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MINUTES
City of Tacoma
Public Utility Board Meeting
June 10, 2026
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; William Bridges; Devin Hampton; Anita Gallagher

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
An attorney on behalf of a client made comments regarding expedient resolution of an ongoing claim against Tacoma Water.

Recognitions
Kyle Coen, Rail Principal Safety Consultant, presented the Board with the Jake Safety Award. This is awarded annually by the American Short Line and Regional Railroad Association (ASLRRA) to recognize above industry average safety performance.

Regular Agenda
D-1 Resolution U-11610- A resolution to award certain contracts and approve certain purchases:

1. Award contracts to Saybr Contractors, Inc., FORMA Construction Company, and Rognlin's Inc., for as needed Job Order Contracting (JOC) as an alternative method for procurement of smaller and less complex public works projects ($4,000,000 each. Includes option to renew for two additional, one-year terms for a projected contract amount of $12,000,000 each, plus applicable taxes. Cumulative total for all three contracts is 36,000,000) [Ryan Foster, Sr. Buyer];
2. Increase contract to The Gordian Group, Inc., for Job Order Contract (JOC) consulting services ($2,160,000. Projected total $2,160,000, plus applicable taxes) [Ryan Foster, Sr. Buyer];
3. Increase and extend contract to Jensen Enterprises, Inc., for underground vaults and handholds ($300,000. Projected contract total $1,200,000, plus applicable taxes. Contract extension through September 30, 2028) [Erica Pierce, Sr. Business Services Analyst];

4. Increase contract to Cleaveland Price, Inc., for the purchase of 115kV unitized transmission switches. ($685,560.87. Projected total $2,000,000, plus applicable taxes) [Erica Pierce, Sr. Business Services Analyst];
5. Award three-year contracts to General Pacific, Inc., and Anixter, Inc., for single phase pad-mounted distribution transformers ($1,000,000 each. Includes option to renew for two one-year renewals for a projected total of $2,000,000 each) [Erica Pierce, Sr. Business Services Analyst];
6. Award contract to Anixter, Inc., utilizing the Omnia Cooperative Contract for maintenance, repair, operations supplies, equipment, and related products and services for a network protector with a built-in relay for a planned network transformer replacement project ($5,000,000. Includes option to renew for two additional one-year periods through October 31, 2029) [Erica Pierce, Sr. Business Services Analyst];
7. Increase and extend contract with HDR Engineering, Inc., for project management and technical support services for Federal Energy Regulatory Commission licensing and compliance activities related to the Nisqually, Wynoochee, Cowlitz, and Cushman hydroelectric projects ($2,500,000. Projected contract total $3,000,000, plus applicable taxes. Contract extension through December 31, 2031) [Matt Bleich, Asst. Section Mgr];
8. Increase and extend contract to Sare Electric, Inc., for electrical services labor to augment the Facilities electrician crew ($1,050,000. Projected contract total $1,500,000, plus applicable taxes. Contract extension through December 31, 2028) [Paul Bekkers, Fleet & Facilities Mgr]

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

In response to a Board inquiry on item number one, Ted Carlson, Asst. Procurement and Payables Mgr, shared there was a two-stage solicitation, and overall price was the determining factor of the contract.

In response to a Board inquiry on item number five, Erica Pierce, Sr. Business Services Analyst, advised that the breakdown of a bulk purchase is about $4,750.00 between the eight different types of transformers that could be bought and would be about 420 transformers over five years. With that amount there is no space in the yard for a large bulk purchase, so purchases are scheduled based on forecasted needs.

In response to a Board inquiry on item number eight, Paul Bekkers, Fleet & Facilities Mgr., advised that most of the projects that this crew and augmented labor staff support are biennium based. The projects that are being planned for 2028 are typically larger. With fiscal stewardship in mind, staff will continue to work on scope to develop a solid number and seek Board authorization for that known amount.

Voice vote taken and carried. The resolution was adopted.

D. Final Board Comments

Chair O'Loughlin announced this was his last meeting as chair but will still be a part of the Board and looking forward to new Chair leadership.

Chair O'Loughlin announced that the Board study session and regular meeting of June 24, 2026 will be cancelled and that appropriate legal notice will be posted.

E. Adjournment
There being no further business or comments, the Public Utility Board meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m. until Wednesday, July 8, 2026, for a 3:00 p.m. study session followed by a 6:30 p.m. regular meeting.

Approved:

Elly Claus, Chair　　　　　Devin Hampton, Secretary