



APPROVED 2-12-20

MINUTES  
City of Tacoma  
Public Utility Board Meeting  
January 22, 2020  
6:30 p.m.

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

**Present:** Bryan Flint, Christine Cooley, Carlos Watson, Karen Larkin, Mark Patterson

The meeting was quorate.

**Minutes of the Previous Meetings**

Mr. Flint 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.

**Recognitions**

There were no recognitions.

**Public comment**

There were no comments by the public.

**Consent Agenda**

There were no items on the consent agenda.

**Regular Agenda**

- D-1 Resolution U-11136– Award contracts and approve purchases:
1. Award contract to Pape & Sons Construction, Inc., for the replacement of asbestos cement water mains along Hoyt Road and 47<sup>th</sup> Ave SW from SW 326<sup>th</sup> Street to SW 320<sup>th</sup> Street in the City of Federal Way (\$855,267.50, plus applicable taxes).

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

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

- D-2 Motion 20-01 – Amend Motion 15-03 passed on February 11, 2015 in the case of Lochridge v. City of Tacoma, et al. by an increase of \$3,459.00.

Mr. Flint moved to approve the motion; seconded by Mr. Patterson.

Tom Morrill, Chief Deputy City Attorney, summarized the motion. Upon concurrence by the City Council, the Director of Utilities will be authorized to amend the settlement previously approved by the Board on February 11, 2015 in the matter of Joseph Lochridge v. City of Tacoma, U.S. District Court Case No. 3:14-cv-05053-RJB, by increasing the settlement by an additional \$3,459 to correct a miscalculation related to complying with the terms of the settlement.

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

D-3 Resolution U-11137 - Authorize execution of a five-year funding agreement with Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance to provide upstream market services for regional energy efficiency programs in the amount of \$1,545,150.

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

Steve Bicker, Assistant Power Section Manager, approved the resolution that will authorize the Cycle 6 (5-year) funding agreement with the Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance (NEEA) to provide upstream market services for regional energy efficiency programs. This consists of one core funding agreement for \$1,507,965 that provides funding for NEEA's general operations and program management, and a special project order for \$37,185 which provides for Tacoma Power's voluntary participation in NEEA's strategic energy management infrastructure program. In response to a Board request for additional information on NEEA benefits and programs, Mr. Bicker explained that NEEA is a professionally managed and staffed regional alliance of 16 direct funding northwest utilities and energy efficiency organizations working on behalf of 13M customers. NEEA serves Tacoma Power and its customers through facilitating regional upstream market transformation efforts to save energy. NEEA provides a way for northwest utilities to pool program costs and risks while providing a credible influence on manufacturers and other market actors to provide future cost effective energy efficiency measures for Tacoma Power's program efforts.

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

## **F. Unfinished Business**

F-1 Resolution U-11133 – Adopt Public Utility Board Governance Process policies.

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

Chair Larkin shared that the first reading of this resolution was conducted on January 8, 2020. The Board rules have not been updated since 1999. There was no additional input on this item from the Board.

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

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

Scott Dewhirst, Water Superintendent, summarized the study session presentation on the reorganization of Tacoma Water. This reorganization provides for functional alignment to help strategic objectives.

Jim Sant, Deputy Director for Administration, summarized the study session presentation on Emergency Management accomplishments and 2020 program goals.

Chris Robinson, Power Superintendent, summarized the study session presentation on Water conditions and that due to recent rain, Tacoma Power reservoirs have returned to normal.

Director Flowers mentioned that the Board continued its policy discussion on Strategic Directive 7 on Reliability and Resiliency at the study session. Director Flowers also shared that the Board reviewed the Director's goals and performance review document, and held an executive session on pending and potential litigation. Lastly, the Director shared that the November 2019 cash projections and financials were provided to the Board in advance of the meeting.

**I. Comments by the Board**

There were no additional comments by the Board.

**J. Adjournment**

There being no further business or comments, the Public Utility Board was adjourned at 6:42 p.m. until Wednesday, February 12 for a study session is 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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Karen Larkin, Chair

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Mark Patterson, Secretary