



APPROVED 9/23/26

MINUTES
City of Tacoma
Public Utility Board Meeting
September 9, 2026
6:30 p.m.

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

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

Minutes of the Previous Meetings

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

Regular Agenda

C-1 Resolution U-11625- A resolution to award certain contracts and approve certain purchases:

1. Award two sub-contracts to Voxai Solutions, Inc., for implementation, software, and usage services (Implementation portion \$754,560 one-year term, plus a \$100,000 contingency plus applicable taxes with the option to renew for one additional one-year term. Software and usage portion \$1,506,048.60, three-year term, plus applicable taxes. Projected contract amount \$2,360,608.60, plus applicable taxes) [Megan Davis, Sr. Technology Mgr];
2. Increase and extend contract to RH2 Engineering, Inc., for on-call water infrastructure engineering services (\$650,000. Projected contract total \$1,000,000, plus applicable taxes. Contract extension through December 31, 2028) [Ruben Martinez-Barrientos, Engineer]
3. Award three-year contract to Medha Transportation LLC for the purchase of two battery-electric locomotives and the associated charging systems (\$12,790,000, tax not applicable) [Kari Halliday, Chief Mechanical Officer].

Ms. Gallagher moved to adopt the resolution; seconded by Mr. Hampton.

In response to a Board inquiry on item number two, Ruben Martinez-Barrientos, Engineer, explained that there have been six task assignments since the execution of the original contract totaling \$245,000. The next task assignment is for a pump station in the Tehaleh area which is needed for regulatory requirements and will need to be constructed and in place by 2028. The increase allows staff to proceed with design and have additional capacity now and through 2028.

Voice vote taken and carried. The resolution was adopted.

D. Final Board Comments

There were no final comments by the Board.

E. Adjournment

There being no further business or comments, the Public Utility Board meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m. until Wednesday, September 23, 2026, for a 3:00 p.m. study session followed by a 6:30 p.m. regular meeting.

Approved:



Elly Claus-McGahan, Chair



Devin Hampton, Secretary