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City of Tacoma
Public Utility Board Study Session
March 14, 2018
3:00 p.m.

Chair Trudnowski called the Public Utility Board study session to order at 3:01 p.m. at the Public Utilities Administration Building.

Present: Monique Trudnowski; Woodrow E. Jones, Jr., Mark Patterson, Karen Larkin
Excused: Bryan Flint (participated via phone for executive session only)

Tacoma Water: Integrated Resource Plan

Glen George, Sr. Principal Engineer, provided part two of the Tacoma Water Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) presentation provided to the Board on February 14, 2018. As a reminder, the long term objective of the IRP is to create a robust and analytically sound resource plan to ensure continued water availability for the community and environment well into the foreseeable future. Mr. George detailed the elements of the IRP work: Development of water supply yield model, both short and long term; incorporation of climate change considerations; development of a resource adequacy standard; and future scenario development and sources (groundwater evaluation, conservation program update, investigating reuse as a source). Mr. George shared information and graphical representations as he detailed each of these topics. In summary, the IRP is a thorough water supply yield model, both short and long term, that is synchronized with demand model and incorporates climate change. It contains an updated conservation program that will be used over the next decade. It is a major resource that will be used in its entirety in the 2018 version of Tacoma Water's Water System Plan. It contains a communication tool that will allow transparency of Tacoma Water's decision making around water supply and demand. Finally, the IRP is a document that articulates resource adequacy standard that will guide water resource investments in the years to come.

Tacoma Power: Undergrounding Pilot Program

Rachel Allen, Assistant Power Section Manager, followed up with the Board on previous presentations on the topic of the Power undergrounding pilot program. Ms. Allen informed the Board that the pilot area will be limited to the Brewery District which is bounded on the north by South 17th Street, on the south by South Tacoma Way, on the west by Tacoma Avenue, and on the east by Pacific. The time duration will extend for a three-year period during which annual updates will be made to the Board and a summary report will be provided detailing how the pilot program was utilized. A maximum of \$10M will be allocated for the entire pilot program. Staff will consult with Legal and Finance to pursue assistance for customers' conversion costs in conjunction with a distribution overhead to underground infrastructure conversion. Staff will

clarify telecommunication franchise requirements that address relocation, replacement, rebuild, removal of poles and underground requirements. This will ensure a more complete overhead to underground conversion by all utilities, mitigating stranded overhead poles. Lastly, staff will continue to pursue financial implications and other related utility requirements for overhead and underground infrastructure relocation related to Public Works projects. Ms. Allen then walked through the applicable changes in Tacoma Power's customer service policies. The City Council will receive a briefing on this topic on March 20 and a resolution will be brought forth in the future for Board consideration.

Miscellaneous

Chris Gleason, Community and Media Services Manager, informed the Board that 2018 is the 125th anniversary of TPU and the 20th anniversary of Click!. Ms. Gleason reviewed with the Board ways TPU could recognize these anniversaries with various activities, promotions, and publications. Board Members suggested other commemoration ideas that included coordination with the Tacoma Historical Society.

Executive Session

Ms. Larkin moved to convene an executive session at 4:45 p.m. for 45 minutes until 5:30 for the purpose of discussing pending and potential litigation (RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)); seconded by Mr. Jones. Voice vote was taken and carried. At 5:30 the executive session was extended for five minutes until 5:35. At 5:35 the executive session was extended for five minutes until 5:40. The executive session was adjourned at 5:40. Tom Morrill, Chief Deputy City Attorney, was present.

Adjournment

The study session was adjourned at 5:40 p.m. until the next regularly scheduled study session on Wednesday, March 28, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.

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Monique Trudnowski, Chair

Karen Larkin, Secretary