

CITY OF RIVERSIDE
BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Minutes of: Regular Meeting of the Board of Public Utilities
Date of Meeting: April 24, 2017
Time of Meeting: 6:30 p.m.
Place of Meeting: Art Pick Council Chambers
3900 Main Street (at Main and Tenth Streets)
Riverside, California

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG WAS GIVEN

Roll Call

Present: Dave Austin (Chair) David Crohn
 Kevin Foust Gil Oceguela
 Jo Russo-Pereyra Elizabeth Sanchez-Monville
 Andrew Walcker

Absent: Jennifer O'Farrell (Vice-Chair)

PRESENTATIONS

1 EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARD OF LORI GJELHAUG, ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST

The Board of Public Utilities recognized Lorelei "Lori" Gjelhaug, for her hard work and dedication to Riverside Public Utilities and the City of Riverside.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

2 None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made to approve the following items on the Consent Calendar:

Motion – Sanchez-Monville. Second – Oceguela.

Ayes: Austin, Crohn, Foust, Oceguela, Russo-Pereyra, Sanchez-Monville, and Walcker.

Absent: Jennifer O'Farrell.

Minutes

- 3 The minutes from the Board of Public Utilities regular meeting held on April 10, 2017 were approved as submitted.

Board Attendance

- 4 EXCUSE BOARD MEMBER ANDREW WALCKER'S ABSENCE FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES ON APRIL 10, 2017

The Board of Public Utilities excused Board Member Andrew Walcker's absence from the Board of Public Utilities meeting of April 10, 2017 because of vacation.

Electric Items

- 5 RIVERSIDE SUBSTATION TO HUNTER SUBSTATION FIBER OPTIC CABLE NETWORK- WORK ORDER NO. 1423750 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$465,000

The Board of Public Utilities approved Work Order No. 1423750 in the amount of \$465,000.

Water Items

- 6 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH PARSONS BRINKERHOFF, INC. CONSULTANTS OF SAN BERNARDINO CALIFORNIA FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE JACKSON STREET PHASE 1 AND 2 RECYCLED WATER SITES RETROFIT PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$434,370 - REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NO. DSM0001 – WORK ORDER NO. 1722078

The Board of Public Utilities:

1. Authorized the City Manager, or his designee, to execute a Professional Consultant Services Agreement with Parsons Brinkerhoff, Inc., as well as any future amendments, in the amount of \$434,370 for project management, engineering design and construction management services for the Jackson Street Phase 1 and 2 Recycled Water Sites Retrofit Project; and
2. Approved the capital expenditure of \$434,730 for Work Order No. 1722078 for the project.

7 PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH KENNEDY/JENKS CONSULTANTS OF IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A WATER SYSTEM HYDRAULIC MODEL FROM REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. DSM0002 – IN THE AMOUNT OF \$200,810

The Board of Public Utilities:

- 1 Approved the **Professional Consultant Services Agreement with Kennedy/Jenks Consultants of Irvine, California, for the Development of a Water System Hydraulic Model for Riverside Public Utilities in the amount of \$200,810; and
- 2 Authorized the City Manager or his designee to execute the Professional Consultant Services Agreement with Kennedy/Jenks Consultants of Irvine, California.

**NOTE: Assistant City Attorney Susan Wilson noted that an incorrect copy of the agreement had been included for Item No. 7, and that the correct version does not include approval of Tasks 9, 10 and 11, in the amount of \$36,020, which are subject to further approval by the RPU Board at a later date.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

8 STATE OF CALIFORNIA WATER DROUGHT UPDATE

Assistant General Manager/Water Todd Jorgenson gave an update on the State of California Water Drought regulations, directives within existing authorities, and conservation timeline pertaining to City of Riverside.

Following discussion, the Board of Public Utilities received and filed the State of California Water Drought Update.

Motion – Russo-Pereyra. Second – Walcker.

Ayes: Austin, Crohn, Foust, Ocegüera, Russo-Pereyra, Sanchez-Monville, and Walcker.

Absent: Jennifer O'Farrell.

9 2017 COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR LONG-TERM WHEELING AND SURPLUS WATER SALES WITH WESTERN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT THROUGH JUNE 30, 2037 FOR PRODUCTION, TREATMENT AND CONVEYANCE OF WESTERN WATER AND THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027 FOR RIVERSIDE WATER

Assistant General Manager/Water Todd Jorgenson gave a presentation of the background and economic impacts & benefits this cooperative agreement partnership with WMWD would bring to the City of Riverside.

