



APPROVED 3/11/26

MINUTES
City of Tacoma
Public Utility Board Meeting
February 25, 2026
6:30 p.m.

Chair O'Loughlin called the Public Utility Board meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: John O'Loughlin; Elly Claus-McGahan; Anita Gallagher; Devin Hampton; William Bridges

Minutes of the Previous Meetings

Mr. Bridges moved that the minutes of the previous meetings be adopted; seconded by Ms. Claus-McGahan. Voice vote was taken and carried. The minutes were declared adopted.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Regular Agenda

Departmental

- C-1 Resolution U-11586- A resolution to award certain contracts and approve certain purchases:
1. Increase contract to Advanced Government Services, LLC for flagging and traffic control services for TPU Operating Divisions (\$2,500,000, plus applicable taxes. Cumulative project total \$6,291,481.09, plus applicable taxes) [Eric Pierce, Contract Program Mgr];
 2. Award contract to Sascon LLC for the replacement of 8-inch cast iron water main to 8-inch ductile iron water main along East F Street between East 11th Street and East 3rd Street (\$1,534,915, plus a 15 percent contingency for a projected total of \$1,765,152.25, plus applicable taxes) [Troy Saghafi, Professional Engineer].

Mr. Bridges moved to adopt the resolution; seconded by Ms. Claus-McGahan.

In response to a Board inquiry on item number one regarding contract duration, Erica Pierce, Contract Program Mgr, shared the contract goes through March of 2028. City Purchasing sets how contracts are solicited and there is a five-year maximum duration before re-solicitation. This contract was solicited in 2022 and put in place in 2023. The amendment to 2028 is to gather additional information for the next solicitation.

In response to a Board inquiries on item number two on sea level engineering in the tide flats and built-in contingencies, Troy Saghavi, Professional Engineer responded. The

geoengineers studied soil logs and Water drug test pits during the recent atmospheric river. All pipes were still above the tide water mark. Sea water is not expected, but staff is taking precautions with wrappings to protect the industrial customers served. Water staff worked with Environmental Services who recently completed a project in the vicinity. Their inspector didn't run into debris or ground water; however, unforeseen conditions is included in the bid contract. A fifteen percent contingency is there for unknown in the soil and the unexpected.

Voice vote taken and carried. The resolution was adopted.

C-2 Resolution U-11587 – Authorize execution of a collective bargaining agreement as negotiated with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Customer & Field Services Unit, effective retroactive from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027

Mr. Bridges moved to adopt the resolution; seconded by Ms. Claus-McGahan.

Dylan Carlson, Labor Relations Division Mgr, summarized the resolution. The City and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Customer & Field Services Unit (IBEW), have negotiated a proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement. The proposed agreement is for three years and covers approximately 174 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions, with 125 positions within TPU. The agreement provides for wage increases, and/or market-based adjustments or alignment by classification, in each year of the agreement. Other changes were summarized, including clarifying language regarding shift bidding, and the filling of vacancies for TPU Customer Service positions; Incorporating language from a previous Letter of Agreement regarding Advance Meter Field Investigator; Clarifying language regarding how overtime rules will be applied for employees working in the TPU Customer Solutions Office; Increasing the amount of the reimbursement available for eligible employees assigned to TPU Field Operations from \$200 to up to \$300 for one (1) pair of safety shoes, or if an employee elects to purchase two pairs of safety shoes, a reimbursement up to \$200 per pair; and Adding an application of rate to support a pilot project "TPU Customer Service Language Proficiency Program", with an application of rate of two percent for employees covered by the agreement who are certified in an approved language, and act as a foreign language interpreter as assigned.

Voice vote taken and carried. The resolution was adopted.

Tacoma Water

C-3 Resolution U-11588 – Authorize Tacoma Water to enter into an interlocal agreement for the Water Supply Forum which coordinates and collaborates on water supply, water resource items, and projects of mutual interest and benefits

Mr. Bridges moved to adopt the resolution; seconded by Ms. Claus-McGahan.

Jessica Knickerbocker, Deputy Water Supt, summarized the resolution. Tacoma Water requests authorization to enter into an interlocal agreement for the Water Supply Forum that would obligate Tacoma Water to provide a proportional share of the annual dues necessary to support the Forum's annual work plan and budget during the 2026-2035

period (approximately 25 percent). The Forum has served as a lead entity for regional drinking water suppliers, purveyors and associations in the Puget Sound since 1999 and is responsible to coordinate and collaborate on current and future water supply and water resource items and projects of mutual interest and benefit the residents of King, Snohomish, and Pierce counties. The Forum has engaged in projects and actions to collectively further present and future drinking water issues such as, but not limited to, water supply planning, resiliency including seismic, water quality, water conservation, education and outreach. Tacoma Water is a founding member of the Forum and serves as the Forum funding administrator. The Forum is governed by a steering committee that includes the regional members of the City of Seattle, City of Everett, City of Tacoma, and Cascade Water Alliance; individual water utilities, other associations, and counties also make up the Forum as fee members. The Forum has not collected dues since 2020 due to an existing fund that was sufficient to cover operating costs; prior to that, dues averaged approximately \$50,000 annually. It is anticipated that the fund balance will continue to be sufficient for the next several years, however, dues estimated at less than \$500,000 may need to be collected within the duration of this agreement.

Voice vote taken and carried. The resolution was adopted.

D. Final Board Comments

There were no final Board comments.

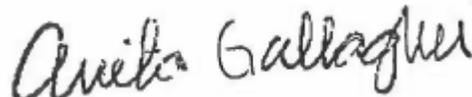
E. Adjournment

There being no further business or comments, the Public Utility Board meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m. until Wednesday, March 11, 2026 for a 3:00 p.m. study session followed by a 6:30 p.m. regular meeting.

Approved:



John O'Loughlin, Chair



Anita Gallagher, Secretary