

City of Arts & Innovation

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES MINUTES

MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2023, 6:30 P.M.
PUBLIC COMMENT IN-PERSON/TELEPHONE
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER
3900 MAIN STREET, RIVERSIDE, CA 92522

PRESENT: Chair Gildardo Oceguela and Board Members David Crohn, Nipunjeet Gujral, Rosemary Heru, Gary Montgomery, Brian Siana, and Peter Wohlgemuth

ABSENT: Vice Chair Rebeccah Goldware and Member Nancy Melendez

Chair Oceguela called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Member Wohlgemuth led the pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Martin Hector de Campos spoke regarding a billing dispute. Malissa McKeith spoke regarding water and electric rates transparency and engagement.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Member Montgomery and seconded by Member Siana to approve the Consent Calendar as presented below affirming the actions appropriate to each item. The motion carried unanimously with Vice Chair Goldware and Member Melendez absent.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of May 22, 2023 and the revised minutes of May 8, 2023, were approved as presented.

REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE - WESTERN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT JOINT COMMITTEE

The Board of Public Utilities recommended that the City Council appoint Board of Public Utilities Chair Gil Oceguela, Member David Crohn, and General Manager Todd Corbin as representatives to Western Municipal Water District Joint Committee.

COMMERCIAL ACCOUNT RIGHT OF ENTRY AGREEMENT - FIVE-YEAR TERM - MISSION SQUARE OFFICE - 3750 UNIVERSITY AVENUE

The Board of Public Utilities recommended that the City Council (1) approve a Commercial Account Right of Entry Agreement with Charter Communications Operating, LLC operating as Charter for a five-year term; and (2) authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the Commercial Account Right of Entry Agreement, including making minor, non-substantive changes, and to sign all documents and instruments necessary to complete the transaction.



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FIRST AMENDMENT TO LICENSE AGREEMENT - TERM EXTENSION FOR USE OF 10 ACRES OF PELLISSIER RANCH

The Board of Public Utilities recommended that the City Council (1) approve the First Amendment to License Agreement for use of 10 acres of Pellissier Ranch with Citicasters Co., to extend the term by 18 months to May 30, 2026; and (2) authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the First Amendment, including making minor non-substantive changes, and to sign all documents necessary to complete the transaction.

EXPENDITURE FOR APPROVED MASTER INTER-UTILITY AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS COMPANY - ENERGY EFFICIENCY, RESOURCE SAVINGS, AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

The Board of Public Utilities recommended that the City Council approve an expenditure amount not-to-exceed \$250,000 for the Program Order of the Master Inter-Utility Agreement between Southern California Gas company and Riverside Public Utilities for Energy Efficiency, Resource Savings, and Related Activities for July 1, 2023 until December 31, 2023.

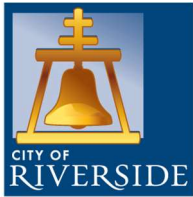
EXPENDITURE - EQUIPMENT UNDER NASPO COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT MNWNC-108 - SOFTWARE UPGRADE SERVICES UNDER THE SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT 030421-CTL - CHANGE ORDER AUTHORITY FOR UNFORESEEN ADDITIONAL COSTS FOR ELECTRIC AND WATER FUNDS' PORTION OF PROJECT

The Board of Public Utilities (1) approved an expenditure for the amount of \$294,105.70 for equipment from Dell, Inc., Round Rock, Texas, under NASPO Cooperative Purchasing Agreement MNWNC-108; (2) approved an expenditure for the amount of \$16,880 for software upgrade services from Convergent Technologies, under the Sourcwell Cooperative Agreement 030421-CTL; (3) recommended that the City Council approve software upgrade services from Convergent Technologies, in the amount of \$16,880 under the Sourcwell Cooperative Agreement 030421-CTL; and (4) approved 15 percent change order authority for the Electric and Water Fund's portions of the project for any unforeseen additional costs.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

CUSTOMER APPEAL OF PUBLIC UTILITIES DEPARTMENT DETERMINATION OF FINDINGS RESPECTIVE - ELECTRIC BILLING DISPUTE FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE BILLED - 5004 GOLDEN AVENUE

Following discussion, it was moved by Member Montgomery and seconded by Member Wohlgemuth to deny the appeal from Booker T. Cole of 5004 Golden Avenue, Riverside, 92505, for electric service billed on February 13, 2023, and March 15, 2023, for the account at the same address and uphold the Public Utilities Department findings that the billings were calculated accurately. The motion carried unanimously with Vice Chair Goldware and Member Melendez absent.



