

CITY OF RIVERSIDE

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Minutes of: Meeting of the Board of Public Utilities
Date of Meeting: October 28, 2019
Time of Meeting: 6:30 p.m.
Place of Meeting: Art Pick Council Chambers
3900 Main Street (at Main and Tenth Streets)
Riverside, California

CHAIR CALLED MEETING TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG WAS GIVEN

PRESENTATIONS

1. Four students and their art teacher from Woodcrest Christian High School were recognized for Riverside Public Utilities 2019 SPLASH into Cash Bottled Water label art contest: Klaudia Blaszczyk, Madeleine Chaffin, Elyssa Smith, Ella Whitehouse and Mrs. Thomale.

Roll Call

Present:

David Crohn
Jeanette Hernandez
Ana Miramontes
Gil Ocegüera

Jennifer O'Farrell
Elizabeth Sanchez-Monville
Jo Lynne Russo Pereyra
Andrew Walcker

Absent: Dave Austin

Consent Calendar

Item #6 on the Consent calendar was moved to Discussion.
Item #8 was pulled and rescheduled to a future meeting date.

A motion was made to approve items remaining items on the Consent Calendar:

Motion – O'Farrell Second – Walcker

Ayes: Crohn, Hernandez, Miramontes, Ocegüera, Russo-Pereyra, Sanchez-Monville,

Absent: Walcker

5. The Board of Public Utilities:

Awarded Bid No. RPU-7695 for the construction of the FY2019-20 Groundwater Well Rehabilitation Project to Layne Christensen, of Redlands, California, in the amount of \$578,678.57; and approved the capital expenditures for Work Order No. 1921584 in the amount of \$318,000, which include all design, construction, contract administration, inspection, and construction change order authority costs for rehabilitating the Flume 7

Well; approved the capital expenditures for Work Order No. 1921585 in the amount of \$449,000 which include all design, construction, contract administration, inspection, and construction change order authority costs for rehabilitating the Gage 31-1R Well; and authorized the City Manager, or designee, to execute construction agreements and any other documents necessary to effectuate the project described herein, as well as, the ability to make minor non-substantive changes including changes to each of the work order amounts not-to exceed the cumulative project total of \$767,000 and in accordance with all purchasing policies.

7. The Board of Public Utilities:

Approved the Riverside Public Utilities Electric 2020 Annual Resource Adequacy Plan compliance filing; and authorize filing the Riverside Public Utilities Electric 2020 Annual Resource Adequacy Plan with the California Independent System Operator in compliance with Section 40 of its tariff.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

6. That the Board of Public Utilities recommend that the City Council approve the Fourth Amendment to the Program Order of the Master Inter-Utility Agreement with Southern California Gas Company; approve increasing the Energy Savings Assistant Program amount by \$500,000 for a total program amount of \$1,000,000 for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 in order to continue to support low-income customers through the end of the fiscal year; and authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the Program Order with Southern California Gas Company including the ability to make any minor, non-substantive changes without exceeding the approved program budget.

Interim Manager Tracy Sato made a presentation to the Board explaining the collaboration between Riverside Public Utilities and Southern California Gas Company to provide no cost energy efficiency measures to low income customers paid for from Public Benefits funds. She noted that Southern California Gas will assess an administrative fee of no more than 10% of the total compensation charged in the next fiscal year.

After discussion, a motion was made to accept staff recommendation:

Motion – Crohn Second – O’Farrell

Ayes: Hernandez, Miramontes, Ocegüera, Russo-Pereyra, Sanchez-Monville, Walcker

Absent: Austin

9. That the Board of Public Utilities approve an increase to Work Order No. 1707248 by \$7,228,650 for a total amount of \$10,888,650 for fiscal year 2019-2020 for the second phase of implementation of an Electric Advanced Meter System and Meter Data Management System; recommend that the City Council approve changes to the Fiscal Year 2019/20 Master Personnel Detail as described herein; and recommend that the City Council approve an interdepartmental Budget Transfer of personnel funds totaling \$155,668 from the Field Services Division 601000 to the Electric Operations Division 610000.

