



The Water and Wastewater Commission convened in a regular meeting on February 14, 2018 at Waller Creek Center, 625 East 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 104, in Austin, Texas.

## AGENDA

### **Commissioners:**

William Moriarty, Chair  
Christianne Castleberry  
Mickey Fishbeck Maia  
Susan Turrieta - Absent

Chien Lee, Vice Chair  
Nhat Ho  
Travis Michel  
Mia Parton

Mary Bell  
Annie Kellough - Absent  
Jesse Penn

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### **Staff in Attendance:**

Greg Meszaros, Shannon Halley, Joseph Gonzales, David Anders, Elaine Veselka, Kevin Critendon, Aiden Cohen, Gary Quick, Ayman Benyaman, Rick Harland, Brian Haws, Debbie Walters, Bill Stauber, Drema Gross, Nolan Barborak, Jeff Kyle, Teresa Lutes, Kerry Overton, Matt Cullen, Megan Bradford, Chris Chen, Rick Coronado, Anna Bryan-Borja, Denise Avery and Felicia Cancino

**Additional Attendees:** Charles Upshaw (UT Austin), Joshua Guenther (UT Austin)

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### **A. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Moriarty called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

### **B. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

None

### **C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The January 10, 2018 WWW Commission meeting minutes motioned by Commissioner Penn and seconded by Commissioner Maia did not pass on a 5-0 vote. Commissioners Bell & Moriarty abstained, Commissioners Lee & Ho were off the dais and Commissioners Kellough and Turrieta were absent.

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

1. Recommend approval to negotiate and execute a 12-month interlocal agreement with The University of Texas at Austin for water technology innovation under the Austin Technology Incubator's "Texas Smart Water Innovation Cluster" (or "Water RIOT") grant, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000, with two 12-month extension options, for a total amount not to exceed \$150,000. **Item passed unanimously on Commissioner Castleberry's motion and Commissioner Penn's second on a 9-0 vote with Commissioner's Kellough & Turrieta absent.**

2. Recommend approval to award and execute a construction contract with **Peabody General Contractors Inc.**, for the 2018 Waterline On-Call Services Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity contract in the amount of \$2,000,000 for an initial 1-year term, with two 1-year extension options in the amount of \$2,000,000 each, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$6,000,000. **Item passed unanimously on Commissioner Michel's motion and Commissioner Ho's second on a 9-0 vote with Commissioner's Kellough and Turrieta absent.**
3. Recommend approval to award and execute a multi-term contract with **Brenntag Southwest, Inc.**, to provide liquid ammonium sulfate, for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$336,525. **Item passed unanimously on Commissioner Castleberry's motion and Commissioner Parton's second on a 9-0 vote with Commissioner's Kellough and Turrieta absent.**
4. Recommend approval to award and execute a multi-term contract with **Penco, Inc.**, to provide fluorosilicic acid, for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,025,780. **Item passed on Commissioner Castleberry's motion and Commissioner Penn's second on a 9-0 vote with Commissioners Kellough and Turrieta absent.**
5. Recommend approval to award and execute a multi-term contract with **Polydyne Inc.**, to provide the supply of liquid emulsion flocculating polymer, for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,479,130. **Item passed unanimously on Commissioner Michel's motion and Commissioner's Parton second on a 9-0 vote with Commissioner's Kellough and Turrieta absent.**
6. Recommend approval of an amendment to an existing contract with **Wastewater Transport Services, LLC**, to provide continued sludge and sewage pumping, hauling, and disposal, for an increase in the amount of \$136,903, for a revised contract amount not to exceed \$979,515. **Item passed on Commissioner Castleberry's motion and Commissioner Penn's second on an 8-0 vote with Commissioner Lee off the dais and Commissioner's Kellough and Turrieta absent.**
7. Recommend approval to amend an existing contract with **GE Intelligent Platforms, Inc.**, to provide continued software licensing and technical support, to increase the term by two years and increase the amount by \$176,811, for a revised contract amount not to exceed \$510,328. **Item passed on Commissioner Castleberry's motion and Commissioner Penn's second on an 8-0 vote with Commissioner Lee off the dais and Commissioner's Kellough and Turrieta absent.**
8. Recommend approval to amend Ordinance No. 20170913-002, the Fiscal Year 2018 Fees, Fines, and Other Charges to be set or charged by the City, to revise Austin Water's Retail Water and Wastewater Service Rates. **Item passed unanimously on Commissioner**

