



APPROVED 10-23-13

City of Tacoma
Public Utility Board Meeting
October 9, 2013
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

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

Max Chabo of Tacoma Rail was recognized for being the recipient of the 2013 Governor's Life Saving Award. Mr. Chabo rescued a man who was sleeping on railroad tracks in Olympia. A video of the story that aired on the news was shared. Board Members made remarks of recognition and appreciation to Mr. Chabo for his act of heroism.

Comments from the Public

There were no comments by the public.

Consent Agenda

There were no items on the consent agenda.

Regular Agenda

D-1 Resolution U-10657 – Authorize execution of a Letter of Agreement between the City of Tacoma and the Professional and Technical Employees, Local 17.

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

Chair Nelson stated that the week of October 6 through the 13 is Public Power Week. At the request of Chair Nelson, Ted Coates, Power Superintendent, made comments about how public power has had a huge impact on the Pacific Northwest and how much it has benefited the citizens of Tacoma and the northwest in general.

Tara Schaak, Labor Negotiator, stated this resolution contemplates a letter of agreement to amend the current collective bargaining agreement with Local 17 Professional and

Technical Employees Union. The City engaged in good faith bargaining with Local 17 to come to an agreement on market based wages for 2013. After many months of bargaining, the City and Union met through mediation to come to resolution. The City and Local 17 reached tentative agreement for a flat rate increase of five percent in 2013 in lieu of a market increase with a one-time lump sum of \$1,000 to be paid to each employee. This offer was ratified by the Union and scheduled for City Council ordinance first reading on October 15. The letter of agreement also resolves the accretion of the of the collection systems worker classification into the unit and establishes a new lab scientist series.

Board Members made comments that pointed out the inequity in compensation adjustments that represented employees are receiving and unrepresented TPU employees are not.

Voice vote was taken and carried with four "yes" votes and with Chair Nelson casting a "no" vote as a protest. The resolution was declared adopted.

I. Comments by Members of the Board

Board Member Trudnowski expressed her appreciation to TPU for their support of the United Way and for the opportunity to participate with a special raffle basket donated by the Public Utility Board.

Board Member Flint thanked staff for their work on the improvements made to the TPU payment website, which improves customer service for on-line bill paying. Customers can go to www.MyTPU.org/MyAccount to create a login and begin using the new system.

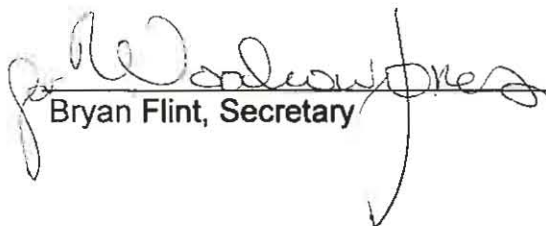
J. Adjournment

There being no further business or comments, the Public Utility Board was adjourned at 6:56 p.m. until Wednesday, October 23, 2013, 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