



**WATER AND WASTEWATER COMMISSION  
REGULAR CALLED MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, February 14, 2024**

**The Water and Wastewater Commission convened in a regular called meeting on February 14, 2024, at Austin Energy Headquarters, 4815 Mueller Boulevard, Austin, Texas.**

**Chair Turrieta called the Water and Wastewater Commission to order at 6:02 p.m.**

**Commission Members in Attendance:** William Moriarty (remote), Jesse Penn, Sabrina Reichert (remote), Mike Reyes, Shwetha Pandurangi, Christopher Maxwell-Gaines, Marcela Tuñón Sion, Chair Susan Turrieta

**Commission Members Absent:** Alex Navarro, Sam Angoori, Judy Musgrove

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approval of minutes from the January 17, 2024, regular meeting of the Water and Wastewater Commission.

**Due to audio recording failure, action taken by the Commission was not valid.**

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

2. Recommend approval to negotiate and execute a contract for architectural services for the Waller Creek Restack Plan with **Robert Jackson and Michael McElhaney Architects, Inc.**, in amount not to exceed \$3,000,000. (District 9)

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3. Recommend approval to negotiate and execute a contract for electrolytic cells and parts with **Psi Water Technologies, Inc.**, for a term of three years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$303,106.

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4. Recommend approval to execute a contract for construction services for the 38th and 40th Streets Water and Wastewater Pipeline Renewal project with **Cedar Hills Construction, LLC**, in the amount of \$4,760,554 plus a \$476,055 contingency for a total contract amount not to exceed \$5,236,609. (District 9)

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5. Recommend approval to negotiate and execute a contract for engineering service for Handcox Water Treatment Plant Resiliency Improvements with **Carollo Engineers, Inc.** in the amount not to exceed \$8,912,000. (District 10)

**No recommendation by the Commission due to a lack of the affirmative vote on Commissioner Pandurangi's motion and Commissioner Maxwell-Gaines' second on a 5-2-1 vote with Chair Turrieta and Commissioners Reichert and Tuñón Sion voting yes; Commissioners Moriarty and Reyes voting no; Commissioner Penn recusing and Commissioners Navarro, Angoori and Musgrove absent.**

6. Recommend approval to negotiate and execute an interlocal agreement between the City of Austin ("City") and **Travis County** to jointly fund the design and construction of oversized reclaimed water mains and appurtenances within the Central Business District that will provide

service to Travis County's Civil and Family Court Building ("TCCFC") at 1700 Guadalupe St. and Travis County's Probate Court Building ("TCPC") at 200 W. 8th St. (District 9)

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7. Recommend approval to negotiate and execute a contract for HACH reagents, lab supplies, parts, and services with **Hach Company d/b/a HACH CO or OTT HydroMet**, for a term of five years in an amount not to exceed \$4,926,408.

**Due to audio recording failure, action taken by the Commission was not valid.**

8. Recommend approval of an amendment to City Code Chapter 25-9 (Water and Wastewater) relating to clarifying requirements for water conservation in the implementation of the Water Forward Plan, including distances for the Reclaimed Water Connection requirement, clarifying definitions, and modifying variances including adding certain affordable housing exemptions for Reclaimed Water Connections and Onsite Water Reuse requirements.

**Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on Commissioner Maxwell-Gaines' motion, Commissioner Tuñón Sion's second with Commissioner Pandurangi recusing and Commissioners Navarro, Angoori and Musgrove absent.**

9. Recommend approval of an amendment to City Code Chapter 15-13 (Regulation of Onsite Water Reuse Systems) relating to establishing development project requirements and adding clarifying language to onsite water reuse regulations.

**Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on Commissioner Penn's motion and Commissioner Maxwell-Gaines' second on a 7-0 vote with Commissioner Pandurangi recusing and Commissioners Navarro, Angoori and Musgrove absent.**

10. Recommend approval of a resolution authorizing Austin Water (AW) to continue a pilot program and issue incentives on a pilot basis during Fiscal Year 2023-2024 for alternative Onsite Water Reuse Systems or Reclaimed Water Connections for new commercial and multi-family developments under AW's new regulatory framework in the total aggregate amount of \$5,600,000 and not to exceed \$500,000 for each project subject to funding availability. **Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on Commissioner Penn's Motion, Commissioner Tuñón Sion's second on a 7-0 vote with Commissioner Pandurangi recusing and Commissioners Navarro, Angoori and Musgrove absent.**

11. Recommend approval of an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Austin Water (AW) Fee Schedule (Ordinance No.20230816-007) to add a dedicated GoPurple component of the Community Benefit Charge (CBC) of \$0.15 cents per thousand gallons to support Reuse Strategies in the Water Forward Plan and amending Austin Water's 2023-2024 Operating Budget (Ordinance No.20230816-008) to reflect the corresponding revenue and appropriation increase of \$4,100,000.

**Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on Commissioner Penn's motion and Commissioner Tuñón Sion's second on a 7-0 vote with Commissioner Pandurangi recusing, and Commissioners Navarro, Angoori and Musgrove absent.**

12. Appoint alternate member to Joint Sustainability Committee.

**No appointment was made by the Commission. Due to audio failure this item was not recorded.**

## **REPORTS BY COMMISSION SUBCOMMITTEES**

13. Update from the Joint Sustainability Committee – **Commissioner Chris Maxwell-Gaines provided an update, but due to audio failure it was not recorded.**
14. Update from the Austin Integrated Water Resource Planning Community Task Force Commissioner William Moriarty – **Commissioner Moriarty provided an update, but due to audio failure, it was not recorded.**

## **STAFF BRIEFINGS**

15. Staff briefing on Water Forward updates – **Director Shay Ralls Roalson provided an update**

**and responded to Commissioners' questions, along with Assistant Director Kevin Critendon and Assistant Director Anna Bryan-Borja.**

**16. Staff briefing on Handcox Water Treatment Plant Resiliency Improvements Project -- Assistant Director of Engineering Services, Charles Celauro and Austin Water Supervising Engineer, Bryan Barnett provided an update and answered Commissioners' questions.**

**17. Austin Water External Review: Final close-out report on implementation of recommendations -- Austin Water Director Shay Ralls Roalson provided the update to Commissioners.**

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**18. Discussion of future agenda items – No future items were discussed.**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Chair Turrieta adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m.**

*The minutes were approved at the Wednesday, March 24, 2024 regular meeting on Vice Chair Musgrove's motion and Commissioner Tuñón Sion's second on a 7-0 vote, with Commissioners Navarro, Reichert, Angoori and Maxwell-Gaines absent..*