

The Water and Wastewater Commission convened in a regular meeting on August 9, 2017 at Waller Creek Center, 625 East 10th Street, Room 104, in Austin, Texas.

AGENDA

Commissioners:

William Moriarty, Chair Christianne Castleberry - Absent Mickey Fishbeck Maia - Absent Susan Turrieta Chien Lee, Vice Chair Nhat Ho Travis Michel Mia Parton Melissa Blanding - Absent Annie Kellough - Absent Jesse Penn

Staff in Attendance:

Greg Meszaros, Chris Chen, Rick Coronado, Kevin Critendon, Charles Celauro, Joseph Gonzales, Mark Jordan, Rick Harland, Jessica Salinas, Steve Hutton, Brian Haws, Songli Floyd, Elena Torres-Ponce, Aldo Ranzani, Bill Stauber, Teresa Lutes, Denise Avery and Felicia Cancino

Additional Attendees: Rebecca Musk (FNI) & Ron Mick

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Moriarty called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.

B. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

None

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The July 12, 2017 WWW Commission regular meeting minutes were approved on Vice Chair Lee's motion and Commissioner Turrieta's second on a 7-0 vote with Commissioner's Blanding, Castleberry, Maia & Kellough absent.

D. ITEMS FOR COMMISSION'S REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL TO CITY COUNCIL

- 1. Recommend approval to award and execute a contract with TECHNOLOGY INTERNATIONAL INC., for Nordstrom plug valves, in an amount not to exceed \$70,625. Item passed on Commissioner Michel's motion and Commissioner Parton's second on a 7-0 vote with Commissioners Blanding, Castleberry, Kellough and Maia absent.
- 2. Recommend approval to negotiate and execute a contract with ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS RESEARCH INSTITUTE, INC., to provide an enterprise license, consulting services, software maintenance, training, cloud services and support for the City's geographic information system, for a term of 50 months, in an amount not to exceed \$5,833,333. This is a multi-department contract. Austin Water's requested authorization is \$325,417. Item passed on Commissioner Michel's motion and Commissioner Parton's second on a 7-0 vote with Commissioners Blanding, Castleberry, Kellough and Maia absent.

- 3. Recommend approval to negotiate and execute a contract with RAFTELIS FINANCIAL CONSULTANTS INC., to provide consulting services and the development of the rate filing package for use during the impartial hearing examiner process for the Austin Water cost of service and rate review, for a term of one year, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000. Item passed on Commissioner Michel's motion and Commissioner Parton's second on a 7-0 vote with Commissioners Blanding, Castleberry, Kellough and Maia absent.
- 4. Recommend approval to negotiate and execute a contract with NEWGEN STRATEGIES AND SOLUTIONS, LLC, to advocate on behalf of residential customers during the impartial hearing examiner process for the Austin Water cost of service and rate review, for a one year term, in an amount not to exceed \$170,000. Item passed on Commissioner Michel's motion and Vice Chair Lee's second on a 7-0 vote with Commissioners Blanding, Castleberry, Kellough and Maia absent.
- 5. Recommend approval to negotiate and execute a contract with BUREAU VERITAS NORTH AMERICA, INC., to provide permit plan review services, with an initial term of two years and three one year extension options, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,825,000. This is a multi-department contract. Austin Water's requested authorization is \$500,000. Item passed on Commissioner Penn's motion and Commissioner Turrieta's second on a 6-0 vote with Commissioner Ho abstaining and Commissioners Blanding, Castleberry, Kellough and Maia absent.
- 6. Recommend approval to negotiate and execute an amendment to the existing Interlocal Agreement between the City of Austin and the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) for the US 290 Improvements at Texas State Highway 71, William Cannon Drive, and Joe Tanner Road project to increase the amount by \$214,291.55 for a total Interlocal Agreement amount not to exceed \$1,186,147.55. (District 8) Item passed on Commissioner Michel's motion and Commissioner Parton's second on a 7-0 vote with Commissioners Blanding, Castleberry, Kellough and Maia absent.
- 7. Recommend approval of Austin Water's FY 2018 proposed \$614.8M Operating Budget, \$498.5M Capital Budget new appropriations, \$890.4M 5-Year CIP spending plan and 0% system-wide rate revenue increase (0% water, 0% wastewater and 13.5% reclaimed). Item passed on Commissioner Ho's motion and Commissioner Turrieta's second on a 7-0 vote with Commissioners Blanding, Castleberry, Kellough and Maia absent.

E. VOTING ITEMS FROM COMMISSION

Budget Committee Report / Recommendation to Council
Budget Committee Vice Chair, Susan Turrieta presented the report during Item F1.
Item passed on Vice Chair Turrieta's motion and Commissioner Parton's second on a 70 vote with Commissioners Blanding, Castleberry, Kellough & Maia absent.

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2. Recommend to uphold or cancel the August 16, 2017 Budget Only meeting Commissioners agreed to cancel this meeting on Commissioner Michel's motion and Commissioner Ho's second on a 7-0 vote with Commissioners Blanding, Castleberry, Kellough & Maia absent.

F. REPORTS BY COMMISSION SUBCOMMITTEE

- 1. Budget Committee Report Committee Vice Chair Turrieta Budget Committee Vice Chair, Turrieta presented the information.
- 2. Austin Integrated Water Resource Planning Community Task Force William Moriarty Teresa Lutes presented the information.
- 3. Joint Sustainability Committee Nhat Ho
 Commissioner Ho stated the Joint Sustainability Committee was canceled due to lack of
 a quorum, but will present an update at the next WWW Commission meeting.

G. NON VOTING DISCUSSION ITEMS

None

H. STAFF BRIEFINGS, PRESENTATIONS, AND OR REPORTS

- 1. Austin Water FY2018 Proposed Budget David Anders Greg Meszaros, David Anders, Songli Floyd, and Joseph Gonzales presented the information and addressed the Commissioners questions.
- 2. Overview of Wastewater Facility related CIP Projects Chris Chen Chris Chen and Charles Celauro presented the information and addressed the Commissioners questions.
- 3. Austin Water Monthly Financial Status Report David Anders **David Anders presented the information.**

I. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Zebra Mussels Update Environmental Impact & Sustainability

J. ADJOURN

Chair Moriarty adjourned the meeting at 8:25pm without objection.

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