Senior Project Manager Jennifer Tavaglione presented to the Board the successful implementation of the first phase of Advanced Meter Infrastructure and Meter Management System. She provided details on the second and third phases of implementation of AMI meters citywide. She briefed the Board on system security, personnel issues and community outreach.

After discussion, a motion was made to approve item:

Motion – Ocegüera Second – Miramontes

Ayes: Crohn, Hernandez, Miramontes, O'Farrell, Russo-Pereyra, Sanchez-Monville, Walcker

Absent: Austin

10. Board Member Andrew Walcker recused himself from the following item due to conflict of interest, as he is a member of the Greater Riverside Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, left the dais and did not participate in the discussion

Board Member Ana Miramontes recused herself from the following item due to conflict of interest, as she is a member of the Greater Riverside Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, left the dais and did not participate in the discussion.

That the Board of Public Utilities approve an expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$68,000 for Fiscal Year 2019/20 to the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce for sponsorships and services specifically provided to the Public Utilities Department as described herein; and conceptually approve the scope of services and sponsorships specifically provided to the Public Utilities Department as described herein.

General Manager Todd Corbin gave the Board background on the positive partnership history of Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce with the Utility. He explained this item is a consolidation of Chamber services for all City departments into one agreement, RPU's share being \$68,000. Board members expressed positive support for the Chamber activities.

A motion was made to approve item:

Motion – O'Farrell Second – Sanchez-Monville

Ayes: Crohn, Hernandez, O'Farrell, Russo-Pereyra, Sanchez-Monville

Absent: Austin

11. That the Board of Public Utilities approve Work Order No. 2008392 in the total amount of \$850,000 for design, construction, and construction contingency costs for the Gage 46-1 Water Treatment Plant Modification Project; and authorize staff to utilize the Consultant's Panel to seek a professional services agreement to investigate and develop a long-term water treatment and operational approach to reduce concentrations of chemical substances known as perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) for a not to exceed amount of \$150,000.

Assistant General Manager, Water, Todd Jorgenson presented information on the current law requiring expanded water quality monitoring of PFOA and PFOS. Testing has shown varying detection levels of PFOS and PFOA in Riverside wells. Assistant General Manager Todd Jorgenson explained to the Board the availability of Gage 46-1 well for treatment of chemicals. Board members shared positive comments of support.

A motion was made to approve item:

Motion – Sanchez-Monville Second – Crohn

Ayes: Hernandez, Miramontes, Ocegueda, O'Farrell, Russo-Pereyra, Walcker

Absent: Austin

BOARD MEMBER/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS


12. Systematic reporting on meetings, conferences, and seminars by Board members and/or staff
- No reported items.
13. Items for future Board of Public Utilities consideration as requested by a member of the Board of Public Utilities - None

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

14. SHARE Customer Update
15. Monthly Power Supply Report – August 2019
16. Monthly Water Report – August 2019
17. SCPA Monthly Agenda & Minutes – September 19, 2019 Agenda and August 15, 2019 Minutes
18. Open Work Orders over \$200,000 and Closed Work Orders – Summary Report for September 2019
19. Electric/Water/Consultant Contract Panel Update as of October 1, 2019
20. Contracts Executed Not Requiring Board Approval – September 2019
21. City Council/Committee Agendas
22. Electric/Water Utility Acronyms

General Manager Todd Corbin mentioned to the Board the recent statewide planned outages have not affected Riverside. Board members commended him on his outreach and information during uncertain times.

Chair Russo-Pereyra adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:13 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Public Utilities will be on Monday, November 25, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Art Pick Council Chamber, Riverside, California.

By: 

Todd M. Corbin, Secretary
Board of Public Utilities

Approved by: City of Riverside Board of Public Utilities

Dated October 28, 2019