

City of Arts & Innovation

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES DRAFT MINUTES

MONDAY, JULY 22, 2024, 6:30 P.M.
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER
3900 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE, CA 92522

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

ABSENT: Board Members Brian Siana and Sandra Polichetti

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT IN-PERSON/TELEPHONE

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Assistant General Manager, Tracy Sato, provided the Riverside Public Utilities sustainability efforts.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Board Member Melendez and seconded by Board Member Wohlgemuth to approve the Consent Calendar as presented below affirming the actions appropriate to each item. The motion carried unanimously with Board Members Siana and Polichetti absent.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of July 8, 2024, were approved as presented.

ABSENCE

The Board of Public Utilities excused the absence of Board Member Avery from the Board of Public Utilities meeting held on June 10, 2024.

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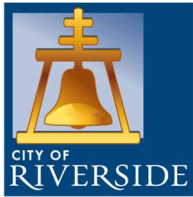
The Board of Public Utilities excused the absence of Board Member Montgomery from the Board of Public Utilities meeting held on June 10, 2024.

ABSENCE

The Board of Public Utilities excused the absence of Board Member Polichetti from the Board of Public Utilities meeting held on June 10, 2024.

FIRST AMENDMENT TO SERVICES AGREEMENT - IRRIGATION SYSTEM MAINTENANCE - FORMER RIVERSIDE GOLF CLUB

The Board of Public Utilities (1) approved the First Amendment to the Services Agreement for Irrigation System Maintenance at the former Riverside Golf Club with Ability Counts, Inc., extending the term for one additional year until July 31, 2025, and increasing the agreement



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in the not-to-exceed amount of \$29,400 for a revised total of \$58,800; and (2) authorized the City Manager, or designee, to execute the First Amendment to the Services Agreement, including making minor, non-substantive changes, and to sign all documents and instruments necessary to complete the transaction.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

RIVERSIDE MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 2.78 CODE OF ETHICS AND CONDUCT REVIEW

Following discussion, it was moved by Board Member Avery and seconded by Board Member Wohlgemuth that the Board of Public Utilities recommend that the Board of Ethics consider the following amendments to the Code of Ethics and Conduct: (1) change the statute of limitations under RMC Section 2.78.070(E) regarding the filing of complaints from one year to three years from the date of the alleged violation; (2) restore subpoena powers to the Board of Ethics; and (3) complainants should have the right to appeal a decision of the Board of Ethics at a pre-conference when a complaint is dismissed. The motion carried unanimously with Board Members Siana and Polichetti absent.

AGREEMENT - ATTACHMENT OF WIRELINE FACILITIES ON TWO CITY OWNED WOODEN UTILITY POLES - UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA RIVERSIDE

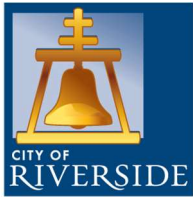
Following discussion, it was moved by Board Member Avery and seconded by Vice Chair Goldware that the Board of Public recommend that the City Council (1) approve the Agreement for the attachment of wireline facilities on two City owned wooden utility poles, at the rates set forth in the staff report; and (2) authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the Agreement for the attachment of wireline and wireless facilities to City owned wood utility poles as set forth in the agreement. The motion carried unanimously with Board Members Siana and Polichetti absent.

WORK ORDER 2223289 - ENGINEERING, CONSTRUCTION, PAVING AND CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCY COSTS - MARKET STREET WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Following discussion, it was moved by Vice Chair Goldware and seconded by Board Member Melendez that the Board of Public Utilities approve an increased expenditure of \$200,000 for Work Order No. 2223289 for a revised total of \$1,386,000 for engineering, construction, paving and construction contingency costs for the Market Street Water Main Replacement Project. The motion carried unanimously with Board Members Siana and Polichetti absent.

WATER CONSERVATION SURCHARGE PROGRAMMING ENHANCEMENTS

Following discussion, it was moved by Vice Chair Goldware and seconded by Board Member Avery that the Board of Public Utilities approve and recommend that the City Council approve (1) the increase to the annual Turf Removal Programs, Residential by \$175,000 for a total of \$400,000, and Commercial by \$400,000 for a total of \$700,000, total increase of \$575,000; (2) rebate funding for High Efficiency Toilet Programs, Residential for \$10,000 and Commercial for \$40,000, total of \$50,000; (3) rebate funding for a High Efficiency Clothes



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Washer Program in the amount of \$40,000; (4) the reduction for the Weather Based Irrigation Controller Program to \$15,000, a decrease of \$10,000; (5) the reduction for the High Efficiency Sprinkler Nozzles Program to \$5,000, a decrease of \$10,000; (6) the reduction to the Hose Bib Timer Program to \$2,500, a decrease of \$7,500; and (7) the reduction to the Residential Flow Monitoring Device Program to \$2,500, a decrease of \$22,500. The motion carried unanimously with Board Members Siana and Polichetti absent.

ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGES IN WATER CONSERVATION SURCHARGE FUND UPDATE

Following discussion, it was moved by Vice Chair Goldware and seconded by Board Member Melendez to receive and file an update on the administrative charges in the Water Conservation Surcharge Fund. The motion carried unanimously with Board Members Siana and Polichetti absent.

BOARD MEMBER/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

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

Vice Chair Goldware thanked staff for their efforts during the current fires.

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) Financial Results as of April 30, 2024, and Accounts Receivable and Delinquencies as of May 31, 2024; (2) Water Supply Report for May 31, 2024; (3) Power Supply Report for May 2024; (4) Electric and Water Contractor and Consultant Panel updates for May 2024; (5) Contracts executed not requiring Board approval as of May 2024; (6) a list of upcoming City Council and Board meetings; and (7) Electric/Water Utility Acronyms.

The Board of Public Utilities adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DIANA ALEGRIA
Deputy City Clerk