



APPROVED 12-14-16

MINUTES
City of Tacoma
Public Utility Board Meeting
November 9, 2016
6:30 p.m.

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

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

The meeting was quorate.

Minutes of the Previous Meetings

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

Recognitions

Heather Pennington, Deputy Water Superintendent and Heather Dewey, Water Office Manager, presented the Board with the 2016 Platinum Award for Utility Excellence received from the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies. (AMWA). Tacoma Water was recognized for their strategic planning and execution, construction and startup of the Green River filtration facility, significant natural resource enhancements and habitat work in the Green River watershed, our GIS implementation and their asset management program development.

Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public.

Consent Agenda

There were no items on the consent agenda.

Regular Agenda

Departmental

D-1 Resolution U-10888 – Award contracts and approve purchases:

1. Award contract to Pape & Sons Construction, Inc., for the construction of ductile iron water mains within the City of Federal Way along Hoyt Road SW from SW 326th Street to SW 340th Street (\$891,493.40, plus sales tax);
2. Award contract to Cascade Columbia Distribution; JCI Jones Chemicals, Inc.; General Chemical Performance Products LLC d/b/a/ Chemtrade Chemicals US LLC; and Kemira Water Solutions, Inc., for the supply of

water treatment chemicals (\$186,750, sales tax not applicable; \$768,100, sales tax not applicable; \$225,330, plus sales tax; \$68,697, plus sales tax. Cumulative total for all four contracts \$1,248,877, plus sales tax)..

Ms. Trudnowski moved to adopt the resolution; seconded by Mr. Jones.

In response to a Board inquiry on item number two regarding the contract award to four vendors, Kim DeFolo, Principal Engineer explained that we put out low bid contracts for each of the water treatment chemicals and include them all in the specification so companies can bid on any or all of the items. A lot of the chemicals are specialty chemicals and have unique manufacturing processes. Some companies can supply several chemicals, some can only supply one; this process allows us to get the most competitive pricing.

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

D-2 Resolution U-10889 – Concur with the City Council resolution regarding a proposed 2017/2018 collective bargaining agreement between the City of Tacoma and the Tacoma Joint Labor Committee that includes employee health and welfare benefits.

Ms. Trudnowski moved to adopt the resolution; seconded by Mr. Jones.

Joy St. Germain, Human Resources Director, summarized the resolution which recommends Board concurrence with the City Council resolution regarding a proposed two-year collective bargaining agreement, effective January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018. The unions which comprise joint labor are Local 17, Local 31, Local 117, Local 120, Local 160, Local 313, and Local 483.

In response to a Board inquiry regarding sick pay, Ms. St. Germain stated the sick leave pay aligns with the City's new sick leave policy that is imposed on all businesses in the city of Tacoma for temporary employees.

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

D-3 Resolution U-10890 – Authorize Tacoma Water to add additional work to the scope of services, increase the contract amount by \$225,000, and extend the term of the contract with Van Ness Feldman LLP.

Ms. Trudnowski moved to adopt the resolution; seconded by Mr. Jones.

Bill Fosbre, Chief Deputy City Attorney, stated this resolution allows Tacoma Water to enter into a contract amendment for legal services related to advising and consulting on federal and state water laws in regard to water rights and municipal water supply issues.

In response to a Board inquiry regarding the additional funding, Mr. Fosbre stated the amount is a maximum amount for approval, and there is no requirement to expend all the funds. Van Ness Feldman will be looking at Tacoma Water's water rights related to both in town groundwater and surface water rights and the interaction with Howard Hanson dam and Army Corp of Engineers. We hope to gain a comprehensive look at what we

have on the books with the Department of Ecology related to Tacoma Water and make sure there are no gaps or additional paperwork that needs to be filed.

In response to a Board inquiry asking if this effort supports Tacoma Water's Integrated Resource Plan, Superintendent McCrea stated we are embarking on an IRP in 2017. It is an important planning effort that looks at all of our supply sources and the conditions that can affect those sources and how well we can meet the needs of our customers well into the future. Our water rights are an important legal basis for being able to access the water so we want to make sure we have fully evaluated the law and the conditions under our rights to be sure the planning is well thought out.

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

H. Reports of the Director

H-1 Third Quarter 2016 Budget Performance Report for Power, Water, Rail

Jim Sant, Deputy Director for Administration, provided a report on the third quarter 2016 budget performance reports for Power, Water, and Rail. Mr. Sant presented key budget information, covering revenues and expenditures, for each of the operating divisions.

I. Comments by the Board

Mr. Jones noted Friday is Veterans Day and encouraged everyone to visit a Veteran.

Chair Patterson reminded the public of the holiday schedule, noting the next Study Session and Board meeting will be held on Dec. 14, 2016.

J. Adjournment

There being no further business or comments, the Public Utility Board was adjourned at 6:54 p.m. until Wednesday, December 14, 2016, for a study session beginning at 3:00 p.m., followed by the regular meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Approved:

Mark Patterson, Chair

Woodrow E. Jones, Jr., Secretary