



*City of Arts & Innovation*

## BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES MINUTES

MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2025, 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, Brian Siana, Warren Avery, Gary Montgomery, and Rosemary Heru

ABSENT: Board Members Sandra Polichetti and Nancy Melendez

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

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

### PUBLIC COMMENT IN-PERSON/TELEPHONE

Malissa McKeith spoke regarding fires and water pressure.

### COMMUNICATIONS

### BOARD MEMBERS DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest declared at this time.

### CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Board Member Montgomery and seconded by Board Member Siana to approve the Consent Calendar as presented below affirming the actions appropriate to each item except Board Member Wohlgemuth requested the Legislative update on Assembly Bills item be removed from Consent Calendar and moved to Discussion Calendar for further discussion. The motion carried unanimously with Board Members Polichetti and Melendez absent.

### MINUTES

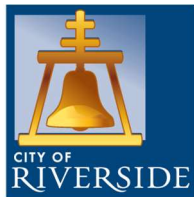
The minutes of the meeting of December 9, 2024, were approved as presented.

### BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES MEETINGS

The Board of Public Utilities approved (1) the cancellation of the regularly scheduled Board of Public Utilities meetings for May 26, October 13, November 10, November 24, and December 22, 2025, due to the holidays; and (2) a special meeting on November 17, 2025.

### WORK ORDERS 2415639 AND 2507378 - CIRCUITS 1205 AND 1287 RELIABILITY IMPROVEMENT AND FUSE COORDINATION PROJECT

The Board of Public Utilities approved Work Order 2415639 in the amount of \$158,847 and Work Order 2507378 in the amount of \$151,400, for a total capital expenditure of \$310,247 for the Circuits 1205 and 1287 Reliability Improvement and Fuse Coordination Project.



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### FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 TREE POWER PROGRAM FREE SHADE TREE COUPON CAMPAIGN - ISSUE PURCHASE ORDERS AND CHANGE ORDERS - REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL 2325 AGREEMENT FOR SOFTWARE

The Board of Public Utilities recommended that the City Council (1) approve the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Tree Power Program Free Shade Tree Coupon Campaign in the amount of \$462,968; (2) authorize the City Manager, or designee, to issue purchase orders and change orders to Parkview Nursery, 4377 Chicago Avenue; Parkview Nursery, 3841 Jackson Street; and Louie's Nursery, 18550 Van Buren Boulevard based on the variable product demand of each nursery for the Tree Power Program's Free Shade Tree Coupon campaign in a collective amount of \$462,968; (3) approve the Professional Consultant Services Agreement from Request for Proposal 2325 for software to administer the Tree Power Program to Arbor Day Foundation for \$525,000 with a 10 percent contingency of \$52,500 for a total not to exceed amount of \$577,500; and (4) authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the Professional Consultant Services Agreements, execute the optional extensions at \$175,000 annually, and including making minor and non-substantive changes to the agreements.

### DISCUSSION CALENDAR

#### LEGISLATIVE UPDATE ON ASSEMBLY BILLS

Following discussion and without formal motion, the Board of Public Utilities received and ordered filed the legislative update on Assembly Bills 460, 1827, 2037, 2221, 2257, 2427, 2697, 3062, and 867, and Senate Bills 937 and 1072.

### WORKSHOP

#### 2025 ANNUAL BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES WORK PLAN

Following discussion and without formal motion the Board of Public Utilities recommended that the following topics and action items be included in the Board's 2025 Annual Work Plan: (a) Action Item 1 add topics such as Purchasing Authority, Standing Rules, Board Policy review, updates on training, education around Proposition 218, fieldtrip opportunities, general time frames for when items are coming to the Board; (b) Action Item 2 include quarterly legislative updates; (c) Action Item 3 list out key items with dates; (d) Action Item 4 include major projects and key issues throughout the year; and (e) Create a separate Action Item or include in existing item to improve community outreach and engagement and follow City's Community and Engagement Policy for outreach.



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### DISCUSSION CALENDAR

#### STATE MANDATED PUBLIC BENEFITS ENERGY SURCHARGE FUND PROGRAM AND FINANCIAL ACTIVITY UPDATE

This item was removed from the agenda.

#### OVERVIEW OF UPCOMING BOARD AGENDA ITEMS FOR GENERATION SECTION

Following discussion and without formal motion the Board of Public Utilities received and ordered filed an overview of upcoming Board agenda items for the Generation section.

#### BID SUB-2B - PROCUREMENT OF TWO POWER TRANSFORMERS FOR WILDERNESS SUBSTATION

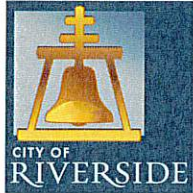
Following discussion, it was moved by Board Member Avery and seconded by Board Member Siana that the Board of Public Utilities (1) authorize the procurement of two Power Transformers from Bid SUB-2B for Wilderness Substation with HD Hyundai Electric America Corporation, Duluth, Georgia, in the amount of \$11,912,380.39 with a contingency of 10 percent in the amount of \$1,191,238.03 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$13,103,618.42; and (2) authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the procurement described herein, as well as the ability to make minor non-substantive changes in alignment with all purchasing policies. The motion carried unanimously with Board Members Polichetti and Melendez absent.

#### RPU BID 8078 - CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FOR WORK ORDER 2208638 - STREETLIGHT REPLACEMENT PROJECT, PHASE 5

Following discussion, it was moved by Board Member Siana and seconded by Board Member Wohlgemuth to (1) award RPU Bid 8078 - Streetlight Replacement Project, Phase 5, to Herman Weissker, Inc., Riverside, in the amount of \$3,661,859.05; (2) authorize staff to issue change orders, if needed, to the Herman Weissker, Inc., Construction Contract in a not-to-exceed amount of 10 percent, or \$366,185.91, for RPU Bid 8078; (3) approve the capital expenditure for Work Order 2208638 in the amount of \$4,200,000 which includes design, construction, construction support, contract administration, inspection and construction change order authority costs for the Streetlight Replacement Project, Phase 5; and (4) authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the project as described in the report, as well as the ability to make minor non-substantive changes in alignment with all purchasing policies. The motion carried unanimously with Board Members Polichetti and Melendez absent.

### CLOSED SESSION

The Board of Public Utilities adjourned to closed session at 8:47 p.m. pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1) to confer with and/or receive advice from legal counsel concerning City of Riverside v. The IG Group, LLC, Riverside County Superior Court Case No. CVRI2405799.



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The Board of Public Utilities returned to open session at 9:18 p.m. with Chair Oceguela presiding and Vice Chair Goldware, and Board Members Wohlgemuth, Siana, Avery, Montgomery, and Heru present and Board Members Polichetti and Melendez absent.

### BOARD MEMBER/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

#### CITY ATTORNEY REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION DISCUSSION

Senior Deputy City Attorney Beaumon announced there were no reportable actions taken during the closed session.

#### 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

Chair Oceguela requested a report of water system capabilities.

### 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) WA-12 Agricultural Service Water Rate Report as of November 30, 2024; (2) Electric and Water Contractor and Consultant Panel updates for October 2024; (3) Accounts Receivable and Delinquencies as of November 30, 2024; (4) Power Supply Report - October 2024; (5) Southern California Public Power Authority Agenda and Minutes; (6) Customer Engagement Report updates through November 2024; (7) a list of upcoming City Council and Board meetings; and (8) Electric/Water Utility Acronyms.

The Board of Public Utilities adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DIANA ALEGRIA  
Deputy City Clerk