

City of Arts & Innovation

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES DRAFT MINUTES

MONDAY, JULY 25, 2022, 6:30 P.M.
PUBLIC COMMENT IN-PERSON/TELEPHONE
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER
3900 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE, CA 92522

PRESENT: Chair David Crohn, Vice Chair Rebeccah Goldware and Board Members Rosemary Heru, Nancy Melendez, Gary Montgomery, Gil Oceguela, and Peter Wohlgemuth

ABSENT: Members Deborah Cherney and Nipunjeet Gujral

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

Member Montgomery led the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There was no one wishing to address the Board of Public Utilities.

COMMUNICATIONS

Power Resources Manager Tracy Sato provided the Riverside Public Utilities sustainability efforts update.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Vice Chair Goldware and seconded by Member Melendez to approve the Consent Calendar as presented below affirming the actions appropriate to each item with the item regarding program enhancements and additions to Water Conservation Surcharge programs as a response to California Drought pulled for separate discussion. The motion carried unanimously with Members Cherney, Gujral, and Oceguela absent.

MINUTES

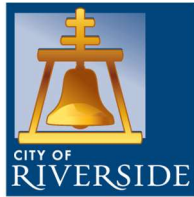
The minutes of the meeting of July 11, 2022, were approved as presented.

BOARD ATTENDANCE

The Board of Public Utilities excused the absence of Members Gujral and Melendez from the June 27, 2022, meeting.

AGREEMENT FOR REPLACEMENT OF FIVE FUEL METERS - WORK ORDER 2225714 - SPRINGS FUEL METERS UPGRADE PROJECT

The Board of Public Utilities (1) approved an agreement with Micro Motion, Inc., Boulder, Colorado, to replace five fuel meters at the Springs Power Plant in the amount of \$131,202; (2) approved Work Order 2225714 for the Springs Fuel Meters Upgrade Project in the amount of \$156,722; and (3) authorized the City Manager, or designee, to execute the Agreement, including making minor and non-substantive changes.



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AMENDMENTS MADE BY CITY COUNCIL ON WATER RULE 17 AND ELECTRIC RULE 21 FOR DISPUTED BILL APPEAL PROCESSES AND WATER RULE 6 AND ELECTRIC RULE 6 FOR METER INVESTIGATIONS AND ADJUSTMENTS OF BILLS

The Board of Public Utilities received and ordered filed the report on the City Council's approval of changes to Water Rule 17, Electric Rule 21, Water Rule 6, and Electric Rule 6 as outlined in the staff report.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

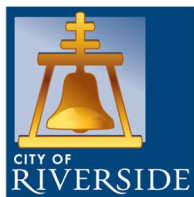
RECOMMEND CITY COUNCIL APPROVE PROGRAM ENHANCEMENTS AND ADDITIONS TO WATER CONSERVATION SURCHARGE PROGRAMS AS A RESPONSE TO CALIFORNIA DROUGHT - RESIDENTIAL TURF REMOVAL PROGRAM - COMMERCIAL TURF REMOVAL PROGRAM - NEW RESIDENTIAL FLOW MONITORING DEVICE PROGRAM - NEW RESIDENTIAL HOSE BIB PROGRAM - TREE CARE PROGRAM

Following discussion, it was moved by Member Melendez and seconded by Vice Chair Goldware to recommend that the City Council approve the (1) change to the Residential Turf Removal Program, to increase funding from \$3 per square foot of turf to \$5 per square foot of turf, estimated total fiscal impact for fiscal year 2022-2023 of \$125,000; (2) change to the Commercial Turf Removal Program, to increase funding from \$3 per square foot of turf to \$5 per square foot of turf, estimated fiscal impact for fiscal year 2022-2023 of \$150,000; (3) new Residential Flow Monitoring Device Program, estimated fiscal impact for fiscal year 2022-2023 of \$25,000; (4) new Residential Hose Bib Program, estimated fiscal impact for fiscal year 2022-2023 of \$10,000; and (5) purchase of soaker hoses for the Tree Care Program, estimated fiscal impact for fiscal year 2022-2023 of \$10,000. The motion carried with Chair Crohn, Vice Chair Goldware, and Members Heru, Melendez, Ocegüera, and Wohlgemuth voting aye, Member Montgomery voting no, and Members Cherney and Gujral absent.