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EXPENDITURES FOR ANNUAL PURCHASE ORDERS, EXISTING CONTRACT PURCHASE ORDERS, ANNUALLY RECURRING EXPENDITURES OVER \$50,000, PURCHASE ORDERS WITH MULTI-YEAR COST OVER \$50,000, AND ANNUAL LEGAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024

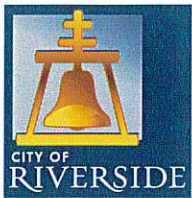
Following discussion, it was moved by Member Crohn and seconded by Member Gujral to (1) approve the expenditure for 14 Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Annual Purchase Orders for Electric and Water operations, with an estimated amount of \$3,176,918; (2) approve the expenditure for 16 Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Annual Purchase Orders for Central Stores for orders benefiting Electric and Water operations, with an estimated amount of \$21,365,100; (3) approve a not-to-exceed 15 percent allowance for Producer Price Index (PPI) increases for 16 Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Annual Purchase Orders for Central Stores for orders benefiting Electric and Water operations; (4) approve the expenditure for 61 Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Existing Contract Purchase Orders for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 with an estimated total amount of \$18,898,002; (5) approve the expenditure for 15 Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Annually Recurring Expenditures for SHARE, memberships and subscription expenses that are either greater than \$50,000 per year or that could over a number of years cumulatively exceed \$50,000 for multi-year expenses, with an estimated total amount of \$3,824,577; (6) approve the expenditure for 64 Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Purchase Orders with cumulative multiple year costs equal to or greater than \$50,000 with an estimated total amount of \$2,633,042; and (7) approve the expenditure for the annual legal budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 for the law firm of Thompson Coburn in an amount not-to-exceed \$558,000. The motion carried unanimously with Vice Chair Goldware and Member Melendez absent.

CONCEPTUAL APPROVAL OF WATER UTILITY FIVE-YEAR RATE PLAN PROPOSAL

Following discussion, it was moved by Member Wohlgemuth and seconded by Member Gujral recommending that the City Council (1) conceptually approve the electric utility five-year rate plan proposal; and (2) direct the City Manager to prepare all documents necessary for public noticing of the rate proposal, to update proposed rate schedules to reflect changes due to the rate proposal, and to update any other documents necessary for the public hearing to be held before the City Council on September 5, 2023, with new rates effective January 1, 2024. The motion carried unanimously with Vice Chair Goldware and Member Melendez absent.

CONCEPTUAL APPROVAL OF ELECTRIC UTILITY FIVE-YEAR RATE PLAN PROPOSAL

Following discussion, it was moved by Member Crohn and seconded by Member Gujral recommending that the City Council (1) conceptually approve the electric utility five-year rate plan proposal; and (2) direct the City Manager to prepare all documents necessary for public noticing of the rate proposal, to update proposed rate schedules to reflect changes due to the rate proposal, and to update any other documents necessary for the public hearing to be held before the City Council on September 5, 2023, with new rates effective January 1, 2024. The motion carried with Chair Ocegüera and Members Crohn, Gujral, Heru,



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Siana, and Wohlgemuth voting aye, Member Montgomery voting no, and Vice Chair Goldware and Member Melendez absent.

BOARD MEMBER/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

SYSTEMATIC REPORTING ON MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, AND SEMINARS BY BOARD MEMBERS AND/OR STAFF

There were no reports given at this time.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES CONSIDERATION

Member Crohn requested staff report back to the Board regarding the resolution of Mr. Martin Hector de Campos's billing issue.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Following discussion and without formal motion, the Board of Public Utilities received and ordered filed the General Manager's reports including the (1) impact of COVID-19 Pandemic and Emergency Orders update; (2) WA-12 Agricultural Service Water Rate report as of April 30, 2023; (3) Water and Power Supply Reports for March and April 2023; (4) Southern California Public Power Authority agenda and minutes; (5) list of upcoming City Council and Board of Public Utilities meetings; and (6) Electric and Water utility acronyms.

The Board of Public Utilities adjourned at 9:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


LORENA VERDUSCO
Deputy City Clerk