

CITY OF RIVERSIDE

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Minutes of: Meeting of the Board of Public Utilities  
Date of Meeting: January 8, 2018  
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 Lynne Russo-Pereyra                  Elizabeth Sanchez-Monville  
            Andrew Walcker

Absent: Jennifer O'Farrell (absence due to illness).

**PRESENTATIONS**

1      EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARD OF JESSICA TONKOVICH, UTILITY INFORMATION ASSISTANT

The Board of Public Utilities recognized Jessica Tonkovich, Utility Information Assistant, for her hard work and dedication to Riverside Public Utilities and the City of Riverside.

2      EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARD TO THE RIVERSIDE TESLA PROJECT TEAM

The Board of Public Utilities recognized the following employees with the addition of Efren Mejia, Principal Engineer, for their excellent work on successfully implementing the new Mission Square Tesla Charging Station project while streamlining the plan check process, inspection, and construction coordination while providing superior customer service.

- Efren Mejia, Principal Engineer
- Summer Ayala – Supervising Engineering Technician
- Ana Naranjo – Engineering Aide
- Jeff Beck – Sr. Engineering Aide
- Gerald Buydos – Sr. Account Manager
- Greg Yates – Construction Inspector II
- Kelly Stone – Electric Supervisor for Crew 127
- Jeff Hill – Electric Superintendent
- Alex Nevarez – Dispatcher II
- Chris Christopoulos – Building Official
- Sharon Alvarez – Building and Safety Permit Technician
- Jon Russey – Building and Safety Plans Examiner
- Fred Cerda – Public Works Chief Construction Inspector
- Jim Stone – Public Works Construction Inspector II
- David Hatch – Public Works Construction Inspector II

## **CITIZENS PARTICIPATION**

### 3 Public Comment:

Mr. Jason Hunter commented on funding of the streetlight program and use of Greenhouse Gas Allowance funds. In addition, he would like an audit be made on the Corona Clearwater plant.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

A motion was made to approve the following items on the Consent Calendar, with the exception of Item 5, **STREETLIGHT INSTALLATION FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS WELLS-ARLANZA SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT – APPROVE WORK ORDER NO. 1725687 FOR \$460,000**, which was placed on the Discussion Calendar:

Motion – Crohn. Second – Foust.

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

Absent: Jennifer O'Farrell (absence due to illness).

## **Minutes**

- 4 The minutes from the Board of Public Utilities regular meeting held on December 11, 2017 was approved as submitted.

## **Electric Items**

### 5 **MOVED TO DISCUSSION CALENDAR**

- 6 AWARD BID NO. RPU-7506 FOR THE CONDUIT AND CABLE REPLACEMENT FOR CANYON CREST AREA 1F, PHASE 1 PROJECT TO HOT LINE CONSTRUCTION INC. OF BRENTWOOD, CALIFORNIA, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$607,354.40 – APPROVE WORK ORDER NO. 1713398 FOR \$739,000

The Board of Public Utilities:

1. Awarded Bid No. RPU-7506 for the Conduit and Cable Replacement for Canyon Crest Area 1F, Phase 1 Project, to the lowest responsive bidder Hot Line Construction Inc. of Brentwood, California in the amount of \$607,345.40; and
2. Approved Work Order No. 1713398 for \$739,000.

## **Water Items**

- 7 CONSTRUCTION OF THE MOCKINGBIRD CANYON PUMP STATION METER VAULT REPLACEMENT PROJECT – AWARD OF BID NO. RPU-7517 TO WEKA, INC. OF HIGHLAND, CALIFORNIA, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$97,987 – APPROVE WORK ORDER NO. 1801849 FOR \$203,000

The Board of Public Utilities:

1. Awarded a contract for the construction of the Mockingbird Canyon Pump Station Meter Vault Replacement Project – Bid No. RPU-7517 to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Weka, Inc. of Highland, California, in the amount of \$97,987; and

2. Approved the capital expenditure of \$203,000 for Work Order No. 1801849, which includes all design, construction, contract administration, inspection and construction contingency costs for the Mockingbird Canyon Pump Station Meter Vault Replacement Project.

8 CONSTRUCTION OF THE EXPLORATORY UTILITY POTHOLE WORK FOR THE MAGNOLIA AVENUE TECHITE PIPE REPLACEMENT PROJECT – AWARD OF BID NO. RPU-7528 TO T.E. ROBERTS, INC. OF ORANGE, CALIFORNIA, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$153,151 – APPROVE WORK ORDER NO. 1612632 FOR \$484,000

The Board of Public Utilities:

1. Awarded a contract for the construction of the Exploratory Utility Pothole Work for the Magnolia Avenue Techite Pipe Replacement Project – Bid No. RPU-7528 to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, T.E. Roberts, Inc. of Orange, California, in the amount of \$153,151; and
2. Approved the capital expenditure of \$484,000 for Work Order No. 1612632, which includes all design, construction, paving, contract administration, inspection and construction contingency costs for the Exploratory Utility Pothole Work for the Magnolia Avenue Techite Pipe Replacement Project. A budgetary amount is also included to cover upfront costs for the pipeline design by RPU staff.

