CITY OF RIVERSIDE

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Minutes of: Special Meeting of the Board of Public Utilities

Date of Meeting: March 5, 2015

Time of Meeting: 8:30 a.m.

Place of Meeting: Art Pick Council Chambers
3900 Main Street
Riverside, California

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG WAS GIVEN

Roll Call

Present: Justin Scott-Coe, David Roberts, Ron Cole, Nick Ferguson, Susan Cash, Andrew Walcker, Dave Austin, Jennifer O'Farrell

Absent: Darrell Ament (unexcused absence)

PRESENTATION

1 INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBER – JENNIFER O'FARRELL

General Manager Balachandran introduced new board member Jennifer O'Farrell. Ms. O'Farrell is a 24 year resident of Riverside and Executive Director of Big Brothers, Big Sisters Inland Empire.

2 EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AWARDS

General Manager Girish Balachandran recognized the following employees:

Paulino Aguilar – Utilities Generation Test Tech
Sundra Hannah – Development Services Representative III

3 ELECTION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD OFFICERS

Deputy City Attorney Susan Wilson reviewed the rules for the Board elections.

(1) Chair

Board Member Dave Austin nominated Susan Cash to the position of Chairman of the Board of Public Utilities.

The Board of Public Utilities closed the nominations for the position of Chairman of the Board of Public Utilities.

Motion – Ferguson. Second – Walcker.

Ayes: Scott-Coe, Cash, Roberts, Walcker, Cole, Austin, Ferguson, and O'Farrell.

Absent: Darrell Ament (unexcused absence)

The Board of Public Utilities voted upon the Board Member nominated for the position of Chairman of the Board of Public Utilities. The vote was unanimous.

Susan Cash was elected Chair.

(2) Vice Chair

Board Member Ron Cole nominated David Roberts to the position as Vice Chair of the Board of Public Utilities.

Board Member Andrew Walcker nominated Dave Austin to the position as Vice Chair of the Board of Public Utilities.

The Board of Public Utilities closed the nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Board of Public Utilities.

Motion – Ferguson. Second – Walcker.

Ayes: Scott-Coe, Cash, Roberts, Walcker, Cole, Austin, Ferguson, and O'Farrell.

Absent: Darrell Ament (unexcused absence)

The Board of Public Utilities voted upon the Board Members nominated for the position of Vice Chair of the Board of Public Utilities.

One voted for David Roberts (Ron Cole)

Seven voted for Dave Austin (Scott-Coe, Walcker, Austin, Ferguson, Cash, O'Farrell, and Roberts)

Dave Austin was elected Vice Chair.

A break was taken at this time for the Board Members to change positions on the dias.

MINUTES

2 The regular meeting minutes from the Board of Public Utilities meeting held on February 20, 2015 were approved as submitted.

Motion – Ferguson. Second – Cole.

Ayes: Scott-Coe, Roberts, Walcker, Cole, Austin, and Ferguson.

Abstain: Susan Cash
Jennifer O'Farrell

Absent: Darrell Ament (unexcused absence)

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

NONE.

CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made to approve the following items on the Consent Calendar with the exception of Item 7, **ACQUISITION EXPENDITURES IN CONNECTION WITH THE RIVERSIDE TRANSMISSION RELIABILITY PROJECT**, which was moved to the Discussion Calendar.

Motion – Ferguson. Second – Walcker.

Ayes: Scott-Coe, Cash, Roberts, Walcker, Cole, Austin, Ferguson, and O'Farrell.

Absent: Darrell Ament (unexcused absence)

Electric Items

6 UNDERGROUND ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION NEAR FOURTEENTH STREET AND BROCKTON AVENUE FOR THE RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL EXPANSION PROJECT - WORK ORDER NO. 1503841

The Board of Public Utilities approved the estimated capital expenditure of $115,000 for Work Order No. 1503841 for the installation of electrical distribution facilities for the Riverside Community Hospital Expansion Project.

