



**WATER AND WASTEWATER COMMISSION  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, August 7, 2023**

**The Water and Wastewater Commission convened in a special called meeting on August 7, 2023, at Austin Energy Headquarters, 4815 Mueller Boulevard, Austin, Texas.**

**Vice-Chair Musgrove called the Water and Wastewater Commission to order at 6:04 p.m.**

**Commission Members in Attendance:** William Moriarty, Jesse Penn, Alex Navarro (remote), Sam Angoori, Vice Chair Judy Musgrove, Christopher Maxwell-Gaines

**Commission Members Absent:** Chair Susan Turrieta

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

**There were no speakers registered to speak.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approve the minutes of the May 10, 2023, regular meeting of the Water and Wastewater Commission.

**The minutes from the May 10, 2023, regular meeting were approved on Commissioner Moriarty's motion and Commissioner Penn's second on a 6-0 vote with Chair Turrieta absent and four vacancies.**

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL**

2. Recommend approval to execute a contract for the Wastewater Renewal Program – Manholes (2023-2027) with **Facilities Rehabilitation, Inc.**, for up to four years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$3,000,000.  
**Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on Commissioner Moriarty's motion and Commissioner Maxwell-Gaines's second on a 6-0 vote with Chair Turrieta absent and four vacancies.**
3. Recommend approval to negotiate and execute a contract for the installation of a power transmission line and connection to the Wild Horse Ranch Wastewater Treatment Plant, in coordination with the Wild Horse Ranch Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion project with **Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative, Inc.** for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,236,225. (District 1)  
**Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on Commissioner Moriarty's motion and Commissioner Maxwell-Gaines's second on a 6-0 vote with Chair Turrieta absent and four vacancies.**
4. Recommend approval to execute a Construction Manager at Risk contract for pre-construction and construction services for the Walnut Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion with **McCarthy Building Companies, Inc.**, in an amount not to exceed \$760,000,000. (District 1)  
**No recommendation by the Water and Wastewater Commission due to a motion lacking affirmative quorum, with a recusal from Commissioner Penn, Chair Turrieta absent and four vacancies.**
5. Recommend approval to negotiate and execute an amendment to the cost participation agreement with **M/I Homes of Austin, LLC** to increase the amount of the City's cost reimbursement by \$4,538,360 for a total amount not to exceed \$11,335,550 for costs associated

with the design and construction of an oversized wastewater interceptor, lift station, and force main related to Service Extension Request No. 4038R that will provide wastewater service to a proposed mixed use development located at Slaughter Lane and Thaxton Road. (District 2) **Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on Commissioner Moriarty's motion and Commissioner Maxwell-Gaines's second on a 6-0 vote with Chair Turrieta absent and four vacancies.**

6. Recommend approval to negotiate and execute a cost participation agreement with **CLX Ventures, LLC** for the City to reimburse the developer for an amount not to exceed \$4,025,000 for costs associated with the design and construction of an oversized water main and appurtenances related to Service Extension Request No. 5023 that will provide water service to a proposed industrial development located at 2700 N. FM 973. (Districts 1 and 2) **Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on Commissioner Moriarty's motion and Commissioner Maxwell-Gaines's second on a 6-0 vote with Chair Turrieta absent and four vacancies.**
7. Recommend approval to negotiate and execute a cost participation agreement with **Soco Development LP** for the City to reimburse the developer for an amount not to exceed \$402,500 for costs associated with the design and construction of an oversized water main and appurtenances related to Service Extension Request No. 5627 that will provide water service to a proposed mixed use located at 2105 S. Congress Ave. (District 3) **Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on Commissioner Moriarty's motion and Commissioner Maxwell-Gaines's second on a 6-0 vote with Chair Turrieta absent and four vacancies.**

#### **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION FROM COMMISSION**

8. Approve recommendation to Council of Austin Water's Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Proposed Operating Budget, Capital Budget, new appropriations, rates and fees, and 5-Year Capital Improvement (CIP) spending plan. **Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commissioner Angoori's motion and Commissioner Moriarty's second on a 6-0 vote with Chair Turrieta absent and four vacancies.**
9. Approve recommendation to Council of Austin Water's Capital Improvement Projects located in the Drinking Water Protection Zone for inclusion in Austin Water's five-year Capital Spending Plan (for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 through Fiscal Year 2027-2028) as required by Financial Policy Number 8. **Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on Commissioner Penn's motion and Commissioner Navarro's second on a 6-0 vote with Chair Turrieta absent and four vacancies.**
10. Approve recommendation to Council of the proposed Budget Committee Report **Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on Commissioner Maxwell-Gaines's motion and Commissioner Penn's second on a 6-0 vote with Chair Turrieta absent and four vacancies.**

#### **REPORTS BY COMMISSION SUBCOMMITTEES**

11. Update from Joint Sustainability Committee – **Commissioner Maxwell-Gaines provided an update.**
12. Update from the Austin Integrated Water Task Force – **Commissioner Moriarty provided an update.**

#### **STAFF BRIEFINGS**

13. Staff briefing regarding Austin Water's Proposed Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget – **Austin Water Assistant Director for Financial Services, Joseph Gonzales presented the briefing and answered commissioners' questions.**

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

14. Discussion of future agenda items – **Commissioner Maxwell-Gaines requested an update on the proposed Landscape Transformation Ordinance, Vice-Chair Musgrove requested an update on the disposal of water plant residuals at Shaw Lane and noted pending requests from Commissioner Moriarty for an update on legislative outcomes impacting Austin Water and an update on the aquifer storage and recovery project.**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Vice-Chair Musgrove adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m. without objection.**

*The minutes were approved at the September 13, 2023 regular meeting on Commissioner Penn's motion, Commissioner Maxwell-Gaines' second on a 6-0 vote, with Commissioner Moriarty absent and four vacancies.*