

CITY OF RIVERSIDE
BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Minutes of: Meeting of the Board of Public Utilities
Date of Meeting: May 13, 2019
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: Jo Lynne Russo-Pereyra (Chair) Elizabeth Sanchez-Monville (Vice Chair)
Dave Austin David Crohn
Ana Miramontes Gil Oceguela
Jennifer O'Farrell Andrew Walcker

Absent: Jeanette Hernandez (absence due to other)

PRESENTATION

- 1 Presentation to the Board for participating as a solar cup competition sponsor from the students of Poly High School

Mr. Alexander Lowry from Poly High School presented the Board with three plaques from the students of Poly High School for three consecutive years of sponsorship of the solar cup competition and thanked RPU for participating as a sponsor.

COMMUNICATIONS

- 2 Legislative and Regulatory Updates

Legislative Affairs Manager Robert Ennis gave an update on state and federal legislation pertaining to the utilities.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

- 3 Mr. Jason Hunter, Ward I, spoke against the inclusion of the Transmission Revenue in the General Fund Transfer calculation.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Motion – Austin. Second – Miramontes.

Ayes: Russo-Pereyra, Sanchez-Monville, Austin, Crohn, Miramontes, O'Farrell, Oceguela, and Walcker.

Absent: Jeanette Hernandez (absence due to other).

Minutes

- 4 The minutes of the Board of Public Utilities regular meeting held on April 22, 2019 was approved as submitted.

Board Attendance

- 5 Excused Board Andrew Walcker absence from the Board of Public Utilities regular meeting on April 8, 2019, due to vacation.
- 6 Excused Board Chair Jo Lynne Russo-Pereyra absence from the Board of Public Utilities regular meeting on April 8, 2019, due to business.

Water Items

- 7 Recommended that the City Council approve the proposed five-year Ground Lease Agreement with DriveTime Car Sales Company, LLC, of Phoenix, Arizona, for the use of the property located at 1388 South E. Street, San Bernardino, California for a total revenue of approximately \$832,128 during the initial five-year term

Other Items

- 8 Approved the 2018 Power Source Disclosure Report and the 2018 Power Content Label, and attest to the accuracy of the 2018 Power Source Disclosure Report for submittal to the California Energy Commission

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

- 9 Recommend that the City Council approve the Transitional Water Service Agreement with Olivewood Memorial Park and the City of Riverside to provide future retail recycled water service, and a ten-year transition to the WA-10 Recycled Water Service rate schedule through June 30, 2028

Customer Engagement Manager Justin Scott-Coe reported on the recycled water service transition to the WA-10 Recycled Water Service rate schedule and water service agreement with Olivewood Memorial Park and answered questions from the Board.

Following discussion, the Board of Public Utilities:

1. Referred the transitional water service agreements between the City of Riverside and Olivewood Memorial Park, Evergreen Memorial Historic Cemetery, and Evergreen Memorial Park & Mausoleum to the Public Utilities Water Committee to further review and discuss and bring back to the Board their recommendations; and
2. Recommended that staff present for Water Committee consideration stronger requirements on implementing conservation measures identified in the water audit, a shorter time period of the transition to the WA-10 Recycled Water Service rate schedule should the non-potable water be available earlier than year 10, and clarification on the requirement that the cemeteries take the recycled/non-potable water service once it becomes available; and
3. Requested staff to invite representatives of the cemeteries to this committee meeting.

Motion – Walcker. Second – Crohn

Ayes: Russo-Pereyra, Sanchez-Monville, Austin, Crohn, Miramontes, O'Farrell, Ocegüera, and Walcker.

Absent: Jeanette Hernandez (absence due to other).

- 10 Annual program task orders for administration of nine Energy Efficiency Programs for Fiscal Year 2019/20 in the total amount of \$3,340,000 with Southern California Public Power Authority

Principal Programs and Services Representative Gerald Buydos reported on the following task orders and answered questions from the Board.

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

1. Approve an annual Task Order with Automated Energy, Southern California Public Power Authority Resolution No. 2017-067 for the Load Profiler Program through Southern California Public Power Authority for Energy Efficiency Programs for fiscal year 2019/20, in the amount of \$75,000;
2. Approve an annual Task Order with Efficiency Services Group, Southern California Public Power Authority Resolution No. 2018-070 for the Keep Your Cool Program through Southern California Public Power Authority for Energy Efficiency Programs for fiscal year 2019/20, in the amount of \$200,000;
3. Approve an annual Task Order with Cohen Ventures DBA Energy Solutions, Southern California Public Power Authority Resolution No. 2019-025 for the Upstream Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning Program through Southern California Public Power Authority for Energy Efficiency Programs for fiscal year 2019/20 in the amount of \$250,000;
4. Approve an annual Task Order with GreenLite Lighting Corporation USA, Southern California Public Power Authority Resolution No. 2014-119 for the Retail Light Emitting Diode Buydown Program through Southern California Public Power Authority for Energy Efficiency Programs for fiscal year 2019/20 in the amount of \$300,000;
5. Approve an annual Task Order with Lime Energy Services Company, Southern California Public Power Authority Resolution No. 2016-008 for the Small Business Direct Installation Program through Southern California Public Power Authority for Energy Efficiency Programs for fiscal year 2019/20, in the amount of \$965,000;
6. Approve an annual Task Order with Muni-Fed Partner Energy, LLC, Southern California Public Power Authority Resolution No. 2017-070 for the Key Accounts Energy Efficiency Program through Southern California Public Power Authority for Energy Efficiency Programs for fiscal year 2019/20 in the amount of \$200,000;
7. Approve an annual Task Order with Oracle America, Inc. Southern California Public Power Authority Resolution No. 2017-059 for the Customer Engagement Program through Southern California Public Power Authority for Energy Efficiency Programs for fiscal year 2019/20 in the amount of \$235,000;
8. Approve an annual Task Order with Richard Heath and Associates Inc., Southern California Public Power Authority Resolution No. 2017-113 for the Business Outdoor Lighting Direct Installation Program through Southern California Public Power Authority for Energy Efficiency Programs for fiscal year 2019/20, in the amount of \$965,000;
9. Approve an annual Task Order with Synergy Companies, Southern California Public Power Authority Resolution No. 2014-082 for the Multifamily Direct Installation Program through Southern California Public Power Authority for Energy Efficiency Programs for fiscal year 2019/20, in the amount \$150,000; and

