

CITY OF RIVERSIDE  
BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Minutes of: Meeting of the Board of Public Utilities  
Date of Meeting: November 25, 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**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Legislative and Regulatory Updates

Principal Legislative Analyst Robert Ennis gave an update on legislative matters relevant to Riverside Public Utilities before January 6, 2019, recess. Of note he mentioned, SB 378, PSPS programs and hydro pump storage items. Board requested a quarterly update in late February to mid-March. He suggested Board members attend Capital Day or CMUA to show our lawmakers our support.

**Roll Call**

Present:

Dave Austin  
David Crohn  
Jeanette Hernandez  
Ana Miramontes

Gil Ocegueda  
Elizabeth Sanchez-Monville  
Jo Lynne Russo Pereyra  
Andrew Walcker

Absent: Jennifer O'Farrell

**Consent Calendar**

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

Motion – Austin    Second – Walcker

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

Absent: O'Farrell

**Minutes**

3. Board of Public Utilities Minutes of September 9, September 23 and October 28, 2019

### **Board Attendance**

4. Excused the absence of Board Member Andrew Walcker from the Board of Public Utilities regular meeting on October 28, 2019 due to prior commitment.

### **Electric Items**

5. Approved the purchase of ten (10) Solid Di-electric Vacuum Fault Interrupter switches from Innovative Switchgear Solutions, Inc., in an estimated amount of \$776,768.63.
6. Awarded stock bid number Y200248 for 10,000 feet of type 500 Copper Cable for the Magnolia-Plaza 4kV to 12kV Conversion Project to the Okonite Company of Long Beach, CA in the amount of \$95,678.25.
7. Approved the Professional Services Agreement with Stantec Consulting Services Inc., in response to RFP No. 1915 for Substation Protection Support for Multiple Substations for a two-year term, in the amount of \$394,775; and approved Work Order No. 1910518 for a total capital expenditure of \$480,000.
8. Approved a Professional Services Agreement in response to RFP No.1872 for Electrical Engineering Design Services for Pole Replacement, Vault Replacement, and Line Reconductor with NV5, Inc., for a two-year term, in the amount of \$326,904; and approved Work Order No. 1903658 for a total expenditure of \$435,000.
9. Approved the issuance of a purchase order with OEM Parts Network of Rancho Cucamonga, California in the amount of \$71,155.12 for the supply of gas turbine parts needed for the emergency repairs on Riverside Energy Resource Center Unit 3.

### **Other**

10. Approved the Fourth Amendment to the First Addendum of the Software License Agreement No. 2006-224 with Telvent USA, LLC, to extend the Enterprise License Agreement for the Geographic Information System for two years, in the amount of \$230,000, for a total cost of \$947,630

### **DISCUSSION CALENDAR**

11. Approve expenditure in the amount of \$763,148 from RPU and \$11,150 from Central Stores, plus a ten percent change order authorization, for the Professional Consultant Services Agreement for Request for Proposal 1926 Network Refresh Project Services and Hardware with Vector Resources, Inc., doing business as Vector USA, of Rancho Cucamonga, California, for a term ending December 31, 2021 in an amount not-to-exceed \$2,562,278.02.

Assistant General Manager Daniel E. Garcia gave a brief overview of item and introduced George Khalil, Chief Innovation Officer for the City Innovation and Technology Department who gave a complete report on the condition, configuration and safety of the current IT infrastructure. He explained the necessary upgrades and replacements to maintain ordinary and 24/7 system requirements. He explained the cost breakdowns among department budgets and explained the vendor would supply hardware, engineering design, warranty and training.

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

Motion – Austin      Second – Walcker

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

Absent: O'Farrell

12. Approve a Professional Consultant Services Agreement in response to RFP No. 1864 for the Multi-Substation 69kV Circuit Breaker Replacement Project with Leidos Engineering, LLC., for a three-year term ending August 31, 2022, in the amount of \$970,427

Assistant General Manager George R. Hanson presented historical background and the need for the 69kV circuit breaker replacement project and the replacement of aging infrastructure to improve reliability. The agreement includes necessary consulting services and engineering design for the project term from 2020-2022.

After discussion, question and answer, a motion was made to approve item:

Motion – Walcker      Second – Ocegüera

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

Absent: O'Farrell

13. Approve the Power Purchase Agreement with Camino Solar, LLC for a Photovoltaic and Battery Energy Storage Project for a term of fifteen years for an estimated average annual cost of \$4,780,000

Assistant General Manager Daniel E. Garcia introduced Power Resource Managers Scott Lesch and Roy Xu who gave a thorough presentation on the historical, technical, financial and management of the battery storage agreement which over the life of the 15-year contract to increase production of the Utility's renewable power resources.

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

Motion – Ocegüera      Second – Crohn

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

Absent: O'Farrell

14. That the Board of Public Utilities receive an update on the Third Amendment to the Ground Lease Agreement and the Third Amendment to Water Sale Agreement for the Ab Brown Sports Complex with the American Youth Soccer Organization – Region 47 and approve that staff not recommend that City Council exercise the right to terminate the Ground Lease Agreement and the Water Sale Agreement with the American Youth Soccer Organization – Region 47

Water Engineering Manager Michael Plinski gave an overview to the Board on the third amendment ground (well) lease agreement between AYSO and RPU. Staff recommended extending the lease through June 2021 due to the ongoing development of the Northside Specific plan.

Board members Austin, Crohn and Walcker noted a comment that City Parks and Recreation Department should assume land management and item should be taken to the City Council Finance or Land Use Committee.

Board member Crohn made a motion a direction that staff make a presentation to Land Use Committee with the recommendation that the City should own and control property, through a purchase from RPU. The motion was not seconded.

