

City of Arts & Innovation

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES MINUTES

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2025, 6:30 P.M.
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER
3900 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE, CA 92522

PRESENT: Chair Rebeccah Goldware, Vice Chair Brian Siana and Board Members Peter Wohlgemuth, Jordan Wright, Warren Avery, Gary Montgomery, Tom Evans, and Mikael Becker

ABSENT: None

Chair Goldware called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT IN-PERSON/TELEPHONE

Jason Hunter spoke regarding the Gage Canal governance structure and a restraining order.

COMMUNICATIONS

OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

Director of Marketing and Communications, Kaitlin Reierson, provided the Office of Communications update.

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 Avery and seconded by Board Member Becker to approve the Consent Calendar as presented affirming the actions appropriate to each item. The motion carried unanimously.

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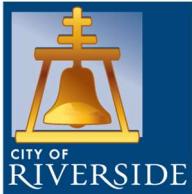
The minutes for the meeting of November 17, 2025, were approved as presented.

ABSENCE

The absence of Board Member Montgomery from October 27, 2025, Board of Public Utilities meeting was excused.

SERVICES AGREEMENT TO REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL 2476 - AIR COMPRESSOR MAINTENANCE - RIVERSIDE ENERGY RESOURCE CENTER UNITS 3, 4, AND SPRINGS POWER PLANT

The Board of Public Utilities (1) approved the Services Agreement to Request for Proposal 2476 with Lans Compressors, Inc., Glendora, to perform air compressor maintenance at Riverside Energy Resource Center Units 3 and 4 and Springs Power Plant for a five-year term ending December 31, 2030, in the amount of \$536,713; and (2) authorized the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the Services Agreement with Lans Compressors, Inc., including making non-substantive changes.



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WORK ORDER 2509126 - HARVEY LYNN SUBSTATION TRANSFORMER (T3) CIRCUITS 1287, 1289, AND 1291 GETAWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The Board of Public Utilities approved Work Order 2509126 for a total capital expenditure of \$780,000 for the Harvey Lynn Substation Transformer (T3) Circuits 1287, 1289 and 1291 Getaway Improvement Project.

WORK ORDER 2410179 - PLAZA SUBSTATION 4KV TO 12KV CONVERSION AREA 4 PROJECT, CIRCUITS 444 AND 445 CUTOVER TO CIRCUIT 1253

The Board of Public Utilities approved Work Order 2410179 for a total capital expenditure of \$210,000 for the Plaza Substation 4kV to 12kV Conversion Area 4 Project, Circuits 444 and 445 Cutover to Circuit 1253.

WORK ORDER 2320724 - POLE REPLACEMENTS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS

The Board of Public Utilities approved Work Order 2320724 in the amount of \$889,810 for pole replacements at various locations.

HOLLAND AND HART LLP, TO REPRESENT CITY FOR NEGOTIATION OF POWER PURCHASE AND

RESOURCE ADEQUACY PURCHASE AGREEMENTS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2025-2026 AND 2026-2027

The Board of Public Utilities recommended that the City Council (1) approve an increase in expenditures by \$300,000, \$150,000 each for Fiscal Year 2025-26 and Fiscal Year 2026-27, to continue to retain Holland and Hart LLP, to represent the City for the negotiation of power purchase and resource adequacy purchase agreement; and (2) authorize the City Attorney to execute Engagement Letters to retain Holland and Hart LLP, for the negotiation of power purchase agreements or resource adequacy purchase agreements.

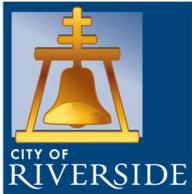
DISCUSSION CALENDAR

ANNUAL ELECTRIC AND WATER UTILITY RATE PLAN UPDATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-25

Following discussion, it was moved by Board Member Siana and seconded by Board Member Montgomery to recommend that the City Council receive and file the annual electric and water utility rate plan update for the results of Fiscal Year 2024-25. No one spoke regarding the matter. The motion carried with Board Member Evans voting no.

BID RPU-8212 FOR CONSTRUCTION OF GROUNDWATER WELL REHABILITATION PROJECT - WORK ORDER 2522339 - REHABILITATION OF GARNER C WELL - WORK ORDER 2522340 FOR REHABILITATION OF TIPPECANOE WELL

Following discussion, it was moved by Board Member Siana and seconded by Board Member Becker to (1) award a contract for the construction of the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Groundwater Well Rehabilitation Project - Bid RPU-8212 to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder, Best Drilling and Pump, Inc., Colton, in the amount of \$1,690,277; (2) authorize 10 percent change order authority in the amount of \$169,027.70 for Bid RPU-8212 for the construction of the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Groundwater Well Rehabilitation Project; (3) approve the capital



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expenditure for Work Order 2522339 in the amount of \$991,000 which includes design, construction, construction support, contract administration, inspection and construction change order authority costs for the rehabilitation of the Garner C Well; (4) approve the capital expenditure for Work Order 2522340 in the amount of \$1,143,000 which includes design, construction, construction support, contract administration, inspection and construction change order authority costs for the rehabilitation of the Tippecanoe Well; and (5) authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute construction agreements and any other documents necessary to effectuate the project described in staff report, as well as the ability to make minor non-substantive changes including changes to each of the work order amounts but not-to-exceed the cumulative total of \$2,134,000 and in accordance with all purchasing policies. No one spoke regarding the matter. The motion carried unanimously.

WORK ORDER 1614978 - ENGINEERING, CONSTRUCTION AND PAVING COSTS - GOLDEN AVENUE PIPELINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

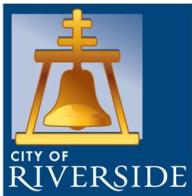
Following discussion, it was moved by Board Member Avery and seconded by Board Member Montgomery to (1) approve Work Order 1614978 in the total amount of \$2,834,000 for engineering, construction and paving costs for the Golden Avenue Pipeline Replacement Project. No one spoke regarding the matter. The motion carried unanimously.

