



Electric Utility Commission July 15, 2019 Minutes

The Electric Utility Commission (EUC) convened a regularly scheduled meeting at 721 Barton Springs Road in Austin. Meeting called to order by Vice Chair Hopkins at 6:03pm. Present at the beginning of the meeting were Commissioners Boyle, Funkhouser, Hadden, Reed, Tuttle, Weldon and Wray with Chair Ferchill absent. Commissioner Collier-Brown arrived at 6:08pm and Commissioner Stone arrived at 6:10pm.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS: GENERAL – *Victor Eijkhout (climate concerns); Glen Washburn (climate concerns, including close FPP); Lauren Peressini and Robert San Soucie (support Item 19); David Bradley (rumor of Austin Energy building natural gas plant)[Note: COO Dickerson stated no such plans]; Bobbie Tsukahara (350 Austin President: rumored new natural gas plant; support Item 19; status of resource plan studies); Beki Halpin (use land development code to support EVs; support Item 19); Richard Halpin (support Item 19).*

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Approve minutes of the June 10, 2019 meeting.
Motion (Funkhouser) to approve minutes; seconded (Hadden); passed on a vote of 10-0, with Ferchill absent.

NEW BUSINESS – CONSENT

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Motion (Hadden) to approve Items 3, 5, 7, 8, and 10-14; seconded (Collier-Brown); passed on a vote of 10-0, with Ferchill absent. Following discussion, the following actions occurred (all votes with Ferchill absent):

- **Item 2: motion (Reed) to approve; seconded (Funkhouser); passed on a vote of 10-0**
 - **Item 4: motion (Funkhouser) to approve; seconded (Weldon); passed on a vote of 9-0 with Collier-Brown recused**
 - **Item 6: motion (Hadden) to approve; seconded (Reed); passed on a vote of 10-0**
 - **Item 9: motion (Reed) to approve; seconded (Weldon); passed on a vote of 10-0**
 - **Item 15: motion (Funkhouser) to approve; seconded (Weldon); passed on a vote of 10-0**
 - **Item 16: motion (Tuttle) to approve; seconded (Funkhouser); passed on a vote of 10-0**
- 2. (8/8) Approve issuance of capacity-based incentives to the Housing Authority of the City of Austin for the installation of solar electric systems on two multifamily affordable housing communities: Pathways at Chalmers Courts South, located at 1638 E. 2nd St., for an estimated amount of \$151,110; and Pathways at Goodrich Place, located at 2126 Goodrich Ave., for an estimated amount of \$257,950; for a combined total amount not to exceed \$409,060. (Council Districts 3 and 5)**

3. (8/8) Approve issuance of a rebate to Costco Wholesale Corp., for performing energy efficiency improvements at the Costco facility located at 10401 Research Blvd., in an amount not to exceed \$73,877. (Council District 7)
4. (8/8) Authorize negotiation and execution of a 12-year power purchase agreement with Raymond Wind Farm, LLC, an E.ON Climate & Renewables subsidiary, for up to 200 megawatts of electricity from a utility-scale wind-generation facility, in an estimated amount of up to \$17,000,000 per year, for a total estimated amount of up to \$204,000,000.
5. (8/8) Authorize award and execution of a construction contract with Facilities Rehabilitation, Inc., for the Future Downtown Substation Water & Wastewater Relocation project, in the amount of \$594,021 plus a \$59,402 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$653,423. (Council District 9)
6. (8/8) Authorize negotiation and execution of a multi-term contract with CLEAResult Consulting Inc. D/B/A CLEAResult, to support Austin Energy's multifamily energy efficiency programs, for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,635,000.
7. (8/8) Authorize negotiation and execution of a multi-term contract with Cority Software Inc., or one of the other qualified offerors to Request for Proposals 1100 BDH3000, to provide a cloud-based software-as-a-service environment, health, safety and quality platform, for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,625,000.
8. (8/8) Approve ratification of a contract with NESCO Inc., for the seven-month lease of tracked bucket trucks, in the amount of \$284,000.
9. (8/8) Authorize award and execution of a multi-term contract with ASC, Inc., to provide structural steel, for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$13,132,000.
10. (8/8) (Various departments; AE's estimated portion: \$3.9M) Authorize negotiation and execution of a multi-term cooperative contract with W W Grainger Inc., to provide industrial supplies, equipment, tools, and services, for up to 53 months for a total contract amount not to exceed \$25,702,750.
11. (8/8) Authorize negotiation and execution of a multi-term cooperative contract with Sirius Computer Solutions, Inc., to provide threat intelligence software, for up to three years in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.
12. (8/22) Authorize negotiation and execution of all documents and instruments necessary or desirable to acquire a permanent electric transmission and distribution easement consisting of approximately 5.110 acres or 222,572 sq. foot of land out of the Marquita Castro Survey No. 50, Abstract No. 160, situated in Travis County, Texas, being a portion of that called 38.73 acres of land described to Yager Hulsey, LLC, in that certain Special Warranty Deed recorded in Document No. 2018034315, Official Public Records, Travis County, Texas, for the relocation of a portion of Austin Energy Transmission Circuit 975, in an amount not to exceed \$333,000, including standard and customary closing costs. (City of Austin 2-mile ETJ)
13. (8/22) Approve a resolution authorizing the filing of eminent domain proceedings for the acquisition of easement rights consisting of a 0.0582 acre (2,536 square feet) tract of land, situation in the J. Applegait Survey No. 58, being a portion of Lots 1-5 and 6, Block G, Mockingbird Hill Section One, a subdivision recorded in Volume 5, Page 159, Plat Records of Travis County, Texas, and conveyed to Kanton Labaj in Document No. 2000197463, Official Public Records, Travis County, Texas, in the amount of \$53,436, for the public purpose of electric transmission and distribution facilities necessary to upgrade Transmission Circuit 811. The owner of the property interests are Kanton Labaj, Piper Labaj, Stephen

