



APPROVED 10-11-17

MINUTES
City of Tacoma
Public Utility Board Meeting
September 27, 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, Mark Patterson
Excused: Karen Larkin

The meeting was quorate.

Minutes of the Previous Meetings

Mr. Jones moved that the minutes of the previous meetings be adopted; seconded by Mr. Patterson. 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-10959 – Award contracts and approve purchases:
1. Award two-year contract to Clean Harbors Environmental Services, Inc., for hazardous waste handling and disposal services (\$300,000, plus the option for three additional one-year renewal periods for a cumulative total of \$750,000, plus sales tax);
 2. Award contract to Power Technology, Inc., for the installation of LED streetlight fixtures throughout the City of Tacoma (\$1,548,300, sales tax not applicable);

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

In response to a Board inquiry on item number two regarding how this contract fits into previously approved contracts and the complete LED street lighting project, Peter Meyer, Commercial and Industrial Conservation Manager, answered that this contract is for the installation portion of the LED project. The Board previously approved the purchase of the LED fixtures. Seven million was estimated, but this contract came in one million below estimates. Installation should start at the end of October or early November. The TPU website has the schedule for when fixtures will be installed in each neighborhood. In response to a Board inquiry regarding potential concerns regarding lighting, Mr. Meyer answered fixtures in residential neighborhoods are using warmer

lights, which is the recommendation of the American Medical Association. There are also back shields in case of light trespass. LEDs are very directional, which is different from the incumbent features which put out lights in all directions. In response to a Board inquiry, Mr. Meyer stated that this project will cover approximately 70 percent of all fixtures and historical fixtures are not targeted.

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

D-2 Motion 17-12 – Approve an amendment to section 2.E of the severance agreement between the City and Power Superintendent related to severance benefits.

Mr. Jones to approve the motion; seconded by Mr. Patterson.

Mr. Flint made comments favoring a study session presentation that includes Board Member Larkin prior to voting and chose to abstain from voting on Motion 17-12. Board Member Patterson added that he is in favor of future study sessions to address residency requirements and severance payments, but feels these two immediate motions can be addressed and these questions answered in future agreements. Mr. Jones agreed with Mr. Patterson. Chair Trudnowski added that the Board did hold an executive session on these matters and there will be a study session to discuss this topic in the future.

Voice vote was taken, with Mr. Flint abstaining, and carried. The motion was approved.

D-3 Motion 17-13 – Approve section 2.E of the proposed agreement between the City and the Water Superintendent related to severance benefits.

Mr. Jones to approve the motion; seconded by Mr. Patterson.

Mr. Flint commented that since this agreement includes a residency requirement, he will not abstain.

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

I. Comments by the Board

All Board Members expressed appreciation to the Metro Parks District for use of its facilities for Board meetings while the TPU auditorium is being renovated.

J. Adjournment

There being no further business or comments, the Public Utility Board was adjourned at 6:42 p.m. until Wednesday, October 11, 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:

Monique Trudnowski, Chair

Karen Larkin, Secretary