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City of Tacoma
Public Utility Board Study Session
December 16, 2015
3:00 p.m.

Mr. Flint called the Public Utility Board study session to order at 3:00 p.m. at the Public Utilities Administration Building.

Present: Bryan Flint, Woodrow Jones, Mark Patterson, Monique Trudnowski, Karen Larkin

Tacoma Power: Parks Update

Pat McCarty, Generation Manager, introduced the Park Supervisors in attendance: Arne Lund (Taidnapam); Bryan Smith (Alder); Larry Jones (Mossyrock). Mr. McCarty explained that Tacoma Power is required by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to own and operate parks. Mr. McCarty provided an overview and history of each of Tacoma Power's Parks; Alder Lake, Mayfield, Mossyrock, and Taidnapam. Improvements made to ADA access, security, and the reservation system were detailed. Reservations are up by more than 600 percent since 2005 and 2015 survey results show a 98 percent satisfaction rate with the reservation process and the helpfulness of employees. Mr. McCarty concluded by summarizing revenues and expenses.

Tacoma Power and Water Rain/Wind Storm Report

Clay Norris, Power Manager, briefed the Board on water level management at the dams during the heavy rainfall recently received and the resulting record inflows. Todd Lloyd, Assistant Power Section Manager, summarized how Tacoma Power monitors and mitigates high reservoir levels.

Dolores Stegeman, T&D Manager, stated that T&D had the best response to date on providing the best estimated time of restoration on outages. Ms. Stegeman described the employment of new, innovation restoration team tactics that resulted in quicker restoration times.

Linda McCrea, Water Superintendent, stated that the heavy rains in mid-November resulted in over \$250,000 in damage to culverts and road washouts. Tacoma Water is working with FEMA and most have been temporarily restored and work is being done to reroute roads in the upper watershed.

Miscellaneous

Board Members discussed Council Resolution 39347 passed on December 15, 2015 supporting the ‘all-in’ strategy for Click! Network and what work should be started to implement a business plan by the April deadline. First steps include coordinating the composition of the committee for the Board and City Council. Bill Fosbre, Chief Deputy City Attorney, stated he will prepare a motion for the January 13, 2016 Board meeting to appoint members to the committee. Staff will begin work on a process and timeline for developing the business plan.

Executive Session

Board Member Larkin moved to convene an executive session at 4:15 p.m. for one hour for the purpose of discussing litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) and .110(1)(iii); seconded by Mr. Jones. At 5:15, the executive session was extended by 20 minutes. At 5:35, the executive session was extended by 5 minutes. The executive session was adjourned at 5:40 p.m. Attorneys present were Elizabeth Pauli, Bill Fosbre, and Mike Smith.

Kate Martin, reporter for the News Tribune, registered an objection to an executive session so that the newspaper’s attorney could be present. It was noted by Chair Flint.

Adjournment

The study session was adjourned at 5:40 p.m. until the next regularly scheduled study session on Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.

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Bryan Flint, Chair

Monique Trudnowski, Secretary