



APPROVED 4-25-18

MINUTES  
City of Tacoma  
Public Utility Board Meeting  
April 11, 2018  
6:30 p.m.

Ms. Trudnowski called the Public Utility Board meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium at Tacoma Public Utilities.

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

The meeting was quorate.

**Minutes of the Previous Meetings**

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

**Recognitions**

There were no recognitions.

**Comments from the Public**

There were no comments from the public.

**Consent Agenda**

There were no items on the consent agenda.

**Regular Agenda**

- D-1 Resolution U-11001 – Award contracts and approve purchases:
1. Award three-year contract to Old Castle Precast, Inc., for the purchase of underground precast concrete vaults and accessories on an as-needed basis (\$425,304, plus applicable sales tax).

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

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

- D-2 Motion 18-01 – Extend the appointment of Linda McCrea as Interim Director of Utilities to May 31, 2018.

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

Chair Trudnowski explained that the recruitment timeline for the new Director of Utilities exceeded Interim Director McCrea's original contract timeline; thereby requiring this extension. Board Member Flint stated that the time taken for the recruitment is to ensure the process is done right. Board Members then made positive remarks about Interim Director McCrea and thanked her for stepping out of retirement to answer the call of duty and provide TPU with stability and strong leadership during this transition period.

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

D-3 Motion 18-02 – Authorize amendment to the compensation agreement with Linda McCrea to cover the extension of her appointment as Interim Director through May 31, 2018 with an annual salary of \$346,965.

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

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

D-4 Resolution U-11002 – Authorize execution of a collective bargaining agreement negotiated between the City of Tacoma and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Click! Unit.

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

Ryan Patrick, Labor Negotiator, summarized the resolution. The agreement covers approximately 59 budgeted, full-time positions within Tacoma Public Utilities. The agreement covers a two year period and provides for a wage increase in each year of the agreement. Retroactive to January 1, 2017, wages will increase by two percent; and retroactive to January 1, 2018, wages shall increase by three percent. In addition, an employee who was active as of the date of ratification of the agreement on January 22, 2018, and in a frozen wage rate, will receive a one-time lump sum payment of \$1,000 and another one-time lump sum payment of \$1,000 if their wages remain frozen after the 2018 wage increase is applied. The City and Union recognize there are pending legal challenges concerning Click! Network and have agreed to reopen the agreement in order to negotiate the implementation of any required changes that may be necessary due to a court order or settlement agreement. This item is scheduled for Council consideration on April 24, 2018.

Board Members made positive remarks about this agreement and thanked Local 483 for their work with the City. Chair Trudnowski noted that the increases are already contained in the existing budget, so there is no additional fiscal impact.

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

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

Interim Director McCrea shared that TPU was recognized on April 11 at the Emergency Food Network breakfast for TPU's major volunteer contributions. TPU employees volunteer on Saturdays to help the Emergency Food Network break down bulk foods into family-sized bags to hand out at local food banks. Further, TPU employees then volunteer one Monday each month to hand those bags out to families at My Sister's

Pantry. Since its inception, TPU has consistently been the number one team to repack food for the Emergency Food Network. Board Members thanked TPU employees for their volunteer efforts.

**I. Comments by the Board**

Chair Trudnowski shared that Mayor Woodards presented TPU with a proclamation in honor of its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary and proclaimed April 11, 2018 TPU Day. Chair Trudnowski then provided history that on April 11, 1893, Tacomans passed a vote to purchase the water and electric utilities from Charles Wright. Key milestones for each of the operating divisions were outlined. In celebration of the 125<sup>th</sup> year of TPU, there will be stories about TPU over the past 125 years in newsletters and online for the community.

**J. Adjournment**

There being no further business or comments, the Public Utility Board was adjourned at 6:51 p.m. until Wednesday, April 25, 2018 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 Public Utilities.

Approved:

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Monique Trudnowski, Chair

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Karen Larkin, Secretary