Further discussion continued with Board member Miramontes voicing concerns for rate payer liability and subsidy. She requested staff present legal findings and cost subsidies by rate payers added to the motion. Board member Ocegüera suggested an out clause to the amendment if approved. Board member Walcker voiced his non-support of the lease renewal and requested creative solutions.

Water Engineering Manager Michael Plinski clarified revenue gained from the land lease is approximately \$250,000 year (\$12,000 rent; \$30,000 water; and approximately \$200,000 in landscape maintenance paid by AYSO) and that landscape maintenance costs would be incurred by RPU if the lease terminates. He also noted that there is an automatic one-year terms of each agreement which occurs in June 2020, and that a 180 day termination notice must be sent to AYSO by December 31, 2019.

After more discussion, Board member Austin made a motion to adopt the staff recommendation 1 and 2 and to add a third recommendation:

*That the Board forward the issue of the ownership and control of the Ab Brown soccer fields to the City Council Land Use Committee to consider transferring ownership and control to the City's General Fund, through the Park and Recreation Department, with compensation to the Water Utility Department.*

A motion was made to approve item:

Motion – Austin    Second – Crohn

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

Absent: O'Farrell

15. Approve the purchase of six vehicles from Terex Utilities, Inc., of Watertown, South Dakota, in accordance with Purchasing Resolution 23256, Section 602 (e) in an estimated amount of \$2,472,271.86

Assistant General Manager George R. Hanson introduced Electric Field Manager Russell Johnson to present details of the purchase of desired equipment. General Manager George Hanson clarified how this capital purchase would affect RPU's debt service for concerned Board Members.

A motion was made to approve item:

Motion – Austin      Second – Sanchez-Monville

Ayes: Russo-Pereyra, Crohn, Hernandez, Miramontes, Oceguela, Walcker

Absent: O'Farrell

16. Authorize the increase of Work Order No. 642975 by \$29,000,000 for construction of the 69 kV transmission capacity between existing system substations, including line work and associated components as presented herein, for a total work order amount of \$71,605,521.

Assistant General Manager George R. Hanson gave a brief history of 69kV transmission project thus far. This project includes two additional internal connections into Riverside Energy Resource Center to address capacity and reliability. Increase of this work order is necessary to support construction related activities for the 69kv lines for existing substations.

Board members Austin, Crohn, Oceguela and Sanchez-Monville thanked and questioned community outreach efforts in to constituents and incoming Councilmembers in Wards 6, 7, and 3. Assistant General Manager George R. Hanson explained methods and timing of planned work, aesthetics and meetings with newly elected officials.

A motion was made to approve item:

Motion – Sanchez-Monville      Second – Oceguela

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

Absent: O'Farrell

17. Award Bid No. RPU-7711 for Drilled Pier Foundations to Asplundh Construction, LLC., of Anaheim, California, in the amount of \$3,584,000, Award Bid No. RPU-7721 for Potholing for to Hot Line Construction, INC., of Brentwood, California, in the amount of \$52,650 and approve Work Order No. 2006768 for the total capital expenditure of \$4,109,600 for the purpose of tracking work related to the Drilled Pier Foundations as part of the RTRP Work Order 642975 within the amount of \$71,605,521 following Board approval of the RTRP Work Order increase on November 25, 2019.

Assistant General Manager George R. Hanson introduced Engineering Manager Efren Mejia who acknowledged Principal Engineer Ami Bhanvadia and Superintendent Dave Miller for their effort in securing bids. He continued with project history, site map and scope of work. He explained vendor selection process and fiscal impact.

A motion was made to approve item:

Motion – Austin      Second – Sanchez-Monville

Ayes: Crohn, Hernandez, Miramontes, Ocegüera, Russo-Pereyra, Walcker

Absent: O'Farrell

#### **BOARD MEMBER/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

18. Systematic reporting on meetings, conferences, and seminars by Board members and/or staff –

Board Member David Crohn attended GridEx exercises with RPU staff.  
Board member Gil Ocegüera attended Delta Tour in Sacramento

19. Items for future Board of Public Utilities consideration as requested by a member of the Board of Public Utilities - None

#### **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

- 20. SHARE Customer Update
- 21. Monthly Power Supply Report – September 2019
- 22. Monthly Water Report – September 2019
- 23. SCPPA Monthly Agenda & Minutes – September 19, 2019
- 24. Electric/Water/Consultant Contract Panel Update as of November 1, 2019
- 25. Contracts Executed Not Requiring Board Approval – October 2019
- 26. City Council/Committee Agendas – November 2019
- 27. Upcoming Meetings
- 28. Electric/Water Utility Acronyms

General Manager Todd Corbin referred to #23, General Manager's Report, SCPPA reporting and explained recent RPU negative voting on single agency contracts is due to his opposition to potential additional liability with no option for RPU to participate.

GridEx exercises included Energy Delivery, Water, Finance, IT departments and was very worthwhile to improve energy operations.

Board member Jennifer O'Farrell tendered her Board resignation. Her last meeting will be December 9, 2019.

Daniel E. Garcia was named Deputy General Manager and will also continue Assistant General Manager/Power Resources duties.

Recruitment of Business and Customer Services Assistant General Manager has commenced with several interviews scheduled soon.

General Manager Todd Corbin taped a Power Safety Power Shutoff video with Mayor Bailey. A copy will be sent for viewing.

Chair Russo-Pereyra adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:00 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:   
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Todd M. Corbin, Secretary  
Board of Public Utilities

Approved by: City of Riverside Board of Public Utilities

Dated January 13, 2019