



APPROVED 4-13-16

MINUTES
City of Tacoma
Public Utility Board Meeting
March 23, 2016
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

Excused: Karen Larkin

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-10851 – Award contracts and approve purchases:
1. Increase contract to Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission to provide seasonal fisheries field labor near Cowlitz Falls Dam (\$1,500,000; cumulative total \$3,400,000, sales tax not applicable);
 2. Award contract to CLEARResult Consulting, Inc., to manage the Energy Smart Grocer program (\$1,200,000; \$245,000 for administrative costs and \$355,000 for incentive costs per year, one year with option for 2017; sales tax not applicable);
 3. Award contract to Progress Rail Services Corporation for the purchase of two track diamonds for rail connectivity to the transfer yard (\$205,610, plus applicable sales tax);
 4. Award contract to Stella-Jones Corporation for railroad cross ties and switch ties for ongoing routine railroad track maintenance on an as-needed

basis (\$433,877, plus the option for two additional one-year renewal periods for a cumulative total of \$932,141.70, plus sales tax).

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

At the request of Board Members, Keith Underwood, Natural Resources Manager, summarized item one on the general purchasing resolution. The Pacific State Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC) is an interstate compact/quasi federal organization that specializes with fisheries management on the Pacific coast by providing staff to governmental organizations. Field crews will be provided to assist in fish activities at Cushman Dam. A fish collector has been built and two hatcheries are coming on line this year; requiring additional personnel. PSMFC staff will help reintroduce sockeye and spring chinook. This resolution extends and expands the existing contract.

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

D-2 Resolution U-10852 – Authorize execution of a collective bargaining agreement negotiated between the City of Tacoma and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Custodial and Building Maintenance Unit.

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

Tara Schaak, Labor Negotiator, summarized the resolution. This agreement covers 21 positions located within TPU. It covers years 2016 – 2019 and provides for a two percent wage increase in each year of the agreement. A wage increase of two percent retroactive to January 1, 2016 and a wage increase of two percent effective January 1 of each subsequent year.

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

D-3 Resolution U-10853 – Authorize acceptance by Tacoma Power to receive approximately 70 acres of property from the Washington State Department of Natural Resources at the Cushman Hydroelectric Project.

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

Bret Forrester, Wildlife and Lands Manager, summarized the resolution. This property will be donated to Tacoma Power through the Department of Natural Resource's trust land transfer program which, through deed restrictions, will require that the land be used for conservation, recreation and/or open space. The property will be transferred through a quit claim deed which will not require any closing costs. The assessed value is \$698,000 comprising of a \$56,000 land valuation and \$642,000 timber valuation. Tacoma Power's cost for this acquisition is approximately \$3,000 which includes staff time related to property inspection. Acceptance of this land will transfer ownership of property within the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) license boundary to Tacoma Power. The land also provides future recreation and habitat enhancement opportunities that may be beneficial during the next FERC relicensing of the Cushman Project.

In response to Board inquiries, Mr. Forrester offered clarification. This land is adjacent to existing recreational lands. The property has been inspected and no problems have been identified and there are no forest health issues at this time. There are no roads on the property; however, State Route 119 bisects the property where it turns into Staircase Road.

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

H. Reports of the Director

There were no reports of the Director.

I. Comments by the Board

Mr. Patterson made positive remarks about Tacoma Power's successful reliability and compliance audit from that received no findings.

J. Adjournment

There being no further business or comments, the Public Utility Board was adjourned at 6:46 p.m. until Wednesday, April 13, 2016, 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