WMWD representatives, Tim Barr (Director of Water Resources) and Michele McKinney (Director of Community Affairs) were in attendance and Mr. Barr informed the Board that the WMWD Board approved the agreement at their meeting on April 12, 2017.

Also noted was a typo in the title of the report that needed to be changed from "conveyance" to "conveyance".

Following discussion, the Board of Public Utilities recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve the Cooperative Agreement for long-term Wheeling and Surplus Water sales with Western Municipal Water District of Riverside County; and
2. Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the agreement.

Motion – Walcker. Second – Crohn.

Ayes: Austin, Crohn, Foust, Ocegüera, Russo-Pereyra, Sanchez-Monville, and Walcker.

Absent: Jennifer O'Farrell.

10 WATER CONSERVATION SURCHARGE UPDATE

Assistant General Manager/Marketing Mike Bacich gave a presentation of the background and overview of the Water Conservation Surcharge which is a 1.5% charge on all water sales for residential and commercial customers. The surcharge is listed as an individual line item on the monthly utility bill and is used for conservation, education and water use efficiency programs.

Following discussion, the Board of Public Utilities received and filed this report.

Motion – Walcker. Second – Ocegüera.

Ayes: Austin, Crohn, Foust, Ocegüera, Russo-Pereyra, Sanchez-Monville, and Walcker.

Absent: Jennifer O'Farrell.

11 EXCEPT THE MAGNOLIA AVENUE FIBER OPTIC CABLE NETWORK PROJECT FROM THE FORMAL PROCUREMENT REQUIREMENTS OF CITY CHARTER SECTION 1109 AND DIRECTLY AWARD A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT TO ASPLUNDH CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,708,489, AUTHORIZE A CHANGE ORDER AUTHORITY IN THE AMOUNT OF 15% OR \$256,000, AND APPROVE WORK ORDER NO. 1719921 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,189,489

Assistant General Manager/Energy Delivery George Hanson gave an overview presentation regarding this project. He stated that on December 20, 2016, City Council awarded a Public Works construction contract for Bid No. 7415 – Magnolia Avenue and Market Street Fiber-Optic Signal Interconnect to Asplundh Construction Corporation, Anaheim, California, in the amount of \$2,444,538.

To take advantage of this construction and to expand RPU's fiber network, RPU is coordinating with Public Works to install a separate fiber optic cable network in the same trench, also along Magnolia Avenue between Van Buren Boulevard and 1st Street. RPU will benefit from significant cost savings by coordinating with Public Works in the following areas: engineering and design, construction and installation, street restoration, traffic management, construction inspection, and project administration and management.

Following discussion, the Board of Public Utilities:

1. Recommended that City Council:
 - a. By at least five affirmative votes, except the Magnolia Avenue Fiber Optic Cable Network Project (Project) from the formal procurement requirements required by City Charter section 1109 and directly award a construction contract to Asplundh Construction Corporation in the amount of \$1,708,489;
 - b. Authorize change order authority for additional work in an amount not to exceed 15% of the contract amount, which is \$256,000; and
2. Approved Work Order No. 1719921 in the amount of \$2,189,489 for the Magnolia Avenue Fiber Optic Cable Network Project.

Motion – Sanchez-Monville. Second – Walcker.

Ayes: Austin, Crohn, Foust, Ocegueda, Russo-Pereyra, Sanchez-Monville, and Walcker.

Absent: Jennifer O'Farrell.

BOARD MEMBER/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

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

None.

- 13 ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES CONSIDERATION AS REQUESTED BY A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

None.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

- 14 Safety Update – Utilities and Fire Department Trench Rescue Training

General Manager Girish Balachandran introduced RPU's Safety & Training Manager Sam Davis and Fire Department Battalion Chief Tony Perna who presented a PowerPoint presentation and video <https://vimeo.com/212202928> of the Utilities and Fire Department Trench Rescue Training.

- 15 Aliso Canyon Update

- 16 Open Work Orders over \$200,000 and Closed Work Orders – Summary Report for March 2017

- 17 Electric / Water / Consultant Contract Panel Update as of April 2017

- 18 SCPA Resolution Tracking – February 2017

- 19 Financial Statements – February 2017

- 20 City Council / Committee Agendas – April 11, 2017, and April 18, 2017
- 21 Upcoming Meetings
- 22 Electric / Water Utility Acronyms

UPCOMING MEETING

Chair Dave Austin adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:43 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Public Utilities is to be held on **Monday, May 8, 2017** at 6:30 p.m. in the Art Pick Council Chamber, Riverside, California.

By: 
Girish Balachandran, Secretary
Board of Public Utilities

Approved by: City of Riverside Board of Public Utilities

Dated: May 22, 2017