

CITY OF RIVERSIDE

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Minutes of: Meeting of the Board of Public Utilities

Date of Meeting: December 9, 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. Presentation to Board Member Jennifer O'Farrell thanking her for her dedicated service to the Board of Riverside Public Utilities by Board Chair Russo-Pereyra with all Board Members.

**Roll Call**

Present:	Dave Austin	Jennifer O'Farrell
	David Crohn	Elizabeth Sanchez-Monville
	Ana Miramontes	Jo Lynne Russo Pereyra
	Gil Ocegueda	Andrew Walcker

Absent: Jeanette Hernandez

**Consent Calendar**

A motion was made to approve items 3 through 9 on the Consent Calendar:

Motion – Austin    Second – Sanchez-Monville

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

Absent: Hernandez

**Board Attendance**

3. Excused the absence of Board Member Jennifer O'Farrell from the Board of Public Utilities regular meeting on November 25, 2019, due to another commitment.

**Electric Items**

4. Approved the expenditure in the amount of \$284,990.20 for the streetlight installation component; approved the expenditure in the amount of \$93,309 for the electric facilities relocation component; approved the expenditure in the amount of \$298,220 for the fiber infrastructure component; approved the expenditure in the amount of \$501,094 for the fiber infrastructure installation component of Public Works Bid No.

7631 Magnolia Avenue Improvements Project from Buchanan Street to Banbury Drive to All American Asphalt, of Corona, California; and approved Work Order No. 1807494 in the amount of \$382,000; approved Work Order No. 1921684 in the amount of \$147,000; approved Work Order No. 1816079 in the amount of \$378,000; and approved Work Order No. 1826227 in the amount of \$602,000 for this work – for a total capital expenditure in the amount of \$1,509,0003.

### **Water Items**

5. Recommended that the City Council approve the Agreement for Transition of Retail Water Service between the City of Riverside and the City of Norco; and authorized the City Manager or his designee, to execute the agreement.
6. Recommended that the City Council approve the Agreement of Purchase and Sale and Joint Escrow Instructions with the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority for a twenty-four-month temporary construction easement on a portion of Assessor's Parcel Numbers 0281-301-18 and 0281-301-19 for the Redlands Passenger Rail Project – for a total revenue of \$30,700.
7. Accepted Member Agency Administered Program funding from Metropolitan Water District through Western Municipal Water District in the amount of \$50,000
8. Recommended that the City Council approve a First Amendment to Property Management Agreement with G&E Real Estate Management Services, Inc., doing business as Newmark Knight Frank for property management services, amending the compensation/property management fee to include additional compensation to NKF not to exceed 5% of the total project cost for performing project management oversight services for the Mission Square Office Building located at 3750 University Avenue.
9. Recommended that the City Council approve the Agreement for Conveyance of Easement without Escrow with the Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District for access across approximately 1,625.8 square feet of the Gage Canal for the construction of underground storm drainage facilities located near the intersection of Gratton Street and Hermosa Drive for the Monroe Master Drainage Plan Line E, Stages 2 and 3, Line E-2 and Line E-5 Storm Drain project (Project).

### **DISCUSSION CALENDAR**

10. Award Bid No. RPU-7716 to Best Drilling and Pump, Inc. for the construction of the Gage 29-3R Groundwater Well Replacement Project (Phase I) in the amount of \$1,599,900 including a 10% or \$159,990 change order authority and approve the capital expenditure for Work Order No. 1623725 in the amount of \$2,100,000.

Assistant General Manager/Water Todd Jorgenson presented background and project description of this well redrill project He detailed the necessity of this project, provided a site map and reviewed the bid process and results with the Board. After giving the entire project breakdown, he addressed questions from the Board regarding ownership (City owned property) and upkeep costs for major well projects (Gage will reimburse for this project) and a few technical questions regarding well location and depth and the engine used to distribute

water. Board Members requested Gage Board Members be present at future RPU Board meetings for concurrence on City owned well projects.

A motion was made to accept item:

Motion – Walcker Second – Sanchez-Monville

Ayes: Russo-Pereyra, Austin, Crohn, Miramontes, Oceguela, O'Farrell

Absent: Hernandez

11. Receive and file the 2019 Riverside Public Utilities Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019.

Utilities Fiscal Manager Brian Seinturier began his presentation with acknowledgement to the City Finance Department and the Utilities Finance Department's coordinated efforts in distributing a first rate publication. He presented Electric and then Water financial reporting after this first year in the Electric/Water Rate Plan adopted July 1, 2018. He fully explained financial highlights and fluctuations. Board Members thanked staff for great work, asked a few questions regarding water sales to Western Municipal Water District and asked to continue evaluating debt service ratio.

Motion was made to receive and file:

Motion – Austin Second – Oceguela

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

Absent: Hernandez

12. Approve and recommend that the City Council confirm the voting representatives and alternates outlined in the report and delegate authority to any designated representative or alternate to vote the City's shares as the City's proxy at all meetings of the respective mutual water companies from the date of this action until amended.

Assistant General Manager/Water, Todd Jorgenson, made an accounting of all five mutual water companies in which RPU holds shares or maintain obligations and rights. Most are operational but Gage has heavy bearing on our rights.

After comments and questions, a motion was made to approve item.

Motion – Oceguela Second – O'Farrell

Ayes: Russo-Pereyra, Austin, Crohn, Miramontes, Sanchez-Monville, Walcker

Absent: Hernandez

**BOARD MEMBER/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

13. Systematic reporting on meetings, conferences, and seminars by Board members and/or staff – None.
14. Items for future Board of Public Utilities consideration as requested by a member of the Board of Public Utilities - None

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

15. Monthly Power Supply Report – October 2019
16. Monthly Water Report – October 2019
17. SCPA Monthly Agenda – October 17, 2019
18. City Council / Committee Agendas – November 5 and 19, 2019
19. Upcoming Meetings
20. Electric / Water Utility Acronyms

Chair Russo-Pereyra adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:48 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Public Utilities will be on Monday, January 13, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the Art Pick Council Chamber, Riverside, California.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Daniel E. Garcia, Deputy General Manager  
Board of Public Utilities

Approved by: City of Riverside Board of Public Utilities

Dated January 13, 2019