

## CITY OF RIVERSIDE

### BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Minutes of: Regular Meeting of the Board of Public Utilities

Date of Meeting: October 26, 2020

Time of Meeting: 6:32 p.m.

Place of Meeting: Virtual Meeting – Microsoft Teams

### **CHAIR CALLED MEETING TO ORDER**

### **ROLL CALL**

Present:

Board Chair David Crohn  
David Austin  
Jeanette Hernandez  
Ana Miramontes

Gil Ocegüera  
Jo Lynne Russo-Pereyra  
Elizabeth Sanchez-Monville  
Peter Wohlgemuth

Absent: Andrew Walcker

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

### **PRESENTATION**

1. Principal Resource Analyst Tracy Sato gave a presentation to the Board in recognition of the Riverside East Rotary Club donation of \$1,200 to the SHARE Assistance Program. In virtual attendance was Rotary Club member Matt Goatcher who spoke briefly about the Rotary Club's civic mission and community support. The Board gratefully thanked Mr. Goatcher and the Rotary Club for their donation and community involvement.
2. Principal Human Resources Analyst, (Training) Sandy Cramer gave a Management and Leadership Development Program update to the Board: LEAD Leadership Development and STEP Management Development Program. She gave program details, target employee groups and participant feedback. She read for the Board the recent LEAD graduating class as follows and thanked Human Resources Specialist Marketta Thompson for her logistical assistance in conducting training sessions :

Name	Title	Division
Christiane Amat	Customer Service Rep III	Finance, Business & Customer Services
Freddy Armijo	Project Manager	Water
Daniel Bertotti	Utilities Water Supervisor	Water
Dipak Bhagat	Utilities Water Superintendent	Water
Rajiv Butala	Sr. Electrical Engineer	Energy Delivery
Mera Chaney	Project Manager	Water
Anthony De La Vara	Project Manager	Energy Delivery
Robin Glenney	Utilities Senior Resources Analyst	Water
Sharon Gutierrez	Utilities Sr. Programs & Services Rep	Power Resources
Jennine Hinkle	Utilities Principal Resources Analyst	Power Resources
Travis Johnson	Utilities Substation Construction/Maintenance Supervisor	Energy Delivery
Jim King	Electric Field Manager	Energy Delivery
Gary Kirby	Utilities Water Supervisor	Water
Gerald McAllister	Principal Engineer	Energy Delivery
William Patton	Utilities Senior Generation Test Technician	Power Resources
James Perez	Utilities Senior Resources Analyst	Power Resources
Miguel Perez	Utilities Water Supervisor	Water
Tim Rezendes	Superintendent, Electric Meter Shop	Energy Delivery
Brian Seinturier	Utilities Fiscal Manager	Finance, Business & Customer Services
Trace Spacone	Utilities Substation Test Supervisor	Energy Delivery
Rene Valdez	Senior Electrical Engineer	Energy Delivery
Juan Vargas	Utilities Water Supervisor	Water

Board Members received the presentation enthusiastically with congratulations for all.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT/E-COMMENT**

3. None

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

#### **Minutes**

4. Board of Public Utilities Minutes of August 10, 2020; and August 24, 2020; and September 14, 2020

### **Board Attendance**

5. Excuse the absence of Board Member Andrew Walcker from the Board of Public Utilities regular meeting on September 14, 2020 due to a family emergency.

### **Water Items**

6. Approve the capital expenditure for Work Order No. 2102178 for Emtman Reservoir in the amount of \$75,000, Work Order No. 2102181 for University Heights Reservoir in the amount of \$75,000 and Work Order No. 2102182 for Ross Reservoir in the amount of \$75,000.

## **Other Items**

7. Consider approval of Work Order No. 2105858 in the amount of \$60,000 for improvement to the Utilities Operations Center Building "A" Water Operations Project Management Team work area.
8. Approve Riverside Public Utilities Electric 2021 Annual Resource Adequacy Plan compliance filing with the California Independent System Operator.
9. Cancel the regularly scheduled Board of Public Utilities Board meetings of November 23 and December 28, 2020.

