



City of Arts & Innovation

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES MINUTES

MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2023, 6:30 P.M.
PUBLIC COMMENT IN-PERSON/TELEPHONE
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER
3900 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE, CA 92522

PRESENT: Chair Gildardo Ocegueda, Vice Chair Rebeccah Goldware and Board Members David Crohn, Nipunjeet Gujral, Rosemary Heru, Gary Montgomery, Brian Siana, and Peter Wohlgemuth

ABSENT: Member Nancy Melendez

Chair Ocegueda called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Member Heru led the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Rich Gardner spoke regarding the rate increases. Jason Hunter spoke regarding rates, General Fund Transfer, Parada case and lawsuits. Pam Price spoke regarding the rate increases.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ELECTRIC UTILITY FIVE-YEAR RATE PLAN PROPOSAL - RESOLUTION

Hearing was called to receive public input related to electric utility five-year rate plan proposal. Three people spoke regarding the matter. The public hearing was officially closed.

Following discussion, it was moved by Member Heru and seconded by Member Gujral to (1) conduct a public hearing to receive public input related to the electric utility five-year rate plan proposal; (2) adopt a resolution of the electric utility five-year rate plan proposal, establishing the electric utility five-year rate proposal, as further described in the resolution; (3) recommend the City Council conduct a public hearing to receive input related to the electric utility five-year rate plan proposal; (4) recommend the City Council adopt a resolution approving the electric utility five-year rate plan proposal, as further described in the resolution; and (5) recommend the City Council approve changes to the Sharing Households Assist Riverside Energy Program. The motion carried with Chair Ocegueda, Vice Chair Goldware and Members Crohn, Heru, Siana, and Wohlgemuth voting aye, Members Montgomery and Gujral voting no, and Member Melendez absent.

Whereupon, the title having been read and further reading waived, Resolution No. 2023-2 of the Board of Public Utilities of the City of Riverside, California, (1) establishing the FY 2023/24 – 2027/28 Electric Rates by amending Electric Rate Schedules A, D, D-TOU, EV, LS-1, LS-2, OL, PA, PW-1, S, TC and TOU; creating new Electric Rate Schedule SMEVC; to be effective January 1, 2024, and upon Council approval; (2) making related findings of fact; and (3) recommending City Council approval thereof, was presented and adopted.



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WATER UTILITY FIVE-YEAR RATE PLAN PROPOSAL - RESOLUTION

Hearing was called to receive public input related to water utility five-year rate plan proposal. Four people spoke regarding the matter. The public hearing was officially closed.

Following discussion, it was moved by Member Siana and seconded by Member Crohn to (1) conduct a public hearing to receive public input related to the water utility five-year rate plan proposal; (2) adopt a resolution of the water utility five-year rate plan proposal, establishing the water utility five-year rate proposal, as further described in the resolution; (3) recommend the City Council conduct a public hearing to receive input related to the water utility five-year rate plan proposal and to consider and tabulate all written protests to the proposed water rate increases; (4) recommend the City Council adopt a resolution recording receipt of written protests to the water utility five-year rate plan proposal and, if no majority protest is received to those water rates, approve the water utility five-year rate plan proposal, as further described in that resolution; and (5) recommend the City Council approve changes to the low-income water assistance program. The motion carried with Chair Ocegüera, Vice Chair Goldware and Members Crohn, Heru, Siana, and Wohlgemuth voting aye, Members Montgomery and Gujral voting no, and Member Melendez absent.

Whereupon, the title having been read and further reading waived, Resolution No. 2023-3 of the Board of Public Utilities of the City of Riverside, California, (1) establishing the FY 2023/24 - 2027/28 Water Rates by amending Water Rate Schedules WA-1A, WA-1B, WA-2, WA-4, WA-6, WA-7, WA-10, WA-11, and WA-12; to be effective October 1, 2023, and upon Council approval; (2) making related findings of fact; and (3) recommending City Council approval thereof, was presented and adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS - SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS UPDATE

Following discussion, it was moved by Member Siana and seconded by Member Gujral to receive and order filed the sustainability efforts update. The motion carried unanimously with Member Melendez absent.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of August 14, 2023, were approved as presented.



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ABSENCE

The Board of Public Utilities excused the absence of Board Member Crohn from the Board of Public Utilities meeting held July 24, 2023.

ABSENCE

The Board of Public Utilities excused the absence of Board Member Siana from the Board of Public Utilities meeting held July 24, 2023.

SECOND AMENDMENT TO COMMERCIAL LEASE AGREEMENT - FIRE UP GRILL - MISSION SQUARE OFFICE BUILDING - 3750 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, SUITE 190

The Board of Public Utilities recommended that the City Council (1) approved a Second Amendment to the Commercial Lease Agreement to extend the lease for a 60-month term between Ruben Barragan and Luis Hernandez, doing business as Fire Up Grill, Riverside, from September 1, 2023 through August 31, 2028; and (2) authorized the City Manager, or designee, to execute the Second Amendment to the Commercial Lease Agreement, including making minor, non-substantive changes, and to sign all documents and instruments necessary to complete the transaction.

AWARD BID RPU-8010 - CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FOR WORK ORDER 2019648 - SPRING CIRCUIT RELIABILITY PROJECT PHASE 1

That the Board of Public Utilities (1) award Bid RPU-8010 to Asplundh Construction, LLC of Anaheim, California, in the amount of \$1,999,848.43 for the Springs Circuit Reliability Project Phase 1; (2) authorize change order authority to the Asplundh Construction, LLC Construction Contract for 10 percent of the original contract price, or \$199,984.84, for Bid RPU-8010; (3) approve the capital expenditure for Work Order 2019648 in the amount of \$3,587,000 which includes all design, construction, construction support, contract administration, inspection, and construction change order authority costs for the Spring Circuit Reliability Project Phase 1; and (4) authorized the City Manager, or designee, to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the project described herein, as well as the ability to make minor non-substantive changes in alignment with all purchasing policies.

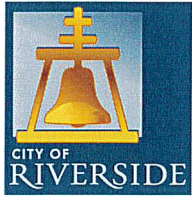
BOARD MEMBER/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

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.



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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) Contracts executed not requiring Board approval as of June 2023; (2) Riverside Public Utilities Electric and Water Financial Results through April 30, 2023, and Accounts Receivable and Delinquencies as of June 30, 2023; (3) Electric and Water Contractor and Consultant Panel updates as of June 2023; (4) a list of upcoming Board of Public Utilities and City Council meetings; and (5) Electric and Water utility acronyms.

The Board of Public Utilities adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eva Arseo
Assistant City Clerk