



APPROVED 6-26-19

MINUTES
City of Tacoma
Public Utility Board Meeting
June 12, 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, Bryan Flint

Excused: Christine Cooley, Karen Larkin

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-11087 – Authorize resolution recommending formation of Local Improvement District No. 7731 for the conversion of existing overhead primary electrical distribution, utilities, telephone, and cable television lines to underground, and requesting that the City Council adopt an initial resolution for the formation of Local Improvement District No. 7731 and set a date of July 22, 2019, for the public hearing to be held by the Hearing Examiner on the formation of Local Improvement District No. 7731. [Tony Daniels, Utility Service Specialist]

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

Tony Daniels, Utility Service Specialist, summarized the resolution. Property owners representing 52.1 percent of the assessable frontages have signed advisory survey 8596 requesting formation of a Local Improvement District (LID). A resolution by both the Utility Board and City Council setting a date before the hearing examiner is required. The hearing examiner would receive testimony from property owners to consider the construction of certain improvements identified by LID 7731, which would provide long-term financing for the improvements along Waterview Street from North 49th Street southeasterly approximately 4,400 feet also along Dale Street from Waterview Street southwesterly approximately 100 feet. Following the formation hearing, the hearing examiner would issue findings of fact and conclusions of law for the Council to consider. Expenditures are budgeted within the Transmission and Distributions additions and replacements project budget. Authorization for the formation of this LID will allow the project to meet eligibility requirements for 30 percent utility contribution towards underground conversion costs, estimated at \$93,653.

In response to a Board inquiry, regarding any relation to the recent undergrounding policy for economic development that was passed, Mr. Daniels stated that this is a residential project under a standard LID program that was customer requested and not associated with the recently passed undergrounding policy. In response to a Board inquiry regarding the financing period, Ralph Rodriguez, Management Analyst/LID coordinator for the General Government, answered that the finance period is 20 years.

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

D-2 Resolution U-11088 – Authorize Tacoma Water to replace approximately 1,800 feet of six-inch cast iron main as participants in the City of Tacoma, Department of Environmental Services South Puget Sound Avenue Greenscape Project. [Ali Polda, Principal Engineer]

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

Ali Polda, Principal Engineer, summarized the resolution. This resolution will allow Tacoma Water to participate in the South Puget Sound Avenue Greenscape Project with the Environmental Services Department. Tacoma Water proposes to replace approximately 1,800 feet of six-in cast iron water main with a projected cost of \$395,529.37. Tacoma Water believes it is in the best interest of the utility and customers to include the water main replacement in this project as it will improve project delivery, reduce project costs, mitigate future risks, and consolidate construction disturbance to residents and businesses.

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

H. Reports of the Director

Director Flowers called on Jim Sant, Deputy Director for Administration, to provide a report on the fourth quarter 2018 and first quarter 2019 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

There were no additional 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, June 26, 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:

Karen Larkin, Chair

Mark Patterson, Secretary