A motion to approve Consent Items 4 through 9 was made:

Motion - Russo-Pereyra      Second – Miramontes

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

Absent: Walcker

## **DISCUSSION CALENDAR**

10. Consider the award of Bid No. RPU-7772 for construction of the 69kV Riverside Energy Resource Center - Harvey Lynn overhead line to PAR Electrical Contractors, Inc., of Rancho Cucamonga, California, in the amount of \$7,937,234 with a contract contingency of 20%, or \$1,587,447; and approve Work Order No. 2105854 for the total capital expenditure of \$10,737,000 for the purpose of tracking work related to the construction of overhead line as part of the Riverside Transmission Reliability Project Work Order No. 642975.

Principal Electrical Engineer Ami Bhanvadia gave a Board presentation including background, scope of work, site map and contract bid results. Also included, was a breakdown of fiscal impact with anticipated project start and completion date. Discussion ensued regarding the use of existing transmission line corridors through residential neighborhoods and community outreach to customers affected during construction. An in depth discussion regarding contractor selection and City bid procedures with Purchasing Manager, Jennifer McCoy followed.

A motion was made to approve Item 10 with the following language change:

Assistant City Attorney Susan Wilson advised the following recommendation should be corrected:

Correct **Deem** the Asplundh Construction, LLC bid for RPU-7772 as non-responsive bid to **reject** the Asplundh Construction, LLC bid for RPU-7772 as non-responsive bid;

Motion – Austin      Second – Ocegüera

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

Absent - Walcker

11. Recommend that the City Council receive and file this Southern California Public Power Authority bi-annual expenditure report for fiscal year 2019-20.

Assistant General Manager Carlie Myers discussed the Southern California Public Power Authority bi-annual expenditure report highlighting costs associated in the following categories:

- Generation
- Transmission
- Renewable projects
- Energy efficiency programs and
- Memberships, training and legislative/regulatory Services

Board members discussed value added and cost reduction of services utilized through Southern California Public Power Authority. General Manager Todd Corbin highlighted the value in joint regulatory efforts. He reported that Energy Efficiency programs will be handled in house with more information forthcoming.

A motion was made to receive and file Item 11:

Motion – Austin              Second – Ocegüera

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

Absent – Walcker

*Board Member Russo-Pereyra left the meeting at approximately 7:45 p.m.*

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

12. Systematic reporting on meetings, conferences, and seminars by Board Members and/or staff:
  - Board Chair David Crohn attended Joint Western Municipal Water District and Riverside Public Utilities meeting with Council Members Gaby Plascencia, Chuck Condor and General Manager Todd Corbin.
13. Items for future Board of Public Utilities consideration as requested by a Member of the Board of Public Utilities:
  - Board Member Peter Wohlgemuth requested future discussion a legal case regarding a General Fund Transfer and how it will affect Riverside Public Utilities operations and rates.

## **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

14. Update on Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic and Emergency Orders
15. WA-12 Agricultural Service Water Rate Report – August 31, 2020
16. Monthly Water and Power Report - September 2020
17. Electric/ Water Consultant Contract Panel Update as of August 31, 2020
18. Contracts Executed Not Requiring Board Approval – September 2020
19. City Council / Committee Agendas
20. Upcoming Meetings
21. Electric / Water Utility Acronyms

General Manager Todd Corbin updated the Board on current COVID-19 response. Riverside Public Utilities operations have not been impacted and customer facing counters have opened. Staffing requirements are being maintained. Assistant General Manager, Electric, George Hanson reported current severe wind conditions are causing electrical outages. Staff worked around the clock to restore service throughout the city. Assistant General Manager, Water, Todd Jorgenson, reported water operations remained smooth but for Edison power outages affecting well operations General Manager Todd Corbin highlighted the WA-12 General Manager's report ending August 30, 2020. Within eight months, 52% of authorized funding has been utilized to include 70 new customers and 120 additional acres of agriculture. Program has been successful.

Board Chair David Crohn adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Public Utilities will be held on Monday, November 9, 2020 at 6:30.

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

Approved by: City of Riverside Board of Public Utilities

Dated \_\_\_\_\_