SERVICES AGREEMENT - GAS TURBINE COMPONENT ROTABLE EXCHANGES - RIVERSIDE ENERGY RESOURCE CENTER - WORK ORDER 2607457

Following discussion, it was moved by Board Member Siana and seconded by Board Member Becker to (1) approve the Services Agreement with GE Vernova Operations, LLC., Houston, Texas, to perform gas turbine component rotatable exchanges at the Riverside Energy Resource Center for a five-year term commencing on January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2030, in the amount not to exceed \$14,650,629; (2) approve Work Order 2607457 in the amount of \$14,650,629; and (3) authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the Services Agreement with GE Vernova Operations, LLC., including making non-substantive changes. No one spoke regarding the matter. The motion carried unanimously.

BID 8180 - GRADING CONSTRUCTION OF WILDERNESS SUBSTATION AND WILDLIFE SWITCHYARD SITE - STREET IMPROVEMENT CONSTRUCTION OF WILDERNESS AVENUE AND ED PERKIC STREET

Following discussion, it was moved by Board Member Evans and seconded by Board Member Wohlgemuth to (1) award RPU Bid 8180 for the grading construction of Wilderness substation and Wildlife switchyard site, and street improvement construction of Wilderness Avenue and Ed Perkic Street to Act 1 Construction, Inc., Norco, in the amount of \$9,635,566; (2) authorize a 10 percent contingency in the amount of \$963,557; and (3) authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the procurement described in staff report, as well as the ability to make minor non-substantive changes in alignment with all purchasing policies. No one spoke regarding the matter. The motion carried unanimously.



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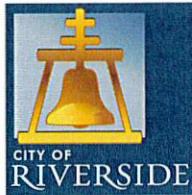
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BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES STANDING RULES AND POLICY GUIDE

Following discussion, it was moved by Board Member Avery and seconded by Board Member Becker to (1) review and discuss the Board of Public Utilities Standing Rules and Policy Guide; (2) review and approve red-line changes from Board meeting on November 17, 2025; and (3) request staff return to the Board with a red line of recommended changes from this meeting as discussed by the Board for consideration after priority sections and policies of the Board of Public Utilities Standing Rules and Policy Guide have been reviewed. One person spoke regarding the matter. The motion carried unanimously.

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD APPLICATION FOR DRINKING WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND LOAN AND EMERGING CONTAMINANTS GRANT OR PRINCIPAL FORGIVENESS PROGRAM FUNDING

Following discussion, it was moved by Board Member Wright and seconded by Board Member Becker to recommend that the City Council (1) authorize application to the State Water Resources Control Board for Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan and Emerging Contaminants Grant or Principal Forgiveness Program funding for the Riverside Public Utilities Department's Palmyrita Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Water Treatment Plant Project; (2) approve the resolution authorizing City Manager, or designee, to file a financial assistance application for the Financial Agreement with the State Water Resources Control Board for the construction of the Riverside Public Utilities Department's Palmyrita PFAS Water Treatment Plant Project; (3) approve the resolution authorizing the advance of funds for construction of the Riverside Public Utilities Department's Palmyrita PFAS Water Treatment Plant Project subject to later reimbursement of City expenditures by the State Water Resources Control Board; (4) authorize the City to receive fifty percent of the Riverside Public Utilities Department's Palmyrita PFAS Water Treatment Plant project costs up to \$25 million from the Emerging Contaminants Grant or Principal Forgiveness Program for the Riverside Public Utilities Department's Palmyrita PFAS Water Treatment Plant upon the grant and/or principal forgiveness award; (5) with five affirmative votes, authorize the Chief Financial Officer, or his designee, to record an increase in estimated revenues and a corresponding supplemental appropriation in the amount of the actual Emerging Contaminant Grant or Principal Forgiveness Program award in the Water Fund Federal Grants revenue and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Emerging Contaminant Grant-Palmyrita PFAS Construction Project expenditure accounts; (6) authorize the City Manager, or designee, to sign all necessary documents for the application to the loan and grant and/or principal forgiveness funding program including application materials, contracts, extensions, and other necessary documents related to the application of the loan and application and acceptance of the grant and/or principal forgiveness funding, including making minor and non-substantive changes, corrections, and amendments, as needed; and (7) recommend staff return to the Board of Public Utilities to provide an update on the State Water Resources Control Board for Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan application and application and acceptance of the Emerging Contaminants Grant and/or Principal Forgiveness Program funding. One person spoke regarding the matter. The motion carried unanimously.



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BOARD MEMBER/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

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

Board Member Siana announced that coal is no longer used by electric generators and cleaner energy is being produced. Chair Goldware announced that Assistant City Manager Rafael Guzman is retiring and thanked him for his leadership and service to local government and acknowledged and thanked the Board of Public Utilities and staff for their time and dedication during the last year.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES CONSIDERATION

Board Member Evans requested an update on real property including the impact of active and surplus properties. Board Members Wohlgemuth and Montgomery requested an item regarding the relationship between Riverside Public Utilities and the Gage Canal Company for a better understanding of roles, ownership, governance, and financial structures, and liabilities.

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 for October 31, 2025; (2) Power Supply Report for September 2025; (3) Water Supply Report for September 30, 2025; (4) Electric Contractor and Consultant Panel updates for September 2025; (5) Customer Engagement Report updates through October 2025; (6) Southern California Public Power Authority Agendas and Minutes; (7) list of upcoming City Council and Board meetings; and (8) Electric/Water Utility Acronyms.

The Board of Public Utilities adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



LORENA VERDUSCO
Assistant City Clerk