



**WATER AND WASTEWATER COMMISSION  
REGULAR CALLED MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, October 11, 2023**

**The Water and Wastewater Commission convened in a regular called meeting on October 11, 2023, at Austin Energy Headquarters, 4815 Mueller Boulevard, Austin, Texas.**

**Chair Turrieta called the Water and Wastewater Commission to order at 6:01 p.m.**

**Commission Members in Attendance:** William Moriarty (remote), Alex Navarro (remote), Sam Angoori, Vice Chair Judy Musgrove, Christopher Maxwell-Gaines, Marcela Tuñón Sion, Chair Susan Turrieta

**Commission Members Absent:** Jesse Penn

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approve the minutes of the September 13, 2023, regular meeting of the Water and Wastewater Commission.

**The minutes from the September 13, 2023, regular meeting were approved on Commissioner Maxwell-Gaines's motion and Vice Chair Musgrove's second on a 7-0 vote with Commissioner Penn absent and three vacancies.**

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

2. Recommend approval to negotiate a contract for air cushion swing check valves and repair services with Integral Logistics Corp., for a term of five years in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000.

**Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on Vice Chair Musgrove's motion and Commissioner Angoori's second on a 7-0 vote with Commissioner Penn absent and three vacancies.**

3. Recommend approval to negotiate and execute a contract for a residential rate advocate for Austin Water with **Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc. d/b/a Raftelis**, for a term of two years in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.

**Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on Vice Chair Musgrove's motion and Commissioner Angoori's second on a 7-0 vote with Commissioner Penn absent and three vacancies.**

4. Recommend approval to negotiate and execute an Advance Funding Agreement with the **Texas Department of Transportation** for City requested water and wastewater capacity improvements associated with the Interstate Highway 35 Capital Express Central (Lady Bird Lake Section) Roadway Project in the amount of \$11,631,654.57 plus a 10% contingency of \$1,163,165.46 for a total amount not to exceed \$12,794,820.03. (Districts 3, 9)

**Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on Vice Chair Musgrove's motion and Commissioner Angoori's second on a 7-0 vote with Commissioner Penn absent and three vacancies.**

5. Recommend approval to execute a contract for construction services for the Bull Creek Basin Wastewater Pipelines Renewal project with **Facilities Rehabilitation, Inc.**, in the amount of \$3,288,275 plus a \$328,828 contingency for a total contract amount not to exceed \$3,617,103. (Districts 6, 10)  
**Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on Vice Chair Musgrove's motion and Commissioner Angoori's second on a 7-0 vote with Commissioner Penn absent and three vacancies.**
  
6. Recommend approval to execute a contract for engineering services for the Davis Medium Service Water Transmission Main with **Black & Veatch Corporation**, in an amount not to exceed \$18,000,000. (Districts 1, 9, 10)  
**Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on Vice Chair Musgrove's motion and Commissioner Angoori's second on a 7-0 vote with Commissioner Penn absent and three vacancies.**
  
7. Recommend approval to execute a contract for construction services for the Oltorf Street Reclaimed Water Main Phase 2 project with **Cash Construction Company, Inc.**, in the amount of \$10,401,106 plus a \$1,040,111 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$11,441,217. (Districts 3, 9)  
**Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on Vice Chair Musgrove's motion and Commissioner Angoori's second on a 7-0 vote with Commissioner Penn absent and three vacancies.**
  
8. Recommend approval to amend the contract for engineering services for the Barton SoCo Reclaimed Water Main with **K Friese and Associates, Inc.**, in the amount of \$342,500 for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$1,030,048.  
**Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on Vice Chair Musgrove's motion and Commissioner Angoori's second on a 7-0 vote with Commissioner Penn absent and three vacancies.**
  
9. Recommend approval to negotiate and execute a cost participation agreement with **Meritage Homes of Texas, LLC** to increase the amount of the City's cost reimbursement by \$1,334,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$2,565,397 for costs associated with the design and construction of an oversized wastewater interceptor and appurtenances related to Service Extension Request No. 4239 that will provide wastewater service to a proposed mixed use development located at S SH-45 and N Turnersville Road.  
**Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on Vice Chair Musgrove's motion and Commissioner Angoori's second on a 7-0 vote with Commissioner Penn absent and three vacancies.**
  
10. Recommend approval to issue incentives during Fiscal Year 2023-2024 for alternative onsite water reuse systems for new commercial and multi-family developments under Austin Water's new regulatory framework in the total aggregate amount of \$1,000,000 and not to exceed \$500,000 for each project subject to funding availability.  
**Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on Vice Chair Musgrove's motion and Commissioner Angoori's second on a 7-0 vote with Commissioner Penn absent and three vacancies.**

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

11. Discussion on approval of 2024 Water and Wastewater Commission meeting schedule – **The 2024 Water and Wastewater Commission meeting schedule was approved on Vice Chair Musgrove's motion and Commissioner Maxwell-Gaines' second.**

#### **NON-VOTING ITEMS FROM COMMISSION**

12. Appointment to Public Involvement Committee for Austin Water Cost of Service Study – **Chair Turrieta provided information for the commissioners' consideration and will announce appointments at following commission meeting.**

## **REPORTS BY COMMISSION SUBCOMMITTEES**

13. Update from the Joint Sustainability Committee – **Commissioner Maxwell-Gaines provided an update.**
14. Update from the Integrated Water Resource Planning Community Task Force – **Commissioner William Moriarty provided an update.**

## **STAFF BRIEFINGS**

15. Staff briefing on My ATX Water Annual Update – **Austin Water Assistant Director of Customer Experience, Randi Jenkins provided an update and answered commissioner questions.**
16. Staff briefing on Lead Service Annual Update – **Austin Water Division Manager of Pipeline Engineering and Operations Support, Matt Cullen provided an update and answered commissioner questions.**
17. Staff briefing on 88<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislative Session Outcomes – **Austin Water Chief Administrative Officer, Heather Cooke provided an update and answered commissioner questions.**

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

18. Discussion of future agenda items – **No new items were requested by commissioners present at the meeting. Chair Turrieta noted a future agenda item requested by Commissioner Moriarty for an update on the aquifer storage and recovery project and Commissioner Maxwell-Gaines' request for an update on the proposed Landscape Transformation Ordinance.**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Chair Turrieta adjourned the meeting at 7:16 p.m. without objection.**

*The minutes were approved at the November 8, 2023 regular meeting on Commissioner Moriarty's motion, Commissioner Maxwell-Gaines' second on an 8-0 vote, with Commissioner Angoori and Vice-Chair Musgrove absent and one vacancy.*