- 10 Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to sign the Task Orders with Southern California Public Power Authority for services by: Automated Energy, Efficiency Services Group, Cohen Ventures DBA Energy Solutions, Synergy Companies, Greenlite Lighting Corporation USA, Lime Energy Services Company, Muni-Fed Partner Energy LLC, and Oracle America, Inc., Richard Heath and Associates, and Synergy Companies, that are agreed upon under the Southern California Public Power Authority Master Professional Services Agreement or Master Goods and Services Agreement, including the ability to make any minor nonsubstantive changes to the Task Orders without exceeding the previously approved program budget.

Motion – Sanchez-Monville. Second – O'Farrell.

Ayes: Russo-Pereyra, Sanchez-Monville, Austin, Crohn, Miramontes, O'Farrell, Ocegüera, and Walcker.

Absent: Jeanette Hernandez (absence due to other).

- 11 Proposed changes to time periods used to calculate overcharges and undercharges for customer bills in Electric Rule 6 and Water Rule 6

Fiscal Manager Brian Seinturier reported on the proposed changes to Electric Rule 6 and Water Rule 6 and answered questions.

Following discussion, the Board of Public Utilities:

1. Adopted a resolution establishing the changes to Electric Rule 6 and Water Rule 6 that include reducing the time periods used to calculate billing of undercharges for non-residential accounts from three (3) years to six (6) monthly billing periods, changing the terminology of the time period used to calculate overcharges from one (1) year to twelve (12) monthly billing periods, and changing the period used to calculate billing of overcharges for fast meters to be consistent with the monthly billing period for general overcharges; and
2. Recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution approving the same changes as described in recommendation 1 to Electric Rule 6 and Water Rule 6.

Motion – Ocegüera. Second – Sanchez-Monville.

Ayes: Russo-Pereyra, Sanchez-Monville, Crohn, Miramontes, O'Farrell, Ocegüera, and Walcker.

Opposed: Dave Austin

Absent: Jeanette Hernandez (absence due to other).

- 12 Riverside Public Utilities Mid-Cycle Budget Update

Fiscal Manager Aileen Ma updated the Board on the RPU mid-cycle budget and answered questions.

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

1. Approve the Electric Funds (including Public Benefits Fund) proposed FY 2019-20 budget amendments comprising of \$3,309,000 reduction in revenues as detailed in Attachment 1 and \$7,266,300 increase in expenditures as detailed in Attachment 2;

2. Authorize the use of the Electric Fund Designated Capital Repair/Replacement Reserve for heavy duty vehicle replacements in the amount of \$2,400,000; and
3. Approve the Water Funds (including Water Conservation Fund) proposed FY 2019-20 budget amendments comprising of \$7,830,088 increase in expenditures as detailed in Attachment 4.

Motion – Austin. Second – Miramontes.

Ayes: Russo-Pereyra, Sanchez-Monville, Austin, Crohn, Miramontes, O'Farrell, Ocegüera, and Walcker.

Absent: Jeanette Hernandez (absence due to other).

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

- 13 Systematic reporting on meetings, conferences, and seminars by Board members and/or staff
None.
- 14 Items for future Board of Public Utilities consideration as requested by a member of the Board of Public Utilities
 - SCPPA Budget Review
 - Invite SCPPA General Manager to attend an RPU Board meeting to update on SCPPA
 - Staff to complete a legislative scorecard of the most important positions for RPU by the end of October/November 2019
- 15 Agricultural Water Rates Task Force Update
Board Member Crohn provided an update on the progress of the Task Force Committee.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

- 16 SHARE Customer Update – April 2019
- 17 Monthly Power Supply Report – March 2019
- 18 Monthly Water Report – March 2019
- 19 SCPPA Monthly Agenda & Minutes – March 21, 2019
- 20 City Council / Committee Agendas – April 23, 2019 and May 7, 2019
- 21 Upcoming Meetings
- 22 Electric / Water Utility Acronyms

Board Member Dave Austin requested to end the meeting in memory of two City of Riverside retired firefighters, Vince Rogers and Bill Smith who each separately passed away on Sunday, May 12, 2019.

UPCOMING MEETING

Chair Russo-Pereyra adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:44 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Public Utilities will be on Monday, June 10, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Art Pick Council Chamber, Riverside, California.

By: 

Todd M. Corbin, Secretary
Board of Public Utilities

Approved by: City of Riverside Board of Public Utilities

Dated June 10, 2019