



APPROVED 10-25-17

MINUTES  
City of Tacoma  
Public Utility Board Meeting  
October 11, 2017  
6:30 p.m.

Ms. Trudnowski called the Public Utility Board meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Tacoma Metro Parks Auditorium.

**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 Mr. Flint. Voice vote was taken and carried. The minutes were declared adopted, with Ms. Larkin abstaining as she was excused on September 27, 2017, 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-10960 – Award contracts and approve purchases:
1. Award contract to CE Power Engineered Services, LLC, for the supply of two indoor air-insulated, medium-voltage rigid bus structures (\$408,715, plus sales tax);
  2. Award three-year contract to The Oeser Company for the purchase of transmission wood poles on an as-needed basis (\$800,342, plus the option for two additional one-year renewal periods for a cumulative total of \$1,350,000, plus sales tax);
  3. Award contract to Alcatel-Lucent USA, Inc., for hardware, software, and professional services to support the Wide Area Network project (\$5,224,077.55, plus sales tax).

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

In response to a Board inquiry on item number two regarding how many poles are included in this contract, Roberta Cox, Management Analyst, answered that this will purchase approximately

330 treated, bare poles. In response to another Board inquiry about the contract pricing and the pre-bid estimate, Ms. Cox answered that pricing is four percent over the prior contract and 2.5 percent above the estimate because there are a limited number of suppliers for these poles. In addition, one firm recently acquired two other pole firms and that has limited pricing options.

In response to a Board request for a project description on item number three, Tim Bagwell, Power Supervisor, answered that this equipment purchase supports the microwave network upgrade that the Board was briefed on at an earlier study session. The current microwave network is at end of life. The new network will be used in conjunction with Mason County PUD No. 3 via an interagency agreement that will provide redundant services critical to the infrastructure.

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

D-2 Resolution U-10961 – Authorize the sale of approximately 1,875 square feet of Tacoma Power property to R. and L. Coleman for \$71,200.

Mr. Jones moved to adopt the resolution; seconded by Mr. Flint.

Greg Muller, Real Estate Officer, summarized the resolution. This vacant property was declared surplus to Tacoma Power's needs in 2009 by Board Resolution U-10270. Through an informal bid process in 2017, a neighbor was the successful bidder and will purchase the property for \$72,100. A restrictive covenant will be included in the quit claim deed prohibiting development of the property.

In response to a Board inquiry as to why a restrictive covenant is a condition of the sale, Mr. Muller answered that this was suggested by the purchaser who lives to the south of the property, across the street. The property is in the view corridor of their house. They also own the abutting property to the west and donated that to Metro Parks and they want to keep this new property in the same character. Real Property reached out to the abutting property owners to see if they had interest in purchasing the property and none were. No neighbors have expressed concerns. As part of the public hearing process, a notice to all within 300 feet of that property will be notified and given an opportunity to provide input. In response to a Board inquiry about the parcel owned by Metro Parks, Mr. Muller answered that the Metro Parks has no plans for developing that property. In response to a Board inquiry about eligibility for a conservation easement, Mr. Muller answered that option was never a part of discussions. In response to a Board inquiry about the amount of time that has passed between 2009 when this was declared surplus and the sale, Mr. Muller stated that the property is small, on a slope, and was considered undevelopable so there was no interest.

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

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

H-1 June 2017 financials for Self-Insurance Fund

H-2 July 2017 financials for Self-Insurance Fund

H-3 August 2017 cash projections for Power, Water, Rail

H-4 August 2017 financials for Power, Water, Rail, Fleet, Self-Insurance Fund

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

The Board thanked Metro Parks for the use of their facilities for the meeting.

**J. Adjournment**

There being no further business or comments, the Public Utility Board was adjourned at 6:41 p.m. until Wednesday, October 25, 2017 for a study session beginning at 3:00 p.m. at Tacoma Public Utilities, followed by the regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Tacoma Metro Parks Headquarters.

Approved:

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Monique Trudnowski, Chair

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Karen Larkin, Secretary