



APPROVED 5-22-19

MINUTES  
City of Tacoma  
Public Utility Board Meeting  
May 8, 2019  
6:30 p.m.

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

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

The meeting was quorate.

**Minutes of the Previous Meetings**

Ms. Larkin 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.

**Public comment**

Mitchell Shook shared and made remarks on Click!'s January 2019 financials.

**Consent Agenda**

There were no items on the consent agenda.

**Regular Agenda**

D-1 Resolution U-11083 – Award contracts and approve purchases:

1. Award contract to Triptych Construction, LLC for the construction of the Mossyrock Dam rock fall mitigation project (\$498,810.21, plus applicable taxes)
2. Award contract to California Environmental Controls, Inc., DBA Pureflow Filtration Division for the supply of three ozone generators and necessary auxiliary equipment for the Cowlitz trout hatchery (\$1,350,000, plus applicable taxes).

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

In response to a Board inquiry on item number two regarding the amount of time that lapsed between the bid opening in December of 2018 and the contract award, Karen

Hedlund, Power Engineer, stated that there were issues with price negotiation, value engineering solutions, and the contracting took extra time.

Mitchell Shook commented on item number two suggesting that the cost of the ozone generators could be offset by leveraging fiber to farmers in the region.

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

D-2 Motion 19-03 – Authorize amendment to the provisions of the final settlement in Carrington v. City of Tacoma.

Mr. Flint moved to approve the motion; seconded by Mr. Patterson. Ms. Larkin abstained and left the dais.

Tom Morrill, Chief Deputy City Attorney, summarized the motion which is to amend the provisions of the settlement agreement in the Carrington, et al. v. City of Tacoma case, that provide for the disbursement of the settlement funds, substantially in the form as on file with the Clerk and as approved by the City Attorney. The Board received confidential, attorney-client privileged memorandums in advance and held an executive session on the matter.

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

D-3 Resolution U-11084 – Approve creation of a project of limited duration in the Generation Section in support of an enhanced records management implementation project.

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

In response to a Board inquiry regarding the costs and number of employees that are expected for the project, Jenni Allen, Management Analyst, stated that one office assistant and an occupational intern at a cost of \$300,000 for three years is anticipated.

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

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

John Lawrence, Safety Manager, provided an update on the city-wide safety program. Mr. Lawrence shared the progress to date, summarized Caterpillar Safety Services' role, and outlined key performance indicators. Board Members made positive remarks about the safety program as safety is the first priority. Board Members also made positive remarks about the collaboration and coordination between TPU and General Government on this program.

Scott Dewhirst, Water Superintendent, shared that May 5 – 11, 2019 is Drinking Water Week. The theme for 2019 is Protect the Source. Mr. Dewhirst also shared that Tacoma Water's primary water source is the Green River and that Tacoma Water monitors the quality of water starting at its source and throughout the water treatment and distribution system to ensure clean, safe water when it reaches homes or businesses. Additional information can be found on TPU's web site.

Mr. Dewhirst also shared that the Tacoma Water Women's Water Tapping Team participated in the Pacific Northwest conference of the American Water Works Association competition and secured first place and took the conference title. This team will be headed to the national competition next.

**I. Comments by the Board**

There were no further comments by the Board.

**J. Adjournment**

There being no further business or comments, the Public Utility Board was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. until Wednesday, May 22, 2019 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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Woodrow E. Jones, Jr. Chair

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Bryan Flint, Secretary