



APPROVED 8-22-18

MINUTES
City of Tacoma
Public Utility Board Meeting
August 8, 2018
6:30 p.m.

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

Present: Mark Patterson, Bryan Flint; Woodrow E. Jones, Jr. Christine Cooley
Excused: Karen Larkin

The meeting was quorate.

Minutes of the Previous Meetings

Mr. Patterson 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.

Recognitions

There were no recognitions.

Comments from the Public

Leilani King spoke in opposition of her apartment complex for seniors, The Vintage, transitioning from Click! to Comcast.

Mitch Shook spoke in favor of a Board or Council policy that supports open access of telecom at apartment complexes.

Tenzin Gyaltsen, Click! General Manager, summarized the situation concerning the apartment complex. The apartment complex had a bulk agreement with Click! and it expired a year ago as the apartment complex did not want to renew the contract. Click! made a proposal to continue service, but revenue sharing and door fees were requested. According to policy, Click! cannot offer incentives to property owners so a new contract couldn't be negotiated. The Internet Service Providers were notified last year that a transition from Click! was imminent. The property owner sped up the transition and started the changeover to Comcast. Advanced Stream, Mr. Shook's company, has been restored and the owner of the apartment complex is working with Click! for a smooth transition through the end of the month.

Board Member Flint stated he would support policy that ensures fair playing fields for bulk service.

Consent Agenda

There were no items on the consent agenda.

Regular Agenda

D-1 Resolution U-11020 – Authorize execution of a letter of agreement negotiated between the City of Tacoma and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Click! Unit.

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

Ryan Patrick, Labor Negotiator, summarized the resolution. The collective bargaining agreement covers approximately 59 budgeted, full-time equivalent positions. The letter of agreement provides that the classification of Sales and Service Representative Lead will be voluntarily recognized as incorporated into and covered by the terms and conditions. The letter of agreement also provides for a 0.6 percent wage increase, reduces the number of steps in the pay range from 21 to 5, and provides for the placement of the employees within the new pay range, and a one-time, lump-sum payment of \$3,500. This item will go forward for Council consideration on August 21, 2018.

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

D-2 Resolution U-11021 – Authorize Tacoma Water to participate in the City of Tacoma Department of Public Works Streets Initiative Package No. 6 Project.

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

Ali Polda, Professional Engineer, summarized the resolution. The Department of Public Works is proposing to restore 29 blocks of residential streets, construct ADA ramps, add and replace catch basins, repair storm sewers, and replace wastewater sewer mains. As part of the project, Tacoma Water proposes to replace approximately 845 linear feet of cast iron water main constructed in the 1890's with ductile iron pipe in North 8th Street from North K Street to North J Street, and in North I Street from North 2nd Street to North 3rd Street. Construction is anticipated to commence in September 2018. Tacoma Water believes it is in the best interest of the utility and its customers to include the water main work in Public Works' project. Project partnership will improve project delivery, reduce projected costs, mitigate future risks, and consolidate construction disturbance to the general public. Tacoma Water's estimated project cost is \$268,354.90, plus a 20 percent contingency for a cumulative total of \$322,025.88, excluding taxes.

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

H. Reports of the Director

Acting Director, Scott Dewhirst, called on Jim Sant, Deputy Director for Administration, to provide a report on the second quarter 2018 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

Board Members Jones and Flint made positive remarks about the ribbon cutting for the fast charging stations for electric vehicles at the LeMay Car Museum on August 7, 2018.

J. Adjournment

There being no further business or comments, the Public Utility Board was adjourned at 6:59 p.m. until Wednesday, August 22, 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:

Woodrow E. Jones, Jr. Chair

Bryan Flint, Secretary