### **DISCUSSION CALENDAR**

5 STREETLIGHT INSTALLATION FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS WELLS-ARLANZA SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT – APPROVE WORK ORDER NO. 1725687 FOR \$460,000

Board Member Walcker requested this item be placed on the Discussion Calendar for further discussion.

Following discussion, the Board of Public Utilities approved the estimated capital expenditure of \$460,000 for Work Order No. 1725687 for the Electric Utility's share (streetlight installation) of the City of Riverside Public Works Wells-Arlanza Sidewalk Improvements Project.

Motion – Walcker. Second – Russo-Pereyra.

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

Absent: Jennifer O'Farrell (absence due to illness).

9 FIVE-YEAR POWER SALES AGREEMENT BETWEEN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PUBLIC POWER AUTHORITY AND THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE FOR 0.8 MEGAWATTS FROM THE AMERICAN RENEWABLE POWER-LOYALTON BIOMASS PROJECT TO COMPLY WITH SENATE BIILL 859 – ESTIMATED \$620,000 ANNUAL COST

Assistant General Manager/Resources Danny Garcia gave a presentation on the background and benefits of this five-year power sales agreement and answered questions from the Board.

The Board requested a 4<sup>th</sup> Recommendation be added to state the following:

"Request that staff report back to the Board of Public Utilities and City Council annually as to ARP Loyalton Cogen LLC's performance under and compliance with the terms of the Power Purchase Agreement for this project."

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

1. Approve the five-year Power Sales Agreement between Southern California Public Power Authority and the City of Riverside to provide renewable biomass energy and renewable energy credits from the American Renewable Power-Loyalton Biomass Project;
2. Authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute or terminate the Power Sales Agreement, as well as future amendments to the Power Sales Agreement, under terms and conditions substantially similar or superior to the Power Sales Agreement; and
3. Authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute any documents necessary to administer the Power Sales Agreement;
4. Request that staff report back to the Board of Public Utilities and City Council annually as to ARP Loyalton Cogen LLC's performance under and compliance with the terms of the Power Purchase Agreement for this project.

Motion – Walcker. Second – Ocegüera.

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

Absent: Jennifer O'Farrell (absence due to illness).

10 PUBLIC UTILITIES DEPARTMENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND PRIORITIES

General Manager Balachandran gave a presentation of the Public Utilities Department's accomplishments and future uncertainties and priorities.

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

Motion – Crohn. Second – Russo-Pereyra.

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

Absent: Jennifer O'Farrell (absence due to illness).

11 REVIEW THE DRAFT RECRUITMENT BROCHURE AND DETERMINE COMPOSITION OF BOARD MEMBERS ON THE INTERVIEW PANEL FOR UTILITIES GENERAL MANAGER

Assistant City Manager Marianna Marysheva gave an overview of the recruitment process for replacement of the Utilities General Manager and answered questions from the Board Members.

The Board approved the following Board Members to be on the interview panel:

Dave Austin  
Elizabeth Sanchez-Monville  
Jo Lynne Russo-Pereyra  
Gil Ocegüera (alternate)

Following discussion, the Board of Public Utilities:

1. Reviewed and provided comments on the draft recruitment brochure for Utilities General Manager; and
2. Provided staff direction on the composition of the Board's interview panel, to include Dave Austin, Elizabeth Sanchez-Monville and Jo Lynne Russo-Pereyra, with Gil Ocegüera as an alternate.

Motion – Walcker. Second – Crohn.

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

Absent: Jennifer O'Farrell (absence due to illness).

**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

- Update on PU staff overtime
- Annual Board Workshop
- RTRP Update

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

14 Open Work Orders over \$200,000 and Closed Work Orders – Summary Report for November 2017

15 SCPPA Resolution Billings – October 2017

16 RPU Drought and Conservation Efforts / Groundwater Level Update as of November 2017

- 17 Monthly Power Supply Report – November 2017
- 18 Water Highlights – November 2017
- 19 City Council / Committee Agendas – December 12, 2017 and December 19, 2017
- 20 Upcoming Meetings
- 21 Electric / Water Utility Acronyms
- 22 SCPPA Monthly Agenda / Minutes – November 16, 2017
- 23 RPU Financial Report through October 30, 2017

#### UPCOMING MEETING

Chair Dave Austin adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:55 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Public Utilities will be on Monday, January 22, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Art Pick Council Chamber, Riverside, California.

By: 

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Todd L. Jorgenson, Interim Secretary  
Board of Public Utilities

Approved by: City of Riverside Board of Public Utilities

Dated January 22, 2018