

CITY OF RIVERSIDE

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Minutes of: Meeting of the Board of Public Utilities
Date of Meeting: January 13, 2020
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

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. None.

PUBLIC HEARING

2. Conduct a public hearing to consider changes to Water Rule 7: Discontinuance and Restoration of Water Service and Appendix A: Water Fees and Charges Schedule that include the delinquency and restoration process for low-income residential customers pursuant to Senate Bill 998 Water Shut-Off Protection Act and adopt a resolution establishing the changes to Water Rule 7 and Appendix A.

Board Chair Russo-Pereyra convened Public Hearing. Oral roll call as follows:

Roll Call

Present: Dave Austin	Gil Ocegueda
David Crohn	Elizabeth Sanchez-Monville
Jeanette Hernandez	Jo Lynne Russo Pereyra
Ana Miramontes	Andrew Walcker

Fiscal Manager Brian Seinturier gave the Board a presentation on the legislative history and background of Water Rule 7. He presented changes to Water Rule 7 and Appendix A. No public comment was received and Board Chair Russo-Pereyra closed the Public Hearing with:

Motion – Austin Second – Ocegueda

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

Board Member Andrew Walcker asked for clarification on customer qualifications and public outreach efforts. Acting Customer Engagement Manager Tracy Sato gave details on outreach efforts through multiple RPU customer service locations and call center, additional assistance programs (SHARE, HEAP, Community Action), back of bill, RPU website, staff attendance to community meetings, direct mailings, door hangars/bill tags and urgent notices for 4,500 RPU qualifying customers. Board Chair Pereyra asked for program highlights compared to current processes. Acting Customer Engagement Manager Tracy Sato explained that there are extended timeframes for customers to take advantage of program assistance. The program will be

reevaluated yearly. Board Member Ana Miramontes inquired how partial payments are allocated to customer's bills. Acting Customer Engagement Manager Tracy Sato explained monies are allocated to the bill with Water Rule 7 funds applied to water charges currently through a manual process.

Motion – Walcker Second – Crohn

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

Oral vote as follows:

Ayes:

Dave Austin
David Crohn
Jeanette Hernandez
Ana Miramontes

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

Motion passed.

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, Hernandez, Miramontes, Oceguela, Walcker

Minutes

3. Revised Board of Public Utilities Minutes of September 23, 2019

4. Board of Public Utilities Minutes of November 25, 2019

Water Items

5. Approved the capital expenditure for Work Order No. 2016734 in the amount of \$750,000 for the FY2019/20 Water Service Lateral Replacement Program.

Other Items

6. Approved Lease Agreement with Fehr & Peers, A California Corporation - Mission Square Office Building, 3750 University Avenue, Suite 225 - Five-Year Term for \$231,307 in Revenue Plus One Optional Five Year Extension

7. Approved the First Amendment to Professional Consultant Services Agreement with Westin Technology Solutions, LLC of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for Work and Asset Management Optimization Project Phase 1 to extend the term for one year ending March 28, 2021 with an increase in compensation in the amount of \$58,500 for a total contract amount of \$1,324,600 and increased Work Order No. 1820191 by \$58,500 for a total of \$1,658,500.

8. Approved the issuance of purchase orders to qualified vendors to implement the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Tree Power Program Free Shade Tree Coupon Campaign in a collective amount for \$495,000.
9. Recommended that the City Council approve the five-year License Agreement with Citicasters Co. for the use of ten acres of Pellissier Ranch for a total revenue of \$170,016.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

10. Award Bid No. RPU-7724 to Weka, Inc. for the construction of the Scheuer Well Supply Main Replacement Project in the amount of \$526,256 and approve the capital expenditure for Work Order No. 2007552 in the amount of \$788,000.

Utilities Principal Engineer, Water, John Farley gave a presentation to the Board which included background, benefits and importance of this project. His presentation included location and project description with maps and photos. He presented bid results and fiscal breakdown along with start date, duration and end date. After a brief discussion,

Motion – Austin Second – Miramontes

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

11. Receive and file the annual electric and water utility rate plan update for fiscal year 2018-19. (Presented by Brian Seinturier)

Fiscal Manager Brian Seinturier brought to Board a detailed, comprehensive update of the City Council approved five-year electric and water plan. He presented statistical data along with examples of capital projects completed, in progress and future scheduled. He highlighted major highlights and influences affecting year to year variables as RPU faces the implementation of the second year of electric rate plan and the third year of water rate plan. Board Members clarified historical detail, timeline, City Council date and Chamber participation. There was discussion regarding water sales addressed by Assistant General Manager Todd Jorgenson.

Motion – Sanchez-Monville Second – Miramontes

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

CLOSED SESSION

12. Pursuant to [Government Code §54956.9(d)(1)] to confer with and/or receive advice from legal counsel concerning City of Riverside v. Western Municipal Water District and W.A. Rasic Construction Company, Inc., Riverside Civil Case Number RIC 1810233

BOARD MEMBER/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

13. City Attorney Report on Closed Session Discussion
Assistant City Attorney Anthony Beaumon reported there was no reportable action.

14. (Missing from Agenda): Systematic reporting on meetings, conferences, and seminars by Board members and/or staff – None.
15. (Missing from Agenda): Items for future Board of Public Utilities consideration as requested by a member of the Board of Public Utilities – Board Member Austin requests a review of the Gage Company operating agreement by legal counsel and staff and a future presentation with overview and changes to agreement.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

16. SHARE Customer Update – December 2019
17. Contracts Executed Not Requiring Board Approval - November 2019
18. Monthly Power Supply Report - November 2019
19. Monthly Water Report – November 2019
20. Riverside Public Utilities Quarterly Financial Results FY 19/20 through September 2019
21. SCPPA Monthly Agenda & Minutes – November 21, 2019
22. City Council / Committee Agendas – December 3 and 17, 2019
23. Upcoming Meetings
24. Electric / Water Utility Acronyms

General Manager Todd Corbin informed the Board of Employee Recognition presentation to City Council scheduled for February 11, 2020.

Chair Russo-Pereyra adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Public Utilities will be on Monday, January 27, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the Art Pick Council Chamber, Riverside, California.

By: 

Todd M. Corbin, General Manager
Board of Public Utilities

Approved by: City of Riverside Board of Public Utilities

Dated January 27, 2020