7 **MOVED TO DISCUSSION CALENDAR**

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

7 ACQUISITION EXPENDITURES IN CONNECTION WITH THE RIVERSIDE TRANSMISSION RELIABILITY PROJECT

Board Member Walcker requested this item be placed on the Discussion Calendar for more clarification regarding the easements.

Following discussion, the Board of Public Utilities approved and recommended City Council approval of:

1. The expenditure of $71,500 to cover the cost of the easement over APN 155-290-061, escrow and title fees associated with the acquisition; and
2. The expenditure of $176,165 to cover the cost of the easement over APN 234-160-061, escrow and title fees associated with the acquisition.

Motion – Cole. Second – Walcker.

Ayes: Scott-Coe, Cash, Roberts, Walcker, Cole, Austin, Ferguson, and O'Farrell.

Absent: Darrell Ament (unexcused absence)

8 HARVEY LYNN SUBSTATION POWER TRANSFORMER AND SWITCH GEAR REPLACEMENT – INCREASE FUNDING FOR WORK ORDER 1418023

Following discussion, the Board of Public Utilities approved a $350,000 increase to Work Order No. 1418023.

Motion – Scott-Coe. Second – Cole.

Ayes: Scott-Coe, Cash, Roberts, Walcker, Cole, Austin, Ferguson, and O'Farrell.

Absent: Darrell Ament (unexcused absence)

9 UPDATE ON THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE 2015 STATE AND FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM AND RELEVANT PENDING LEGISLATION

Following discussion, the Board of Public Utilities received and filed this oral update.

Motion – Austin. Second – Ferguson.

Ayes: Scott-Coe, Cash, Roberts, Walcker, Cole, Austin, Ferguson, and O'Farrell.

Absent: Darrell Ament (unexcused absence)

10 STATE OF CALIFORNIA DROUGHT: RESULTS OF RIVERSIDE PUBLIC UTILITIES' CUSTOMER EFFORTS TO CONSERVE WATER AND UPDATE ON WATER CONSERVATION REBATE PROGRAMS

Following discussion, the Board of Public Utilities received and filed this oral update.

Motion – Ferguson. Second – Scott-Coe.

Ayes: Scott-Coe, Cash, Roberts, Walcker, Cole, Austin, Ferguson, and O'Farrell.

Absent: Darrell Ament (unexcused absence)

BOARD MEMBER/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

11 SYSTEMATIC REPORTING ON CONFERENCES/SEMINARS BY BOARD MEMBERS AND/OR STAFF

None.

12 ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES CONSIDERATION AS REQUESTED BY A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

- Update Status of RTRP (Jurupa/La Sierra)
- Water Use Efficiency Data to be included in Board packets with Monthly Reporting

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

General Manager Balachandran reported that the new City Manager, John Russo was hired and will begin in May and announced that RPU will now report to Al Zelinka, the new Assistant City Manager.

Interim Assistant City Manager Steve Badgett addressed the Board on matters relating to transparency. Mr. Badgett stated that the City Manager's office is committed to transparency and that it stands completely behind all the City's employees.

13 Safety Update

14 State and Federal Legislative Update - Update on pending legislation that may impact the Water and/or Electric Utility

15 Committee Reports – Electric Committee, Water Committee, Customer Relations/Finance Committee, and Ad Hoc Committee

16 Monthly Power Supply Report – January 2015 - *deferred to the next Board Meeting*

17 SCPPA Monthly Agenda / Minutes – January 15, 2015

18 City Council Agendas – February 24, 2015 and March 3, 2015

19 Upcoming Meetings

20 Electric / Water Utility Acronyms

UPCOMING MEETING

Chair Cash adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:08 a.m. The next meeting of the Board of Public Utilities is to be held on Thursday, April 2, 2015 @ 8:30 a.m. at the Utility Operations Center (UOC) located at 2911 Adams Street (corner of Adams and Lincoln Streets) in Riverside, California.

By: _____
Girish Balachandran, Secretary
Board of Public Utilities

Approved by: City of Riverside Board of Public Utilities

Dated: April 2, 2015