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 City of Tacoma
 Public Utility Board Study Session
 March 26, 2014
 3:00 p.m.

Mr. Nelson called the Public Utility Board study session to order at 3:03 p.m. at the Public Utilities Administration Building.

Present: Dave Nelson, Mark Patterson, Woody Jones, Bryan Flint, Monique Trudnowski

Total Quality Annual Report

Crystal Vaarvik, Total Quality (TQ) Program Manager and TQ council members, Eric Fay, and Dave Rosholm presented the report. TPU encourages an open and collaborative environment that fosters continuous improvement for positive changes to benefit customers and employees. TQ is integrated into the culture to make a measurable difference. The TQ council and manager serve as continuous improvement resources to TPU. TQ's work with different work groups and across divisions was outlined. Change management helps project managers and business leaders look at change impacts on the organization in advance of the change. The change management component of TQ was highlighted. TQ's focus in 2014 is on individual council members' leadership and TQ outreach and leveraging cross-functional position to support TPU-wide initiatives.

Tacoma Power: Energy Risk Management Report

Cam LeHouillier, Energy Risk Manager, detailed the wholesale market conditions (precipitation and snow pack; temperature and natural gas fundamentals). Graphical representations of each were shared. The biennium wholesale revenues and regulatory developments were detailed.

Tacoma Power: Click! Rate Adjustment

Pam Burgess, Click! Business Operations Manager, outlined Click!'s rate setting process and the basis for the proposed 2014 rate adjustment. Graphs illustrating programming costs, financial impacts, and recommended rates were detailed. Market comparisons and cable bill comparisons were summarized. Next steps for implementation were presented.

Miscellaneous

Water Superintendent, Linda McCrea, updated the Board on water levels in the Green River.

Terry Coggins, Facilities Maintenance Manager, briefed the Board on walk-on resolution U-10683, authorizing the award for a new on-site food services contractor for TPU.

Closed Session

Mr. Nelson made a motion at 5:15 to convene a closed session to discuss labor negotiations for 15 minutes per RCW 42.30.140(4)); seconded by Mr. Flint. The closed session adjourned at 5:30.

Executive Session

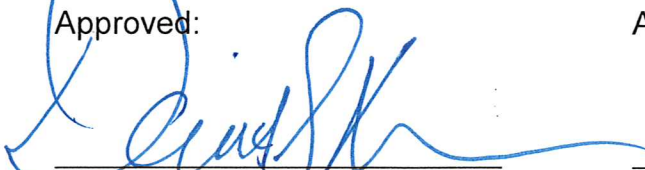
Mr. Nelson made a motion to convene an executive session to discuss pending litigation for 30 minutes per RCW 42.10.110(1)(i); seconded by Mr. Flint. Chief Deputy City Attorney, Bill Fosbre, was in attendance. The executive session was adjourned at 6:00.

Bob Mack, Deputy Director for Public Affairs, provided the Board with a general update on Charter Review.

Adjournment

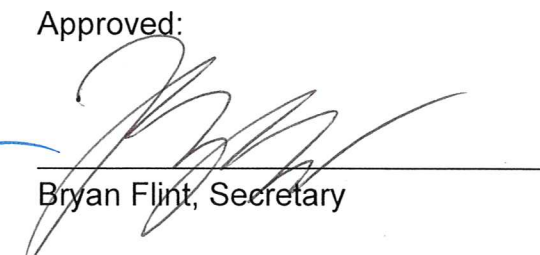
The study session was adjourned at 6:10 p.m. until the next regularly scheduled study session on Wednesday, April 16, 2014 at 3:00 p.m.

Approved:



David S. Nelson, Chair

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Bryan Flint, Secretary