



APPROVED 5-10-17

MINUTES  
City of Tacoma  
Public Utility Board Meeting  
April 26, 2017  
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, Karen Larkin, Woodrow Jones, Bryan Flint

**Excused:** Monique Trudnowski

The meeting was quorate.

**Minutes of the Previous Meetings**

Ms. Larkin moved that the minutes of the previous meetings be adopted; seconded by Mr. Jones. Voice vote was taken and carried with Board Member Larkin abstaining as she was excused on April 12. The minutes were declared adopted and made part of the record.

**Recognitions**

There were no recognitions.

**Comments from the Public**

Public comment was taken from Michael Lafreniere on the board meeting materials on the website provided in advance of the meeting, in favor of bill inserts being provided about rate increases before they're adopted, and in favor of keeping the public informed as plans for the Cushman Substation are developed.

**Consent Agenda**

There were no items on the consent agenda.

**Regular Agenda**

D-1 Resolution U-10924 – Authorize execution of an agreement between Tacoma Water and the Department of Public Works for the replacement of water main during the 38<sup>th</sup> Streetscape Project.

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

Ali Polda, Professional Engineer, summarized the resolution. In 2014, the Council established a strategic objective to focus on the development of the Lincoln Business District Neighborhood. It is in the best interest of the utility and customers to include water main work in the Public Works contract. This project partnership will improve

project delivery, reduce project costs, mitigate future risks, and minimize construction disturbance to adjacent business and the public. As part of this project, Tacoma Water proposes to replace the existing four-inch and six-inch cast iron water main constructed in 1914, with approximately 2,300 linear feet of six-inch and 8-inch ductile iron water main and appurtenances.

Board Members made positive remarks about the Lincoln District project and commended staff for coordinating with Public Works to save money and keeping street construction and disruption to a minimum.

Michael Lafreniere made positive remarks about the coordination between TPU and Public Works on this project.

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

Board Member Larkin moved to suspend the rules to consider walk-on commendatory resolution U-10925 relating to public service, expressing appreciation for the service of Bob Mack; seconded by Board Member Jones.

Voice vote to suspend the rules was taken and carried.

The Clerk read commendatory resolution U-10925.

Board Member Larkin moved to adopt the resolution; seconded by Mr. Jones.

Board Members all expressed appreciation and made positive remarks about the contributions of Bob Mack. Mr. Mack thanked everyone for their kind comments.

Public comment was taken from Michael Lafreniere who made positive remarks about the service of Mr. Mack.

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

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

Director Gaines expressed appreciation for the service of Bob Mack.

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

Messrs. Flint and Jones made comments in favor of community input on the future of the Cushman substation property.

In response to earlier public comment about having study session materials posted in advance, Ms. Larkin stated that staff works on the materials before the study session, the Board doesn't see them in advance, and the materials will be posted the day after the study session.

Mr. Patterson stated that no immediate action is going to be taken on the Cushman substation property.

Mr. Patterson expressed appreciation for the energy risk management study session presentation.

**J. Adjournment**

There being no further business or comments, the Public Utility Board was adjourned at 7:04 p.m. until Wednesday, May 10, 2017 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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Mark Patterson, Chair

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Woodrow E. Jones, Jr., Secretary