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**Parton's motion and Commissioner Castleberry's second on a 9-0 vote with Commissioner's Kellough and Turrieta absent.**

9. Recommend approval of an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Austin Water Operating Budget (Ordinance No. 20170913-001) to reduce total water and wastewater revenue by \$12,143,355, decreasing debt service requirements by \$2,978,413, and a net increase in Transfers Out by \$9,566,159. The ending balance will decrease by \$18,731,101. This action is a result of a reduction in retail water and wastewater revenues, a reduction in debt service payments, and a net increase in Transfers Out. **Item passed unanimously on Commissioner Parton's motion and Commissioner Castleberry's second on a 9-0 vote with Commissioner's Kellough and Turrieta absent.**

**E. VOTING ITEMS FROM COMMISSION**

1. Budget Committee Report / Recommendation to Council  
**Budget Committee Chair, Maia presented the information. Item passed on Commissioner Ho's motion and Commissioner Castleberry's second on an 8-0 vote with Commissioner Bell abstaining and Commissioner's Kellough and Turrieta absent.**
2. Cancel the March 14, 2018 WWW Commission meeting  
**Chair Moriarty informed the Commissioners the March 14 meeting is occurs during the SXSW/Spring Break Week in which the streets surrounding the building will be closed, in hopes to move the meeting to March 7. Item passed on Commissioner Parton's motion and Commissioner Ho's second on an 8-0 vote with Commissioner Lee off the dais and Commissioner's Kellough & Turrieta absent.**
3. Chair to call a Special Called Meeting March 7, 2018  
**Item passed on Commissioner Castleberry's motion and Commissioner Penn's second on an 8-0 vote with Commissioner Lee off the dais and Commissioner's Kellough & Turrieta absent.**
4. Discussion and possible action to move the Commission meetings to 4:00pm  
**Chair Moriarty requested input from the Commissioners regarding the moving of meetings to 4:00pm. The interest was not unanimous therefore, Chair Moriarty stated he would table this item for a later date.**

**F. REPORTS BY COMMISSION SUBCOMMITTEE**

1. Austin Integrated Water Resource Planning Community Task Force – William Moriarty  
**Teresa Lutes presented the information and addressed the Commissioners questions.**
2. Budget Committee Report – Mickey Fishbeck Maia  
**Budget Committee Chair, Maia requested that Vice Chair Lee and Commissioner Penn presented the information and addressed the Commissioners questions.**

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3. **Cost of Service Rate Study / Public Involvement Committee – Chien Lee / Jesse Penn Vice Chair Lee & Commissioner Penn presented their update and addressed the Commissioner’s questions and concerns.**
4. **Joint Sustainability Committee – Nhat Ho Commissioner Ho presented an update and suggested an alternate member be appointed to this Committee in the event he is unable to attend a meeting.**

**G. NON VOTING DISCUSSION ITEMS**

None

**H. STAFF BRIEFINGS, PRESENTATIONS, AND OR REPORTS**

1. **Rate Reduction Briefing – David Anders David Anders & Joseph Gonzales presented this information and addressed the Commissioner’s questions and concerns.**
2. **Meter Reading and Billing Corrections – Drema Gross (AW) / Elaine Veselka (AE) Drema Gross & Elaine Veselka presented the information and addressed the Commissioners questions and concerns. During the discussion, it was determined that EUC had a working group that Commissioners Ho and Bell were interested in. Chair Moriarty suggested they meet with the working group and report back to this Commission next month.**

**I. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Joint Sustainability Committee alternate member  
Meter Reading/Billing Correction Update  
EUC Water Bill Working Group Report

**J. ADJOURN**

Chair Moriarty adjourned the meeting at 8:30pm without objection.