

CITY OF RIVERSIDE  
BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Minutes of: Meeting of the Board of Public Utilities  
Date of Meeting: April 13, 2020  
Time of Meeting: 6:31 p.m.  
Place of Meeting: Virtual Meeting – Microsoft Teams

**CHAIR CALLED MEETING TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG WAS GIVEN**

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Board Chair David Crohn	Ana Miramontes
Vice Chair Elizabeth Sanchez-Monville	Jo-Lynn Russo-Pereyra
David Austin	Gil Oceguela
Jeanette Hernandez	Peter Wohlgemuth

Absent: Andrew Walcker

**PUBLIC COMMENT/ECOMMENT**

None

*Board Chair Crohn requested Item #4 moved to Discussion Calendar.*

*Board Member David Austin requested Item #6 moved to Discussion Calendar.*

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

A motion was made to approve Items 1, 2, 3, 5 and 7 on Consent Calendar:

Motion – Russo-Pereyra      Second – Miramontes

Ayes: Austin, Crohn, Hernandez, Oceguela, Sanchez-Monville, Wohlgemuth

Absent: Walcker

**Minutes**

1. Board of Public Utilities Minutes of December 9, 2019, February 24, 2020
2. Board of Public Utilities Minutes of March 9, 2020

### **Board Attendance**

3. Excuse the absence of Board Member Jeanette Hernandez from the Board of Public Utilities regular meeting on March 9, 2020 due to prior commitment.

### **Electric Items**

5. Award Bid No. RPU-7746 for the installation of underground facilities on Elizabeth Street to Doty Bros. Equipment Company, of Norwalk, California, in the amount of \$118,783.58 and approve Work Order No. 2014995 for a total Capital expenditure of \$190,000.

### **Other Items**

7. Approve the expenditure for the repairs on the gas turbines for Riverside Energy Resource Center Units 1 and 3 in the amount of \$4,530,289 due to the urgent necessity for the protection and preservation of public life, health, and property, with a 10% change order authorization, for a total expenditure of \$4,983,319, in accord with City Charter section 1202(b).

### **DISCUSSION CALENDAR**

#### **Electric Items**

4. Award Bid No. RPU-7728 for the Streetlight Metal Pole Painting and Restoration Phase 2 Project at various locations throughout the City to Streetlight Restoration Specialists, Inc., of Simi Valley, California, in the amount of \$290,964 and approve Work Order No. 1904093 for a total expenditure of \$333,000 for work related to the project, including rejecting the bid submitted by Harbor Coating and Restorations as non-responsive.

Assistant General Manager George Hanson explained this project encompassed the restoration as well as the painting and maintenance of 600 antique streetlights. He explained the non-responsive bidder requirements cited in the Board report as a Purchasing requirement of 3 – 5 years' experience that could not be met by the vendor.

Motion – Austin      Second – Russo-Pereyra

Ayes: Crohn, Hernandez, Miramontes, Ocegueda, Sanchez-Monville, Wohlgemuth

Absent: Walcker

#### **Water Items**

6. Approve Work Order No. 1731943 in the total amount of \$492,000 for all engineering, construction, paving and construction contingency costs for the Jo Jo Way Water Main Replacement Project.

Board Member Davis Austin did not require a presentation but inquired into the usage of PVC pipe specified in this project. Assistant General Manager Todd Jorgenson explained the material has been

proven to be superior to cast iron pipe due to aggressive soil composition which has been quickly compromising the integrity of the metal piping.

Motion – Austin      Second – Miramontes

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

Absent: Walcker

### **Other Items**

- 8 Recommend that the City Council approve the conceptual plan for a joint project between Riverside Public Utilities and Riverside Public Works Department to develop a biogas microturbine facility of up to 3.6 megawatts located at the Riverside Regional Water Quality Control Plant. (Presented by Tracy Sato and Roy Xu)

Power Resources Manager Tracy Sato presented the legislative history, background, project overview and economic analysis of this joint Public Utilities/Public Works conceptual test project. Board Members were enthusiastic about the project, collaboration with Public Works Department and discussed many facets such as size of project, effects on water quality, benefits to City and residents, etc. Staff was commended by General Manager Todd Corbin and Board Members for the talent and ingenuity the value this collaboration brings to the community.

Motion – Austin      Second – Russo-Pereyra

Ayes: Crohn, Hernandez, Miramontes, Ocegüera, Sanchez-Monville, Wohlgemuth

Absent: Walcker

- 9 Approve the expenditure in the total amount of \$933,670 with H&H General Contractors, Inc., of Highland, California, for the overhead to underground conversion of electric facilities and streetlight installation component of the Public Works Bid No. 7696 for Iowa Avenue Improvements Project from Martin Luther King Boulevard to University Avenue; and Work Order No. 1818275 for a total capital expenditure of \$1,430,000. (Presented by George R. Hanson)

Assistant General Manager George Hanson gave a presentation highlighting the background, scope of work and benefits of this overhead to underground conversion project associated with the road expansion project. He discussed with the Board the coordination between RPU, General Services and University of California to greatly improve infrastructure and reliability in conjunction with roadway improvements.

Motion – Ocegüera      Second – Miramontes

Ayes: Austin, Crohn, Hernandez, Miramontes, Sanchez-Monville, Wohlgemuth

Absent: Walcker

## **BOARD MEMBER/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

- 10 Systematic reporting on meetings, conferences, and seminars by Board Members and/or staff:
  - Board Member Hernandez has been attending daily virtual coffee sessions held by General Manager Todd Corbin.
  - Board Member Russo-Pereyra inquired on status of Assistant General Manager/Finance recruitment. She commented on recent water sales.
  - Board Member Ocegüera commented on the organization, staff and City services during the coronavirus pandemic.
- 11 Items for future Board of Public Utilities consideration as requested by a Member of the Board of Public Utilities
  - Board Member Sanchez-Monville requests an update on RTRP and the CPU.

## **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

- 12 Riverside Public Utilities Financial Results – January 31, 2020
- 13 Electric / Water / Consultant Contract Panel Update as of March 1, 2020
- 14 SHARE Customer Update through January 2020
- 15 Contracts Executed Not Requiring Board Approval – February 2020
- 16 Monthly Power Supply - February 2020
- 17 Monthly Water Report - February 2020
- 18 SCPPA Monthly Agenda - February 20, 2020 & March 19, 2020
- 19 City Council / Committee Agendas - April 2020
- 20 Upcoming Meetings
- 21 Electric / Water Utility Acronyms

General Manager stated that Todd Corbin that March 2020 statistics will begin to show the impact of the current public health emergency on the Utility's financial status stating the commercial sector will show the most change in usage.

He updated the Board on staff mask sewing efforts during the health crisis and all the management team has been providing onsite and telecommuting staff.

He assured the Board that no residents will be shut off due to non-payment during this health emergency. He will communicate next steps and information with the Board as he knows.

Board Chair David Crohn adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Public Utilities will be held on Monday, April 27, 2020 at 6:30 as a virtual meeting.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Todd M. Corbin, General Manager  
Board of Public Utilities

Approved by: City of Riverside Board of Public Utilities

Dated April 27, 2020 \_\_\_\_\_