



APPROVED 4-22-15

MINUTES  
City of Tacoma  
Public Utility Board Meeting  
April 8, 2015  
6:30 p.m.

Mr. Flint called the Public Utility Board meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Public Utilities Administration Building.

**Present:** David Nelson, Bryan Flint, Monique Trudnowski, Mark Patterson  
**Excused** Woodrow Jones

The meeting was quorate.

**Minutes of the Previous Meetings**

Mr. Patterson moved that the minutes of the previous meetings be adopted; seconded by Mrs. Trudnowski. Voice vote was taken and carried. The minutes were declared adopted and made part of the record.

**Recognitions**

There were no recognitions.

**Comments from the Public**

There were no public comments.

**Consent Agenda**

There were no items on the consent agenda.

**Regular Agenda**

- D-1 Resolution U-10768 – Award contracts and approve purchases:
1. Increase contract with HDR Engineering for the Water Supply Forum Resiliency Assessment Project (\$150,000; cumulative total \$345,000, sales tax not applicable);
  2. Award contract to Coast Rail, Inc., for the upgrade of a segment of deteriorated railroad track (\$599,395, plus sales tax).

Mr. Patterson moved to adopt the resolution; seconded by Mrs. Trudnowski.

Upon Board request, Prabhat Karna, Water Professional Engineer, provided background on item number one.

Voice vote was taken and carried. The resolution was adopted.

D-2 Resolution U-10769 – Confirm and approve an updated Legislative Policy Document that would summarize TPU’s position on certain federal and state issues.

Mr. Patterson moved to adopt the resolution; seconded by Mrs. Trudnowski.

Bob Mack, Deputy Director for Public Affairs, summarized the resolution. The current legislative policy document was last amended in 2008. The proposed legislative policy document brings up to date a statement of TPU’s policies on certain public policy issues. In response to Board comments and requests, Mr. Mack stated that in the future, this document will be updated in a timelier manner.

Voice vote was taken and carried. The resolution was adopted.

D-3 Resolution U-10770 - Authorize execution of a proposed professional services contract with Marsha Fraser for services rendered to TPU.

Mr. Patterson moved to approve the motion; seconded by Mrs. Trudnowski.

Ted Coates, Power Superintendent, summarized the resolution. The contract is for \$229,600 through December of 2016. The scope of work will provide coaching, facilitation, training design and delivery, consulting, assessments and organizational design on an as-needed basis.

Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was approved.

#### **H. Reports of the Director**

Director Gaines stated that the 10-year Management Review of TPU has been completed and the results released. Director Gaines summarized the process, findings, management response, and implementation of recommendations.

#### **I. Comments by the Board**

Mrs. Trudnowski made positive remarks about TPU’s high customer service rankings in a residential customer satisfaction study.

Mr. Flint shared that there will be two public town hall meetings to discuss the Click! lease proposal: Thursday, April 9 at 7:00 at Stadium High School; and Thursday, April 23 at 7:00 at the TPU auditorium.

#### **J. Adjournment**

There being no further business or comments, the Public Utility Board was adjourned at 6:57 p.m. until Wednesday, April 22, 2015, for a study session beginning at 3:00 p.m., followed by the regular meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Approved:

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Woodrow E. Jones, Jr., Chair

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Mark Patterson, Secretary