



APPROVED 4/23/25

MINUTES  
City of Tacoma  
Public Utility Board Meeting  
April 9, 2025  
6:30 p.m.

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

**Present:** John O'Loughlin; Elly Claus-McGahan; Anita Gallagher, William Bridges, Devin Hampton

**Minutes of the Previous Meetings**

Mr. Bridges moved that the minutes of the previous meetings be adopted; seconded by Ms. Claus-McGahan. Voice vote was taken and carried. The minutes were declared adopted.

**Public Comments**

**Regular Agenda**

- C-1 Resolution U-11520 - A resolution to award certain contracts and approve certain purchases:
1. Increase citywide contract to Quality Fence Builders, Inc., for citywide on-call fencing installation, replacement, and repair services (\$3,650,000, plus applicable taxes. Cumulative total \$5,000,000, plus applicable taxes) [Brandon Snow, Sr. Buyer];
  2. Increase contract to HDR Engineering, Inc., for continued support of the Cushman hydroelectric units 31 and 32 rebuild project during the construction and project closeout phases (\$700,000, plus applicable taxes. Cumulative total \$1,762,118, plus applicable taxes) [Tony Daniels, Engineering Project Mgr];
  3. Increase contract to Reivax North America, Inc., for additional costs resulting from exciter component conditions identified after contract award, compliance testing, and additional time required to complete testing (\$200,000, plus applicable taxes. Cumulative total \$850,000, plus applicable taxes) [James Blessing, Generation Power Systems Engineer].

Mr. Bridges moved to adopt the resolution; seconded by Ms. Claus-McGahan.

There were no Board inquiries or public comment.

Voice vote taken and carried. The resolution was adopted.

C-2 Resolution U-11521 – Authorize Tacoma Water to participate in the City of Tacoma, Department of Public Works, Sheridan Arterial Improvement Phase 1 Project to replace approximately 3,200 lineal feet of 8-inch water main along S. Sheridan Avenue between South 72<sup>nd</sup> Street and South 64<sup>th</sup> Street

Mr. Bridges moved to adopt the resolution; seconded by Ms. Claus-McGahan.

Troy Saghafi, Professional Engineer, summarized the resolution. Tacoma Water proposes to replace aging water main infrastructure, constructed circa 1955, in partnership with Department of Public Works, as part of their Sheridan Arterial Improvement Phase 1 Project. The Sheridan Project will include roadway improvements, storm/sewer upgrades, construction of sidewalks and ADA compliant ramps, signalization upgrades, illumination upgrades, and landscaping upgrades. Tacoma Water proposes replacing and installing approximately 3,200 lineal feet of 8-inch water main along S. Sheridan Ave., between S. 72<sup>nd</sup> St. and 64<sup>th</sup> St. The total project cost for the water main replacement is \$850,719.10, plus a 15 percent contingency, for a cumulative total of \$978,326.97. Tacoma Water believes it is in the best interest of the utility and its customers to include the water main work as part of the Sheridan Project. This project partnership will improve project delivery, reduce project costs, improve system reliability, and consolidate construction disturbance to residents and businesses.

There were no Board inquiries or public comment.

Voice vote taken and carried. The resolution was adopted.

C-3 Resolution U-11522 – Authorize Tacoma Water to participate in the City of Tacoma, Department of Public Works, Water Ditch Trail 3B Project to replace approximately 3,200 lineal feet of 12-inch water main along South Tacoma Way between South Pine Street and South Sprague Avenue

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

Troy Saghafi, Professional Engineer, summarized the resolution. Tacoma Water proposes to replace aging water main infrastructure, constructed circa 1908 and 1948, in partnership with the Department of Public Works, as part of their Ditch Trail 3B Project. The 3B Project is the second phase of the Water Ditch Trail project, in which the first phase, the Water Ditch Trail 3A Project was completed in December of 2024, along W. Tacoma Way, between S. Wilkeson St. and Sawyer St. The 3B Project will include roadway improvements, storm/sewer upgrades, construction of sidewalks and ADA compliant ramps, signalization upgrades, illumination upgrades, and landscaping upgrades. Tacoma Water proposes replacing and installing approximately 3,200 lineal feet of 12-inch water main along S. Tacoma Way, between S. Pine and S. Sprague Ave. The total project cost is \$1,033,344.16, plus a 15 percent contingency, for a cumulative total of \$1,188,345.78, plus applicable taxes. Tacoma Water believes it is in the best interest of the utility and its customers to include the water main work as part of the 3B Project. This project partnership will improve project delivery, reduce project costs, improve system reliability, and consolidate construction disturbance to residents and businesses.

There were no Board inquiries or public comment.

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

C-4 Resolution U-11523 - A resolution related to the Department of Public Utilities, Water Division; approving the 2025 Integrated Resource Plan update and requesting that the City Council concur in this approval in conjunction with the Water System Plan update later this year

Mr. Bridges moved to adopt the resolution; seconded by Ms. Claus-McGahan.

Glen George, Water Resource Supervisor, summarized the resolution. Per Washington Administrative Code 246-290-100, a water system plan demonstrates a water system's ability to achieve compliance with local, state, and federal regulations and to appropriately plan for future needs. A water system plan serves as the principal guidance document for Tacoma Water, identifying policies and projects necessary to demonstrate compliance with applicable regulations and must be updated at least every ten years. In 2000, Tacoma Water prepared its water system plan, which was approved by the Board Resolution U-9699 and Council Resolution 35437. In 2006, Tacoma Water prepared an update to the plan, which was approved by the Board Resolution U-10235. In 2013, the Utility Board approved an extension of the 2006 Water System Plan via Resolution U-10665. In 2019, the 2018 Water System Plan updated the prior plans, which was approved by the Board Resolution U-11069 and Council Resolution 40301 and provides planning guidance to Tacoma Water on matters such as demand projections, water sources, and long-term capital improvement projects. The 2018 Watershed Management Plan, which was approved by the Board Resolution U-11069 and Council Resolution 40301, includes Requirements for Protection of Water Supply in the Green River Watershed (the "Watershed Rules"). The 2018 Integrated Resource Plan, which was approved by the Board Resolution U-11069 and Council Resolution 40301 was developed to improve Tacoma Water's ability to manage available water supplies, plan for new supplies as needed, and protect stream flow for fish in the Green River. The 2018 Water Shortage Response Plan, which was approved by the Board Resolution U-11069 and Council Resolution 40301, is an update developed with the objective to preserve essential public services while minimizing adverse effects on public health and safety, economic activity environmental resources, and quality of life. The 2018 Conservation plan, which was approved by the Board Resolution U-11069 and Council Resolution 40301, guides residential, multifamily, and commercial conservation programming in support of the 2018-2027 goal and was designed to assure compliance with the Municipal Water Law and the Water Use Efficiency Rule.

Chair O'Loughlin remarked that the Board studied this topic thoroughly during a recent study session. Board Member Claus-McGahan encouraged the public to review the Water Integrated Resource Plan.

Voice vote taken and carried. The resolution was adopted.

#### **D. Reports of the Director**

There were no Reports of the Director.

### **E. Final Board Comments**

Chair O'Loughlin welcomed new Board Member, Devin Hampton.

### **F. Adjournment**

There being no further business or comments, the Public Utility Board meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m. until Wednesday, April 23, 2025, for a study session at 3:00 p.m. and a regular meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Approved:



John O'Loughlin  
Chair



Elly Claus-McGahan  
Secretary