



APPROVED 1/14/26

MINUTES
City of Tacoma
Public Utility Board Meeting
December 10, 2025
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; William Bridges; Anita Gallagher; Devin Hampton

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-11571- A resolution to award certain contracts and approve certain purchases:
1. Award contract to Absher Construction Co., for planning, validation, basis of design report, schematic design, and sixty percent design to develop the guaranteed maximum price of the new shops building addition, south access gate, enclosed parking, canopy covered parking, and covered storage (\$1,828,746, plus applicable taxes, plus a five-percent contingency for a projected contract amount of \$1,920,183) [Garth Nelson, Sr. Engineering Project Mgr];
 2. Award five-year contract to HDR Engineering, Inc., for hydroelectric turbine-generator subject matter expertise and professional engineering services in support of Generation's Unit Modernization Program (\$4,500,000, plus applicable taxes that includes the option to renew for an additional five-year period) [Adam Davis, Principal Engineering Project Mgr];
 3. Increase and extend contract with GE Renewables US, LLC to address change orders resulting from as-found conditions, tariff impacts, and a price index adjustment reflecting current market conditions in support of the Cushman 2 Units 31 and 32 modernization project (\$5,144,523.46. Cumulative project total \$29,024,500, plus applicable taxes. Contract extension date October 31, 2028) [Adam Davis, Principal Engineering Project Mgr];
 4. Authorize Tacoma Power to purchase on the Sourcwell 091422 contract through Wesco/Anixter for as-needed Power and URD cable from the Sourcwell

cooperative contract (\$5,000,000, plus applicable taxes through November 6, 2026 with the option to renew for two, one-year terms) [Erica Pierce, Sr. Business Services Analyst];

5. Award three-year contract to General Pacific, Inc., and Wesco/Anixter, for single phase overhead distribution transformers (\$600,000, plus applicable taxes. Includes option to renew for two, one-year terms for a projected contract amount of \$5,000,000, plus applicable taxes) [Erica Pierce, Sr. Business Services Analyst];
6. Extend contract with Mi-Tech Services, Inc., with Tacoma Power for wood pole, inspection, treatment, and reinforcement services through December 31, 2026 [Erica Pierce, Sr. Business Services Analyst];
7. Award five-year contract to Carlson Sales Metering Solutions, LLC for high voltage circuit breakers (\$2,000,000, plus applicable taxes) [Saul Kirkman, Power Systems Engineer];
8. Increase contract to Tapani, Inc., for completion of design and early procurement of equipment and materials for the Canyonfalls Creek pump station project (\$4,949,858, plus \$359,316 in contingency funds. Cumulative contract total \$6,554,305, plus applicable taxes) [Jason Moline, Professional Engineer];
9. Increase and extend contract to Gordon Thomas Honeywell Government Relations for federal legislation and executive branch services for 2026 (\$118,813,08, plus applicable taxes. Cumulative total \$676,304.28, plus applicable taxes. Contract end date December 31, 2026) [Logan Bahr, Community and Government Relations Mgr].

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

In response to a Board inquiry on item number one regarding the schedule, Garth Nelson, Sr. Engineering Mgr, confirmed that the project is on schedule to meet the requirements of the memorandum of understanding.

In response to a Board inquiry on item number two about project expectations, Adam Davis, Principal Engineering Project Mgr, shared that staff believes they are at a project point where the majority of unknowns have been discovered; the discovery is complete based on the information known today. There are always unforeseen instances, but analytics have been completed and staff has accounted for work that was conducted in the past on similar unit refurbishments.

In response to a Board inquiry for payment clarification on item number four, Erica Pierce, Sr. Business Services Analyst, confirmed that payment will be made to Wesco/Anixter directly.

In response to a Board inquiry on item number five regarding transformer accounting, Erica Pierce, Sr. Business Services Analyst, shared that approximately 30 to 40 percent of the previous biennium's transporters were new installations versus repair or replacement and this was for a variety of voltage ratings.

In response to a Board request for clarification on RFP versus RFB, Ms. Pierce shared that Mi-Tech was both the low bidder and high score for the RFP, but pricing is a smaller factor in an RFP than the qualifications of a company. This was changed to an RFB to

establish pass/fail criteria that was reflected in the scope of work. Ms. Pierce added that this company HQ is located in Wisconsin, but staff is here in Washington. Work is seasonal, not warranting an FTE.

Voice vote taken and carried. The resolution was adopted.

C-2 Resolution U-11572 – Authorize Tacoma Water to apply to the Washington State Department of Health for a low-interest Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan of approximately one million dollars for two main replacement projects

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

Marc Powell, Sr. Business Services Analyst, summarized the resolution. The Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) provides funding opportunities for critical drinking water infrastructure improvements. Tacoma Water requests authorization from the Board to apply to the DWSRF for funding to replace two aging sections of galvanized water main in the southern portion of Water's service territory. The first section to be replaced involves replacing 750 feet of two-inch galvanized/plastic main on A Street South, and the section to be replaced involves 580 feet of one-inch galvanized main on the 9600 Block of East D Street. Both segments of main will be upgraded with eight-inch ductile iron pipe and includes the installation of new valves, fittings, and four new fire hydrants, and the loan application is in the amount of approximately \$1.0 million for the two main replacement projects.

Voice vote taken and carried. The resolution was adopted.

C-3 Resolution U-11573 – Authorize Tacoma Water to update the system development charges by amending and revising Tacoma Municipal Code section 12.10.310 effective February 1, 2026, followed by an annual increase every January 1 through 2030

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

Dana Larsen, Water Division Mgr, summarized the resolution. Tacoma Water periodically requests approval from the Board and City Council to update the System Development Charges (SDC) to ensure new development pays an equitable share of the cost of water system capacity. Under RCW 35.92.025, the utility is authorized to impose connection charges so property owners bear their equitable share of the cost of the system, including an appropriate portion of both existing and future capacity investments. Tacoma Water's SDCs are grounded in actual system costs and are proportionate to the capacity required to serve new customers and as Tacoma Water continues to build, rehabilitate, and expand infrastructure, the underlying cost of the system capacity changes make regular fee updates necessary to maintain cost-of-service equity. Tacoma Water regularly evaluates capital plans over time in order to respond to growth projections, regulatory requirements, and asset conditions. Because SDCs may include a proportionate share of both existing facilities and planned improvements, updates ensure charges reflect the most current capital program and system capacity assumptions. Without periodic recalibration, SDCs can become outdated and shift a disproportionate share of growth-related costs onto existing ratepayers.

Voice vote taken and carried. The resolution was adopted.

D. Reports of Director

Director Flowers shared that incident command has been stood up in response to area flooding and there is heavy coordination with other agencies. For additional information, the public can contact their local emergency management departments. The TPU website has a banner on the top of it with resource information and an outage map.

D. Final Board Comments

Chair O'Loughlin announced that the Board will hold a budget and rates workshop on December 15 and December 16 at TPU from 8:30 – 4:30 each day.

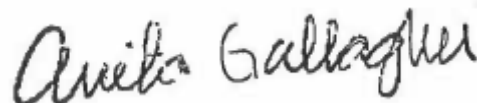
E. Adjournment

There being no further business or comments, the Public Utility Board meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m. until Monday, December 15, 2025.

Approved:



John O'Loughlin, Chair



Anita Gallagher, Secretary