Welsh, Alvie Weed, Jr., R.V. Muckelroy and Margaret L. Muckelroy, Doris Welsh, George R. Somerville III, Trustee for BCAS, Ltd., Donald Perschbacker, Trustee for Guaranty Bank, and Third Coast Auto Group LP. The property is located at 10631 N. Lamar Blvd. in Austin, Texas. (Council District 4)

14. (8/22) Approve a resolution authorizing the filing of eminent domain proceedings for the acquisition of easement rights consisting of approximately 0.034 of one acre (1,485 square feet) parcel of land situated in the J. P. Wallace Survey, in Travis County, Texas, being a portion of Lot 6, Block No. 1, Fiskville School Addition, recorded in Volume 4, Page 169, Plat Records of Travis County, Texas, said Lot 6 being described in a Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien to Ilario A. Rendon and Valeria Rendon, recorded in Document No. 2003157507, Official Public Records of Travis County, Texas, in the amount of \$33,974. The owners of the property interest are Ilario A. Rendon and Valeria Rendon, and Adam Garza, Trustee, on behalf of The Laredo National Bank. The property is located at 8701 N. Lamar Blvd. in Austin, Texas. (Council District 4)
15. (8/22) Authorize negotiation and execution of a contract with Davey Resource Group, Inc., or other qualified offeror to Request for Proposals 1100 DMD3004, to provide a comprehensive, system-wide inventory of utility poles and communications attachments, in an amount not to exceed \$1,100,000.
16. (8/22) Authorize negotiation and execution of a multi-term contract with International Institute for Learning Inc., to provide project management professional development training, for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$400,000.

STAFF REPORTS AND BRIEFINGS

17. Update regarding Nacogdoches Biomass Facility – **presented by Mark Dombroski, Deputy General Manager, Chief Financial and Risk Officer.**

ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

18. Discussion regarding FPP Operational data. (Weldon, Ferchill) – **Commissioner Weldon thanked staff for providing data and requested receiving quarterly report going forward.**
19. Discussion and possible action regarding “Support for the Initiation of an Austin City Council Resolution Declaring a Climate Emergency.” (Hadden, Wray) – **Following presentation by Commissioner Wray and discussion, motion (Wray); seconded (Hadden); passed on a vote of 10-0 with Ferchill absent.**

OTHER BUSINESS

20. Report regarding City Council action on items previously reviewed by the EUC – **Commission Weldon requested review to ensure that information presented in report is correct.**
21. Discuss potential future agenda items.
 - **Tuttle: Transportation Electrification & SADI & SAFI performance update**
 - **Stone: Definition of low-income used for energy conservation programs particularly multi-family residential**

- **Reed: Discussion and possible action on 2019-2020 City budget at August meeting**
- **Weldon and Hadden: Overview of Austin Energy's fleet**

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.