Operations, LLC., including making non-substantive changes; and (3) approve Work Order 2505220 which includes a 10 percent contingency of \$80,411.37 for a total amount of \$884,525.07. The motion carried unanimously.

### 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

There were no future items requested at this time.

### 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 September 30, 2024; (2) Accounts Receivable and Delinquencies as of September 30, 2024; (3) Customer Engagement Report updates through September 2024; (4) Power Supply Report for September 2024; (5) Water Supply Report for September 2024; (6) Electric and Water Open Work Orders over \$200,000 and Closed Work Orders Summary Reports for September 2024; (7) Electric and Water Contractor and Consultant Panel updates for September 2024; (8) a list of upcoming City Council and Board meetings; and (9) Electric/Water Utility Acronyms.

The Board of Public Utilities adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DIANA ALEGRIA  
Deputy City Clerk