

APPROVED 3-28-18

MINUTES
City of Tacoma
Public Utility Board Meeting
March 14, 2018
6:30 p.m.

Mr. Jones called the Public Utility Board meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium at Tacoma Public Utilities.

Present: Monique Trudnowski, Mark Patterson, Woodrow E. Jones, Jr., Karen Larkin
Excused: Bryan Flint

The meeting was quorate.

Minutes of the Previous Meetings

Mr. Jones moved that the minutes of the previous meetings be adopted; seconded by Mr. Patterson. Voice vote was taken and carried with Ms. Larkin abstaining as she was excused from attending the previous meeting. The minutes were declared adopted.

Recognitions

There were no recognitions.

Comments from the Public

Felicity Devlin made comments in support of a robust public process regarding the plan for future use of the Cushman substation site. Board Member Larkin stated that the Cushman Substation is a discussion topic on the Board's March 28, 2018 study session agenda and all are welcome to hear the discussion.

Consent Agenda

There were no items on the consent agenda.

Quasi-Judicial Hearing

The Board held a quasi-judicial hearing regarding a bid protest for Bid Specification No. PT17-0429F for Power Line Vegetation Clearance Crews.

Chair Trudnowski opened the quasi-judicial hearing by introducing Tom Stone of Floyd, Pflueger & Ringer, representing the appellant; Joseph Sloan, Deputy City Attorney, representing Tacoma Power; Martha Lantz, Deputy City Attorney, representative of the Contracts and Awards (C&A) Board; and Austin Kennedy, General Counsel for Wright Tree Service.

The Board Chair asked her fellow Board Members if anyone had a personal interest in the matter, have made statements that might be interpreted to suggest they have prejudged the matter, or have had any ex parte communications with parties in the case. All Board Members answered in the negative.

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Ms. Lantz oriented the Board to the materials provided in advance of the hearing and summarized the chronology of events that led up to the C&A Board upholding original recommendation to award the contract to Wright Tree Trimming Service.

Messrs. Sloan, Stone, and Kennedy each presented their arguments. Board Members followed up with inquiries and requests for clarification which were responded to by the presenters and the Chief Deputy City Attorney. At 7:16 p.m., Board Member Patterson moved to convene a closed session pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(2) to deliberate the appeal, not to exceed 15 minutes; seconded by Mr. Jones. Voice vote was taken and carried. The closed session was adjourned at 7:31 p.m. Board Member Patterson moved to concur with the C&A Board upholding the bid award to Wright Tree Service; seconded by Mr. Jones. Voice vote was taken and carried.

Regular Agenda

- D-1 Resolution U-10995 – Award contracts and approve purchases:
1. Award contract to Michels Corporation for the removal and replacement of foundations, structures, and conductors associated with the North 21st Street Transmission Line Project (\$2,048,363.93, plus applicable sales tax);
 2. Increase and extend contract with Business Ink, Co., (formerly Cash Cycle Solutions, Inc.) for printing and mailing Click! Cable TV customer billing statements and to affirm the exercise of a fourth one-year renewal term (\$182,000. Cumulative total \$889,000, plus applicable sales tax).
 3. Increase and extend contract with Equifax Information Services, LLC, for continued customer identity verification and risk evaluation (\$126,001. Cumulative total \$326,000, plus applicable taxes).

Mr. Patterson moved to give separate consideration to each item on the agenda; seconded by Mr. Jones. Voice vote was taken and carried. There were no Board inquiries on items number one and two. Board Member Larkin then moved to set over item number three to a date uncertain; seconded by Mr. Patterson. Board Member Larkin noted her concerns about the Equifax data breach and the time it took to reveal the breach and requested staff to bring back a shorter extension that would allow for a process that would seek proposals from other vendors. Voice vote was taken and carried and the item was removed from the agenda. Board Member Larkin then moved to officially remove item number three from the resolution; seconded by Mr. Patterson. Voice vote was taken and carried. Board Member Larkin then moved to amend Resolution U-10995 by removing item number three; seconded by Mr. Jones. Voice vote was taken and carried.

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

D-2 Resolution U-10996 – Authorize execution of a utility installation agreement between Tacoma Power and Cedar Springs Associates, LLC to provide electrical service to the Cedar Springs Planned Development District Project.

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

John Martinson, Power Supervisor, summarized the resolution. Cedar Springs Associates is redeveloping a parcel of land located near 84th Avenue East and 176th Street East. The project is proposed to establish 189 apartment units, 25 duplex units, one single-family home, and recreational building within Tacoma Power's service area. The utility installation agreement is for overhead distribution upgrades, installation of new underground distribution, and secondary facilities to be completed in three separate phases. Construction is expected to begin in April 2018. The project is 100 percent customer funded with estimated costs paid in advance of each phase of construction. The estimated total cost of all three phases is \$295,360.

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

D-3 Resolution U-10997 – Authorize Tacoma Water to participate in the City of Tacoma Department of Environmental Services Oakland Neighborhood Permeable Pavement Project.

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

Ali Polda, Professional Engineer, summarized the resolution. Tacoma Water is partnering with the City of Tacoma's Environmental Services and Public Works Departments to reconstruct the existing roadways within the Oakland Neighborhood. As part of this project, Tacoma Water proposes to replace the existing 6-inch and 12-inch cast iron water main constructed in 1957 and 1910 with approximately 7,700 linear feet of same diameter ductile iron water main and appurtenances. This project will improve water quality and alleviate flooding issues through installation of pervious asphalt streets. In conjunction, Tacoma Water will replace aging water main infrastructure to assure long-term safety and reliability to its customers in the neighborhood. Additional project scope includes the replacement of wastewater sewers and improvements to the curb ramps and sidewalks. Construction is anticipated to commence in April 2018. In response to a Board request for clarification of the term 'partner contribution', Mr. Polda explained that Tacoma Water is contributing costs (partner contribution) because a portion of pipe was identified for replacement and was not included in Environmental Services' initial plans for road restoration. This is Tacoma Water's portion of the cost of the road restoration work associated with the additional pipe replacement.

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

H. Reports of the Director

There were no reports by the Director.


I. Comments by the Board

Chair Trudnowski reminded the public that the Cushman Substation project is on the Board's study session agenda for March 28, 2018.


J. Adjournment

There being no further business or comments, the Public Utility Board was adjourned at 7:46 p.m. until Wednesday, March 28, 2018 for a study session beginning at 3:00 p.m. at Tacoma Public Utilities, followed by the regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Tacoma Public Utilities.

Approved:



Monique Trudnowski, Chair



Karen Larkin, Secretary