

APPROVED 6-11-14

City of Tacoma
Public Utility Board Meeting
May 28, 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

Pat McCarty, Generation Manager, presented the Board with three awards received by Tacoma Power: The Stewards of America's Waters Award; Project of the Year Award; and Association of General Contractors Build Washington Award. The last two awards were given for the North Fork Powerhouse and Fish Passage Facility. Staff members who worked on the related projects were introduced to the Board.

#### 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-10694 Award contracts and approve purchases:
  - 1. Award contract to Market Strategies International for conducting a series of research projects for customer experience and satisfaction tracking programs (\$348,000 with option of four additional one-year terms);
  - 2. Award contract to Advanced Media Technologies for the purchase of amplifier housings (\$261,112.50, plus sales tax);
  - 3. Increase contract with Ciena Communications, Inc., for the purchase of annual support and maintenance of its Synchronous Optical Network (\$270,000).

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

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

D-2 Resolution U-10695 - Approve declaration of surplus utility specific equipment no longer needed for Tacoma Power's current or future needs and authorize the sale of surplus specific equipment to the highest responsive bidder.

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

Russ Post, Environmental Compliance Manager, stated Tacoma Power recommends that two mobile substations be declared surplus to Tacoma Power's needs as they are no longer necessary for proper operations and the equipment be sold to the highest responsive bidder.

Prior to voting on the matter, in accordance with RCW 35.94.040, Chair Nelson opened the floor for public comment; there were no public comments.

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

D-3 Resolution U-10696 - Authorize Tacoma Water to participate in the City of Tacoma Environmental Services Department contract for the North 38<sup>th</sup> Street Wastewater, Stormwater, and Water Main replacement project.

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

Board Member Patterson recused himself and left the dais.

Ryan Flynn, Sr. Principal Engineer, summarized the resolution which would authorize Tacoma Water to participate with the City of Tacoma Environmental Services Department in this project. The project would replace the water main in the vicinity of North 38<sup>th</sup> Street from North Monroe Street to North Adams Street. Mr. Flynn provided clarification upon request to the Board.

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

## H. Reports of the Director

- H-1 April 2014 Financials for Power, Water, Rail, Fleet, and Self-Insurance Fund
- H-2 April Cash Projections for Power, Water, Rail

Director Gaines called on Jim Sant, Deputy Director for Administration, to provide a report on the fourth quarter 2013 and first 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 Members of the Board

Board Member Flint made positive comments about the May 23 IBEW Brotherhood night event that he attended.

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J. Adjournment

There being no further business or comments, the Public Utility Board was adjourned at 6:55 p.m. until Wednesday, June 11, 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