

APPROVED 6-25-14

City of Tacoma
Public Utility Board Meeting
June 11, 2014
6:30 p.m.

Mr. Nelson called the Public Utility Board meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Public Utilities Administration Building.

Present: David Nelson, Mark Patterson, Monique Trudnowski

Excused: Woodrow Jones, Bryan Flint

The meeting was quorate.

Minutes of the Previous Meetings

Mr. Patterson moved that the minutes of the previous meetings be adopted; seconded by Mrs. Trudnowski. Voice vote was taken and carried. The minutes were declared adopted and made part of the record.

Recognitions

There were no recognitions.

Comments from the Public

There were no public comments.

Consent Agenda

There were no items on the consent agenda.

Regular Agenda

- D-1 Resolution U-10697 Award contracts and approve purchases:
 - Award contract to Phoenix Protective Corporation to provide security officer services for Tacoma Power and Tacoma Water (three-year period with one two-year renewal options for estimated \$4,900,000);
 - 2. Increase and extend contract with Doble Engineering, Co., for the lease of proprietary high voltage test equipment (\$200,000; cumulative total \$395,300, plus sales tax).

Mr. Patterson moved to adopt the resolution; seconded by Mrs. Trudnowski.

In response to a Board inquiry, Terry Coggins, Facilities Maintenance Manager, briefed the Board on the competitive RFP and selection process used in recommending Phoenix Protective Corporation. Mr. Coggins also described the transition plan between security companies.

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

D-2 Motion 14-07 - Authorize a one-year renewal of property insurance coverage for Tacoma Public Utilities.

Mr. Patterson moved to approve the motion; seconded by Mrs. Trudnowski.

Jim Sant, Deputy Director for Administration, stated the insurance advisor recommends property insurance coverage with earthquake, flood, and terrorism coverage, through Public Entity Property Insurance Program (PEPIP) and Rail equipment coverage through Allianz Global for locomotives, coaches, and track equipment. The terms of each of these policies are July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

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

Board Member Patterson moved to walk-on motion 14-08 related to City Charter Section 4.15 and the authorization of special counsel; seconded by Mrs. Trudnowski.

Voice vote to suspend the rules taken and carried.

Motion - 14-08 – Pursuant to City Charter Section 4.15 authorize the Director of Utilities to enter into a contract not to exceed \$50,000 for special counsel to provide legal advice related to interpretation of the provisions of the City Charter pertaining to the Department of Public Utilities.

Mr. Patterson moved to approve the motion; seconded by Mrs. Trudnowski.

Bill Fosbre, Chief Deputy City Attorney, Section 4.15 of the City Charter declares the Board shall have the authority to secure the services of consultants, engineers, accountants, special counsel, and other experts. Pursuant to that authority, the Board is asked to authorize the Director to enter into a contract not to exceed \$50,000 for special counsel to provide the Board legal advice relating to interpreting specific sections of the City Charter that pertain to the Department of Public Utilities. Mr. Fosbre provided clarification upon Board request.

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

Board Member Patterson moved to walk on motion 14-09 related to a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission agreement with Lewis County PUD No. 1; seconded by Mrs. Trudnowski.

Voice vote to suspend the rules taken and carried.

Motion 14-09 – The Director of Utilities is authorized to sign a FERC relicensing cooperation agreement with Lewis County PUD No. 1 substantially in the form on file with the Clerk of the Board.

Mr. Patterson moved to approve the motion; seconded by Mrs. Trudnowski.

Pat McCarty, Generation Manager, stated on April 16, 2014, the Board authorized Tacoma Power to enter into a long-term agreement with Lewis County PUD and the Bonneville Power Administration. The agreement allows Tacoma Power to install, operate, and maintain fish collection structures at Cowlitz Falls Dam. The agreement was presented to the Lewis County Commissioners and on June 11, 2014 it was approved. The Bonneville Power Administration has also signed the long-term agreement.

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

H. Reports of the Director

There were no reports from the Director.

I. Comments by Members of the Board

There were no comments from the Board.

J. Adjournment

There being no further business or comments, the Public Utility Board was adjourned at 6:46 p.m. until Wednesday, June 25, 2014, for a study session beginning at 3:00 p.m., followed by the regular meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Approved:

David S. Nelson, Chair

Bryan Flint, Secretary