

APPROVED 4-14-16

City of Tacoma
Public Utility Board Meeting
March 26, 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, Woodrow Jones, Mark Patterson, Bryan Flint, Monique Trudnowski

The meeting was quorate.

Minutes of the Previous Meetings

Mr. Jones moved that the minutes of the previous meetings be adopted; seconded by Mr. Flint. 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-10680 – Award contracts and approve purchases:
1. Increase contract with Altec Industries, Inc., for the purchase of one Altec TA-50 telescopic articulating aerial device (\$7,399.00, plus applicable sales tax; cumulative total \$201,148, plus applicable sales tax);
 2. Award contract to Consolidated Electrical Distributors, Inc., for a switchgear and motor control center for the Cowlitz Salmon Hatchery (\$262,903.31, including sales tax).

Mr. Jones moved to adopt the resolution; seconded by Mr. Flint.

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

- D-2 Motion 14-01 – Pursuant to the City of Tacoma, Public Utility Board, Rules for Order of Business, reschedule the April 9 and April 23, 2014 study session and regular meetings to April 16 and April 30, 2014, respectively.

Mr. Jones moved to approve the motion; seconded by Mr. Flint.

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

D-3 Resolution U-10681 – Authorize execution of Letters of Agreement between the City of Tacoma and the Teamsters Local Union No. 117, General Unit.

Mr. Jones moved to adopt the resolution; seconded by Mr. Flint.

David Topaz, Labor Negotiator, outlined the terms of the agreements. The agreements cover over 191.5 budgeted full-time equivalent positions located within General Government and Tacoma Public Utilities (49.7 assigned to TPU).

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

D-4 Motion 14-02 – Authorize an additional \$25,000 to the law offices of VanNess Feldman for their continued legal services associated with the Cushman Hydroelectric Project.

Mr. Jones moved to approve the motion; seconded by Mr. Flint.

Bill Fosbre, Chief Deputy City Attorney, stated this authorization is requested for attorney fees and costs for the legal services agreement with the Van Ness Feldman law firm for their continued representation of Tacoma Power, related to the Cushman Hydroelectric Project private flooding claims and FERC license implementation issues. The Board received a confidential attorney/client privilege memo with additional background.

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

D-5 Motion 14-03 – Authorize an additional \$50,000 to the law offices of Davis Wright Tremaine for their continued legal services associated with the Cushman Hydroelectric Project.

Mr. Jones moved to approve the motion; seconded by Mr. Flint.

Bill Fosbre, Chief Deputy City Attorney, stated this authorization is requested for attorney fees and costs related to the relicensing of the Cushman Hydroelectric Project. The Board received a confidential attorney/client privilege memo with additional background.

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

D-6 Resolution U-10682 – Authorize adoption of specific changes to Tacoma Water's Water Rate and Financial Policy document to facilitate the development of term-limited, market-based wholesale water rates.

Mr. Jones moved to adopt the resolution; seconded by Mr. Flint.

Sean Senescall, Rates and Financial Planning Manager, summarized the resolution. The request is to incorporate language into Tacoma Water's Rate and Financial policy framework that will provide latitude to Tacoma Water staff to negotiate market pricing agreements with customers in the wholesale market. While Tacoma Water will still bring agreements to both the Board and Council for individual approval, the policy shift will allow Tacoma Water staff to begin negotiating in good faith with its wholesale customers. The additional net revenue generated by the effort could relieve rate pressure for Tacoma Water's retail customers. Mr. Senescall provided clarification as requested by the Board.

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

Board Member Jones made a motion to suspend the rules to hear walk-on Resolution U-10683; seconded by Mr. Flint.

Voice vote to suspend the rules was taken and carried.

U-10683 – Authorize execution of a 10-year contract with Jonz Catering and Food Concepts, Inc., for on-site food services that facilitate efficient day-to-day operations of Tacoma Public Utilities.

Mr. Jones moved to adopt the resolution; seconded by Mr. Flint.

Terry Coggins, Facilities Maintenance Manager, summarized the resolution. The proposed agreement is for a ten-year contract, with the option to renew for an additional five-year period, to provide on-site cafeteria services for Tacoma Public Utilities.

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

H. Reports of the Director

There were no reports from the Director.

I. Comments by Members of the Board

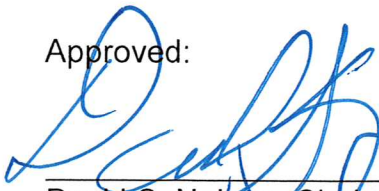
Mr. Patterson shared that he and Board Member Flint toured Tacoma Rail on March 19 and described their positive experience.

Mr. Flint observed the work of a T&D Utility Service Specialist while on a ride-along and described his positive experience.

J. Adjournment

There being no further business or comments, the Public Utility Board was adjourned at 6:53 p.m. until Wednesday, April 16, 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