CUSTOMER APPEAL OF PUBLIC UTILITIES DEPARTMENT DETERMINATION OF FINDINGS RESPECTIVE OF ELECTRIC BILLING DISPUTE FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE BILLED ON APRIL 28, 2022 - STAFF RECOMMENDS DENIAL OF APPEAL AND UPHOLD PUBLIC UTILITIES DEPARTMENT FINDING THAT BILLING WAS CALCULATED ACCURATELY - 6635 NAVEL COURT -

Hearing was called regarding the appeal from Stacey Moritz-Erbstoesser of 6635 Navel Court, Riverside, 92506, for electric service billed on April 28, 2022, for the account at the same address. One person spoke on the matter. It was moved by Member Montgomery and seconded by Member Wohlgemuth to close the hearing. The motion carried unanimously with Members Cherney and Gujral absent.

Following further discussion, it was moved by Vice Chair Goldware and seconded by Member Montgomery to deny the appeal from Stacey Moritz-Erbstoesser of 6635 Navel



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Court, Riverside, 92506, for electric service billed on April 28, 2022, for the account at the same address and uphold the Public Utilities Department finding that the billing was calculated accurately. The motion carried with Chair Crohn, Vice Chair Goldware, and Members Heru, Melendez, Montgomery, and Oceguela voting aye, Member Wohlgemuth abstaining, and Members Cherney and Gujral absent.

SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT PRESENTATION - SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS ACROSS UPPER SANTA ANA RIVER WATERSHED

Following discussion, it was moved by Member Melendez and seconded by Member Wohlgemuth to receive and ordered filed the presentation from the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District about their sustainability efforts across the Upper Santa Ana River Watershed. The motion carried unanimously with Members Cherney and Gujral absent.

RECOMMEND CITY COUNCIL APPROVE JOINING UPPER SANTA ANA RIVER WATERSHED INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING AUTHORITY - JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS AGREEMENT

Following discussion, it was moved by Member Melendez and seconded by Member Wohlgemuth to recommend that the City Council (1) approve joining the Upper Santa Ana River Watershed Infrastructure Financing Authority through the execution of a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement; (2) designate a director and an alternate individual to represent Riverside Public Utilities on the governing board of the Upper Santa Ana River Watershed Infrastructure Financing Authority; and (3) approve an expenditure not-to-exceed \$270,000 to fund Riverside's portion of submitting a funding application and Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act loan package to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for a regional suite of infrastructure projects. The motion carried with Chair Crohn, Vice Chair Goldware, and Members Heru, Melendez, Oceguela, and Wohlgemuth voting aye, Member Montgomery voting no, and Members Cherney and Gujral absent.

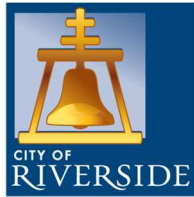
WORK ORDER 2111679 - TOYON ROAD AND HOLLY LANE WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Following discussion, it was moved by Vice Chair Goldware and seconded by Member Montgomery to approve Work Order 2111679 in the total amount of \$1,392,000 for all engineering, construction, paving and construction contingency costs for the Toyon Road and Holly Lane Water Main Replacement Project. The motion carried with Chair Crohn, Vice Chair Goldware, and Members Heru, Melendez, Montgomery, Oceguela, and voting aye, Member Wohlgemuth voting no, and Members Cherney and Gujral absent.

BOARD MEMBER/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES CONSIDERATION

There were no future items requested at this time.



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

Chair Crohn reported on a field trip to the Santa Ana River. Member Melendez reported on a recent grant for the restoration of the Trujillo Adobe.

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) impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic and Emergency Orders update; (2) Electric and Water Contractor and Consultants Panel updates through May 2022; (3) Riverside Public Utilities Electric and Water Financial Results through May 2022 and Accounts Receivable and Delinquencies through May 2022; (4) a list of upcoming Board of Public Utilities and City Council meetings; and (5) Electric and Water utility acronyms.

The Board of Public Utilities adjourned at 10:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

LORENA VERDUSCO
Deputy City Clerk