

APPROVED 12-17-14

City of Tacoma
Public Utility Board Meeting
November 19, 2014
6:30 p.m.

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

Present: Woodrow Jones, David Nelson, Bryan Flint, Mark Patterson, Monique Trudnowski

The meeting was quorate.

Minutes of the Previous Meetings

Mr. Flint moved that the minutes of the previous meetings be adopted; seconded by Mr. Patterson. 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 comments by the public.

Consent Agenda

There were no items on the consent agenda.

Regular Agenda

D-1 Resolution U-10733 – Award contracts and approve purchases:

1. Increase and extend contract to Axon Solutions, Inc., for annual support for the customer self-service portal (\$339,610, plus sales tax. Cumulative total \$505,273, plus sales tax);
2. Award two-year contract to Decibels, Inc., for planning, layout, wiring, and activation for dwellings within the service territory of Click! (\$885,247.28, plus applicable sales tax. Contract has option for three additional one-year renewal terms that require Board approval);
3. Award contract to Nexgen Power, Inc., for a 29 MVA generator step-up transformer (\$403,018, plus applicable sales tax);
4. Award contract to Pacific Northern Excavation, PLLC., for installation of ductile iron water mains in north Tacoma (\$181,878.20, plus a ten percent contingency for a cumulative total of \$200,066.02, plus sales tax);

5. Award contract to South Bay Excavating, Inc., for the replacement of acquired asbestos cement water mains in University Place (\$536,930.75, plus sales tax);
6. Award contract to Mosaic Crop Nutrition, LLC; JCI Jones Chemicals, Inc.; Chemtrade Chemicals US LLC; and Kemira Water Solutions for the supply of water treatment chemicals (\$244,110 sales tax not applicable; \$751,240 sales tax not applicable; \$174,500 plus sales tax; \$250,000 plus sales tax, respectively);
7. Award contract to Praxair, Inc., for carbon dioxide supply and technical service (\$98,665, plus the option for four additional one-year renewal periods for a cumulative total of \$493,325, sales tax not applicable);
8. Award three-year contract to Coast Rail, Inc., for railroad track maintenance and emergency repair work (\$679,280, plus the option for two additional one-year renewal periods for a cumulative total of \$1,122,860, plus sales tax).

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

Upon Board request John Jamison of Click! provided clarification on item 2; Kim DeFolo of Water provided clarification on item six; and Kyle Kelleem of Rail provided clarification upon item eight.

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

- D-2 Resolution U-10734 – Concur with the City Council resolution regarding a proposed 2015-2016 collective bargaining agreement between the City of Tacoma and the Tacoma Joint Labor Committee that includes employee benefits.

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

Joy St. Germain, HR Director, summarized the resolution which seeks Board concurrence with the City Council resolution regarding a proposed two-year collective bargaining agreement effective January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2016. The unions which comprise joint labor are Local 17, Local 31, Local 117, Local 120, Local 160, Local 313, and Local 483.

Ms. St. Germain provided clarification upon Board request. Board Members made positive remarks about everyone working together with an eye toward the future on this agreement.

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

- D-3 Resolution U-10735 – Recommend authorization of a Letter of Agreement negotiated between the City of Tacoma and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Customer Service and Field Services Unit.

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

Joy St. Germain, Human Resources Director, summarized the resolution which provides a new application of rate of ten percent for the assignment of lead worker in both the meter reader and utilities field investigator classifications.

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

D-4 Resolution U-10736 – Authorize the Director of Utilities to amend an agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation for water main replacement as part of Project XL3498.

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

Ryan Flynn, Sr. Principal Engineer, summarized the resolution which requests authorization for the Director to amend an agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation to participate in Project XL3498 in the amount of \$252,102.18 to replace approximately 1,000 linear feet of existing six inch and eight inch cast iron main in East 28th Street from Portland Avenue to East R Street, and in East R Street from East 28th Street to East 29th Street.

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

D-5 Resolution U-10737 – Authorize the execution of an interagency agreement with the Washington State Department of Health in the amount of \$30,000, accepting and depositing said sum for a consolidation grant.

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

Ryan Flynn, Sr. Principal Engineer, summarized the resolution which requests authorization to execute an interagency agreement with the Washington State Department of Health in the amount of \$30,000, accepting and depositing sum for a consolidation grant. The grant is for the purpose of determining the feasibility of Tacoma Water acquiring the service area of the Andrain Road Water Association.

Board Member Flint made a motion to suspend the rules to hear walk-on Motion 14-14; seconded by Mr. Patterson.

Voice vote to suspend the rules taken and carried.

Motion 14-14 – Authorize an additional \$125,000 each for the law offices of Davis Wright Tremaine and the law offices of Van Ness Feldman to continue to represent Tacoma Power in the Cushman Hydroelectric project flooding claims.

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

Bill Fosbre, Chief Deputy City Attorney, stated a confidential memo providing details of the lawsuit and need for funding has been provided to the Board in advance of the meeting.

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

H. Reports of the Director

H-1 September financials for Power, Water, Rail, Fleet, and Self Insurance Fund.

Director Gaines called on Jim Sant, Deputy Director for Administration, to provide a report on the third quarter 2014 budget performance reports for Power, Water, and Rail. Mr. Sant presented the key budget information, covering revenues and expenditures, for each of the operating divisions.

I. Comments by the Board

Mr. Nelson made positive remarks about Rail's financial performance and for the recent Ubits story highlighting the great work done by wire crews.

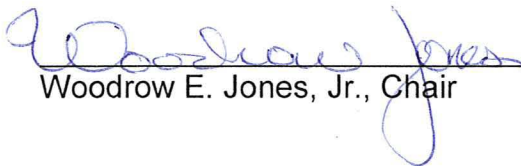
Mr. Patterson made positive remarks on the stellar financial performance and recognized the Director and staff for their hard work.

On behalf of the Board, Chair Jones wished everyone a very happy holiday season.

J. Adjournment

There being no further business or comments, the Public Utility Board was adjourned at 7:09 p.m. until Wednesday, December 17, 2014, for a study session beginning at 3:00 p.m., followed by the regular meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Approved:


Woodrow E. Jones, Jr., Chair


Mark Patterson, Secretary