



APPROVED 8/24/22

MINUTES
City of Tacoma
Public Utility Board Meeting
August 10, 2022
6:30 p.m.

Chair Cooley called the Public Utility Board meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Chrissy Cooley, John O'Loughlin, Holland Cohen, William Bridges

Excused: Carlos Watson

The meeting was quorate.

Minutes of the Previous Meetings

M. O'Loughlin moved that the minutes of the previous meetings be adopted; seconded by Ms. Cohen. Voice vote was taken and carried. The minutes were declared adopted.

Comments by the Public

John Miles commented and sought resolution about blight and homelessness at property possibly owned by Tacoma Water located at South 58th and Alder. Mr. Miles also commented in favor of positive use for the property, whether it be park or garden and in the absence of that, erecting eco blocks.

Regular Agenda

- C-1 Resolution U-11334– Award contracts and approve purchases:
1. Increase contract to Asphalt Patch Systems, Inc., for pavement restoration services (\$800,000, plus applicable taxes. Cumulative total \$4,702,989.32, plus applicable taxes) [Patsy Best, Procurement and Payables Division Mgr];
 2. Award contract to Coast Rail, Inc., for approximately 750 feet of rail replacement and other associated track renewals (\$777,529.25, plus applicable taxes) [Kyle Kellem, Roadmaster].
 3. Award contract to Whiting Services, Inc., for the Cushman 2 Power House crane controls upgrade (\$916,336.57, plus applicable taxes) [Steve Belvin, Project Mgr.];

Mr. O'Loughlin moved to adopt the resolution; seconded by Ms. Cohen.

In response to a Board inquiry regarding the average cost per foot of track, Kyle Kellem, Roadmaster, explained that the contract cost is not an average per foot. As an example, there are crossings and switches in the contract; switches run approximately \$80k each.

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

- C-2 Resolution U-11335 – Authorize Tacoma Power to enter into a short-term transmission service agreement with Brookfield Renewable Trading and Marketing LP for service agreements for firm and non-firm, point-to-point transmission service

Mr. O'Loughlin moved to adopt the resolution; seconded by Ms. Cohen.

John Nierenberg, Assistant Power Section Manager, summarized the resolution. Tacoma Power provides transmission service to customers pursuant to its Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT), which governs rates, terms and conditions of transmission service. Pursuant to the OATT, customers desiring transmission service must enter into a service agreement subject to Board approval and Brookfield Renewable Trading and Marketing LP (Brookfield Renewable) has requested to enter into firm and non-firm point-to-point transmission service agreements with Tacoma Power under Tacoma Power's OATT to facilitate the delivery of power from WestRock's Tacoma Biomass generator to the Bonneville Power Administration transmission system for ultimate delivery to customers outside of the Tacoma Power service territory. Morgan Stanley is currently acquiring transmission service from Tacoma Power for the delivery of the Tacoma Biomass generator, but WestRock has contracted with Brookfield Renewable to manage the power deliveries starting on October 1, 2022. The agreements have an initial term of three years; and at the end of the term, the transmission customer must provide notice to renew the contracts for an additional three years.

In response to a Board inquiry about any options this vendor may have, Mr. Nierenberg explained that we are the sole provider to WestRock.

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

C-3 Motion 22-14 – Authorize settlement to Spartan Plumbing, Inc., Claim No. L-023022, relating to impacts from the replacement of a utility pole in the amount of \$31,833.38

Mr. O'Loughlin moved to approve the motion; seconded by Ms. Cohen.

Tom Morrill, Chief Deputy City Attorney, read the motion in its entirety and explained that final settlement will be upon concurrence by the City Council.

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

D. Comments by Board

Board Member O'Loughlin expressed appreciation for all of the operating division rate and budget presentations and suggested that in the future to think of what have been labeled as 'uncontrolled' costs in another way as there may be ways to manage them.

E. Adjournment

There being no further business or comments, the Public Utility Board meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m. until Wednesday, August 24, 2022 for a study session at 3:00 p.m. followed by a regular meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Approved:



Christine Cooley, Chair



John O'Loughlin, Secretary