



APPROVED 9-13-17

MINUTES
City of Tacoma
Public Utility Board Meeting
August 23, 2017
6:30 p.m.

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

Present: Woodrow E. Jones, Jr., Monique Trudnowski, Bryan Flint, Karen Larkin
Excused: Mark Patterson

The meeting was quorate.

Minutes of the Previous Meetings

Mr. Jones moved that the minutes of the previous meetings be adopted; seconded by Ms. Larkin. 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 comments by the public.

Consent Agenda

There were no items on the consent agenda.

Regular Agenda

- D-1 Resolution U-10950 – Award contracts and approve purchases:
1. Award contract to TransAmerican Power Products, Inc., for the supply of steel pole structures for the Henderson Bay Crossing transmission line rebuild (\$211,000, plus applicable sales tax);
 2. Award contract to TransAmerican Power Products, Inc., for the supply of steel pole structures for the Pearl-Cushman upgrade project (\$372,104, plus applicable tax);
 3. Increase contract to Aramark Uniform Services for apparel and linen rental and laundry services (\$100,000, plus sales tax. Cumulative total \$1,082,000, plus sales tax);
 4. Increase contract to Northwest Cascade, Inc., for citywide waste pumping services (\$700,000, plus sales tax. Cumulative total \$900,000, plus sales tax).

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

In response to a Board inquiry on item number one regarding the recommend bid being sixty percent below the engineer's estimate, Stephen Fairchild, Project Manager, explained that steel prices have dropped since the previous contract and the vendor is standing by their bid.

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

D-2 Resolution U-10951 – Authorize execution of a collective bargaining agreement negotiated between the City of Tacoma and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Supervisors' Unit.

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

Tara Schaak, Labor Negotiator, summarized the resolution which recommends adoption and implementation of the 2017-2020 collective bargaining agreement which covers approximately thirteen positions with five assigned to general government and eight assigned to TPU. The agreement provides for a wage increase of 2.25 percent effective January 1 of each year and the classification of biosolids supervisor will receive an additional one percent increase. In addition, the agreement provides for a one-time lump-sum payment of \$1,000 to employees in an active status as of May 4, 2017. Other changes include a change to the expected work schedules for Customer Accounts Supervisors to more closely align with the employees they supervise, modifications to articles on grievances and discipline, and adding standard contract language related to time off and benefits to Appendix B. This agreement is scheduled for Council consideration on September 12, 2017.

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

D-3 Resolution U-10952 - Approve Declaration of Surplus Utility Specific Equipment of 216 distribution transformers/overhead equipment no longer needed for Tacoma Power's current or future needs and authorize the sale of surplus specific equipment to the highest responsive bidder.

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

Dale Loveland, Power Supervisor, summarized the resolution. The 216 distribution transformers/overhead equipment are considered surplus to Tacoma Powers needs due to the age of their condition, and are no longer required for providing continued public utility service. In response to a Board inquiry regarding the public reporting potential issues with equipment, Mr. Loveland answered that there are processes in place to respond to concerns and the public is welcome to contact staff in the office or in the field for an assessment of equipment that may seem to be malfunctioning. Prior to voting on the matter, Chair Trudnowski called for public comment per RCW 35.94.040. There were no public comments.

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

D-4 Motion 17-09 – Approve settlement of a property damage claim in the amount of \$35,126 from Tacoma Rail to the GATX Rail Corporation.

Mr. Jones moved to approve the motion; seconded by Ms. Larkin.

Bill Fosbre, City Attorney, stated that the details of this settlement have been provided to the Board in a confidential memorandum from Deputy City Attorney, Joseph Sloan, and that the Board has been briefed on this matter in executive session.

Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was approved.

Board Member Larkin moved to suspend the rules to hear walk-on Motion 17-10 to authorize settlement in the case of Christopher Mantle v. the City of Tacoma in the amount of \$68,000; seconded by Mr. Jones.

Voice vote to suspend the rules was taken and carried.

Bill Fosbre, City Attorney, read the motion: That upon concurrence by the City Council, the Director of Utilities is hereby authorized to settle the lawsuit of Christopher Mantle vs. City of Tacoma, Pierce County Superior Court Cause No. 16-2-05754-9, in the amount of \$68,000, as further explained in the confidential memorandum from Deputy City Attorney Paul Goulding to William A. Gaines, Director of Utilities/CEO, dated August 21, 2017. Mr. Fosbre stated that in addition to the confidential background memorandum, the Board was briefed in an executive session on this matter.

Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion was approved.

H. Reports of the Director

Director Gaines called on Jim Sant, Deputy Director for Administration, to provide a report on the second quarter 2017 budget performance reports for Power, Water, and Rail. Mr. Sant presented the key budget information, covering revenues and expenditures, for each of the operating divisions.

I. Comments by the Board

Chair Trudnowski announced that on June 21, 2017, the Board passed Resolution U-10932 authorizing renovations to the TPU auditorium and that the next Board meeting on September 13 will be the last in the auditorium for the next few months. Beginning September 27, 2017, the meetings will be temporarily held at Metro Parks Headquarters located at 4702 South 19th Street, Tacoma.

Ms. Larkin, referring to U-10950, item two, passed earlier in the evening, made positive remarks about the impending pole replacement on North 21st Street.

J. Adjournment

There being no further business or comments, the Public Utility Board was adjourned at 6:54 p.m. until Wednesday, September 13, 2017 for a study session beginning at 3:00 p.m., followed by the regular meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Approved:

Monique Trudnowski, Chair

Karen Larkin, Secretary