



*City of Arts & Innovation*

## BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES MINUTES

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2024, 6:30 P.M.

ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER

3900 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE, CA 92522

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**PRESENT:** Chair Gildardo Oceguera, Vice Chair Rebeccah Goldware, and Board Members Peter Wohlgemuth, Sandra Polichetti, Warren Avery, Gary Montgomery, Nancy Melendez, and Rosemary Heru

**ABSENT:** Board Member Brian Siana

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

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

### PUBLIC COMMENT IN-PERSON/TELEPHONE

Raychele Sterling spoke regarding Charter Section 1109. Jason Hunter spoke regarding City Council Authority and Charter Section 1109.

### COMMUNICATIONS

Marketing and Communications Director, Kaitlin Reierson, provided the annual marketing and communication activities 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 Melendez and seconded by Board Member Avery to approve the Consent Calendar as presented below affirming the actions appropriate to each item with the exception of the Annual Marketing and Communication Activities Update by Marketing and Communications Department was moved to the Communications portion of the agenda. The motion carried unanimously with Board Member Siana absent.

### MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of November 18, 2024, were approved as presented.

### ABSENCE

The Board of Public Utilities excused the absence of Board Member Montgomery from the Board of Public Utilities meeting held October 28, 2024.

### ABSENCE

The Board of Public Utilities excused the absence of Board Member Polichetti from the Board of Public Utilities meeting held October 28, 2024.



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### PROCUREMENT OF SECTION 404 UTILITIES EXCEPTION ITEM - UNINTERRUPTIBLE POWER SUPPLY (UPS) UPGRADE - UTILITIES OPERATIONS CENTER

The Board of Public Utilities (1) approved procurement of a Section 404 Utilities Exception Item – Uninterruptible Power Supply Upgrade with Camali Corporation, to replace an old UPS at UOC, in the amount of \$143,163; and (2) authorized the expenditure in the amount of \$143,163 for the UPS upgrade from the Public Utilities Electric Capital Account 6130200-470826.

### MISSION SQUARE BUILDING FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 YEAR-END UPDATE - 3750 UNIVERSITY AVE

The Board of Public Utilities received and ordered filed an update on the Mission Square Fiscal Year 2023-24 year-end.

### 2023 POWER SOURCE DISCLOSURE REPORTS, 2023 POWER CONTENT LABEL, INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORTS, AND RIVERSIDE PUBLIC UTILITIES CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO STANDARD ANNUAL COMPLIANCE REPORT UPDATES SUBMITTED TO CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

The Board of Public Utilities received and ordered filed the 2023 Power Source Disclosure Reports, 2023 Power Content Label, Independent Accountant's Reports and RPU CEC-RPS Annual Compliance Report submitted to the California Energy Commission update.

### WORKSHOP

#### USAGE OF INTERNAL FORCES FOR CONSTRUCTION OF WATER AND ELECTRIC UTILITY PROJECTS

Following discussion, it was moved by Vice Chair Goldware and seconded by Board Member Melendez that the Board of Public Utilities (1) receive and order filed an update regarding the usage of internal forces for the construction of water and electric utility projects; (2) recommend that the City Council, with at least five affirmative votes, adopt the suggested draft resolution reaffirming the policy excepting certain types of projects from Section 1109 of the Riverside City Charter and repealing Resolution 15507. The motion carried with Chair Oceguera, Vice Chair Goldware, and Board Members Polichetti, Melendez, and Heru voting aye, Board Members Wohlgemuth, Avery, and Montgomery voting no, and Board Member Siana absent.

### DISCUSSION CALENDAR

#### PURCHASE OF 80,000 ADDITIONAL ELECTRIC METERS FOR FISCAL YEARS 2024-2025 THROUGH 2028-2029 - WORK ORDER 2508277

Following discussion, it was moved by Vice Chair Goldware and seconded by Board Member Melendez that the Board of Public Utilities (1) approve Work Order 2508277 in the amount of \$25,250,000; (2) approve the purchase of 80,000 additional electric meters with McAvoy and Markham, for fiscal years 2024-2025 through 2028-2029, in the not to exceed amount of \$15,350,000; and (3) authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute any documents



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necessary to effectuate the contract described herein, as well as the ability to make minor and nonsubstantive changes in alignment with all purchasing policies. The motion carried with Chair Oceguera, Vice Chair Goldware, and Board Members Wohlgemuth, Polichetti, Avery, Melendez, and Heru voting aye, Board Member Montgomery voting no, and Board Member Siana absent.

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL 2360 AGREEMENT WITH LA COLINA SUBSTATION UPGRADE PROJECT - WORK ORDER 2202776 - 2360 LA COLINA

Following discussion, it was moved by Board Member Avery and seconded by Board Member Wohlgemuth to (1) approve an increase to Work Order 2202776 in the amount of \$1,680,000, bringing the total Work Order amount from \$5,400,000 to \$7,080,000; and (2) recommend that the City Council (a) approve a Professional Consultant Services Agreement for Request for Proposal 2360 for La Colina Substation Upgrade Project with Leidos Engineering, LLC, of Reston, Virginia, for a term of 3.5 years from date specified in the Notice to Proceed once issued by City, in a not-to-exceed amount of \$1,292,028, with the option to extend for one additional two-year term; (b) authorize a 15 percent, or \$193,804, change order authority for the contract with Leidos Engineering, LLC, for Request for Proposal 2360 La Colina Substation Upgrade Project; and (c) authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the Professional Consultant Services Agreement with Leidos Engineering, LLC, including making minor and non-substantive changes. The motion carried unanimously with Board Member Siana absent.

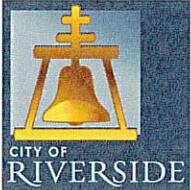
### BID 8074 PAPER INSULATED LEAD COVERED CABLE REPLACEMENT PROJECT - WORK ORDER 2318306

Following discussion, it was moved by Vice Chair Goldware and seconded by Board Member Melendez to (1) award RPU Bid 8074 to Edison Power Constructors, Inc., Mesa, Arizona, for the Paper Insulated Lead Covered Cable Replacement Project, in the amount of \$806,632.31; (2) approve Work Order 2318306 for the total capital expenditure of \$3,000,000 which includes all design, construction, construction support, contract administration, inspection, and construction change order authority of 10 percent in the amount of \$80,663.23 for the Paper Insulated Lead Covered Cable Replacement Project; and (3) authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the project described in the staff report, as well as the ability to make minor non-substantive changes in alignment with all purchasing policies. The motion carried unanimously with Board Member Siana absent.

### 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.



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### ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES CONSIDERATION

There were no future items requested at this time.

#### 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 October 31, 2024; (2) Accounts Receivable and Delinquencies as of October 31, 2024; (3) Water Supply Report for October 31, 2024; (4) Customer Engagement Report updates through October 2024; (5) Southern California Public Power Authority Agenda and Minutes; (6) a list of upcoming City Council and Board meetings; and (7) Electric/Water Utility Acronyms.

The Board of Public Utilities adjourned at 10:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DIANA ALEGRIA  
Deputy City Clerk