



APPROVED 8-26-15

MINUTES
City of Tacoma
Public Utility Board Meeting
August 12, 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: Woodrow Jones, Mark Patterson, Bryan Flint, Monique Trudnowski, Karen Larkin.

The meeting was quorate.

Karen Larkin was introduced as the newest Board Member.

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

Randy Krueger, Water Filtration Plant Project Manager, was recognized for his leadership in bringing in Tacoma Water's largest capital project in on time and under budget.

Board Members made positive remarks in recognition of the service of David Nelson for his eight years as a Board Member and thanked him for his dedicated service and accounting expertise.

Comments from the Public

There were no comments by the public.

Consent Agenda

There were no items on the consent agenda.

Regular Agenda

- D-1 Resolution U-10797 – Award contracts and approve purchases:
1. Award contract to Cenveo for production and delivery of utility bill mailing envelopes (one year contract for \$60,087 plus option for two additional one-year renewals and an option for 2018 monthly billing-related volumes for a cumulative total of \$213,346.30, plus applicable sales tax);

2. Award contract to CGI Technology and Solutions, Inc., to upgrade the Distribution/Outage Management system (\$450,000, plus applicable sales tax);
3. Award contract to Ulsh Excavating, Inc., for the construction of ductile iron water main in East E Street from East 7th Street and East 11th Street (\$278,678.43, plus sales tax).

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

In response to a Board inquiry regarding item number one, Eileen Foraker, Mail Services Manager, provided clarification as to why window envelopes are not used.

In response to a Board request regarding item number two, Nick Tomanelli, User Support Manager, provided clarification on the contract language.

In response to a Board inquiry regarding item number three, Linda McCrea, Water Superintendent, stated that is a stand-alone Tacoma Water project and not made in coordination with General Government.

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

D-2 Resolution U-10792 – Authorize Tacoma Public Utilities and its employees to provide utility services to state-licensed marijuana businesses.

Mr. Patterson moved to amend U-10792 as follows: On page 1 line 19 - strike the word “Assuming” and insert the following “Until there is definitive comprehensive federal legal determination applicable to TPU...”

On page 4 line 11 after “Sec. 2. TPU shall” strike the words “track utility customers who are known state licensed marijuana businesses” and insert the following “require a Washington State marijuana business to (1) provide proof that it holds a valid Washington State marijuana business license prior to receiving utility services and (2) agree to maintain such license in good standing while engaging in activities that are in violation of the CSA”

The motion to amend was seconded by Mrs. Trudnowski.

There was no public comment on the motion to amend. Voice vote to amend the resolution was taken and carried.

Bill Fosbre, Chief Deputy City Attorney, outlined how the amended resolution summarizes the conflict between federal drug laws, Washington State’s legalization of marijuana, and TPU’s statutory duty to provide utility services.

There was no public comment on amended Resolution U-10792.

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

H. Reports of the Director

Director Gaines expressed his appreciation for Randy Krueger's leadership and wished him well in retirement.

H-1 June Cash Projections for Power, Water, Rail

H-2 June Financials for Power, Water, Rail, Fleet, Self-Insurance Fund

I. Comments by the Board

Board Member Trudnowski invited the public to take advantage of seeing free Click! Family Flicks at the Grand Cinema.

Board Chair Flint announced that Tacoma Water has activated Stage 2 (voluntary conservation) of its water shortage response plan and encouraged the public to conserve. Mr. Flint also stated that issues surrounding Click! are still being worked and there will be future discussions and presentations.

J. Adjournment

There being no further business or comments, the Public Utility Board was adjourned at 7:31 p.m. until Wednesday, August 26, 2015, for a study session beginning at 3:00 p.m., followed by the regular meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Approved:

Bryan Flint, Chair

Monique Trudnowski, Secretary