

WATER AND WASTEWATER COMMISSION REGULAR CALLED MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, March 13, 2024

The Water and Wastewater Commission convened in a regular called meeting on March 13, 2024, at Austin Energy Headquarters, 4815 Mueller Boulevard, Austin, Texas.

Chair Turrieta called the Water and Wastewater Commission to order at 6:00 p.m.

Commission Members in Attendance: William Moriarty (remote), Jesse Penn, Mike Reyes, Shwetha Pandurangi (remote), Vice Chair Judy Musgrove, Marcela Tuñón Sion, Chair Susan Turrieta

Commission Members Absent: Alex Navarro, Sabrina Reichert, Sam Angoori, Chris Maxwell-Gaines

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.

The minutes from the January 17, 2024, regular meeting were approved on Vice Chair Musgrove's motion and Commissioner Reyes' second on a 7-0 vote with Commissioners Navarro, Reichert, Angoori and Maxwell-Gaines absent.

2. Approval of minutes from the February 14, 2024, regular meeting of the Water and Wastewater Commission.

The minutes from the February 14, 2024, regular meeting were approved on Vice Chair Musgrove's motion and Commissioner Reyes' second on a 7-0 vote with Commissioners Navarro, Reichert, Angoori and Maxwell-Gaines absent.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION

- 3. Recommend approval to negotiate and execute of a contract for supervisory control and data acquisition equipment and software installation and support services with Control Panels USA, Inc., for a term of five years in an amount not to exceed \$2,100,000. Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission 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.
- 4. Recommend approval for Service Extension Request No. 4622R for wastewater service to a 77.78-acre tract located at 9209 Ledgestone Terrace within the Drinking Water Protection Zone, the City's 2-mile Extra-Territorial Jurisdiction and Austin Water's service area. Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission 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.
- 5. Recommend approval for a resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for funding from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) for a 20-year low-interest loan in the amount not to exceed \$25,000,000 as part of the TWDB's State Water Implementation Fund for Texas (SWIFT) loan program, for the additional cost incurred from the development and implementation of Austin Water's Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) program, aka Austin's Smart Water Meter System (My ATX Water).

Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on Commissioner Penn's motion and Commissioner Tuñón Sion's second on a 6-0 vote with Commissioner Reyes recusing and Commissioners Navarro, Reichert, Angoori and Maxwell-Gaines absent.

6. Recommend approval to negotiate and an interlocal agreement with the cities of Round Rock, Cedar Park, and Leander for the reimbursement of costs related to the expansion of the Brushy Creek Regional Wastewater System and authorizing the City's share of funding for capital improvements to the East Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant in an amount not to exceed \$12,600,000.

Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission 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.

- 7. Recommend approval to negotiate and execute a contract for professional services for the Southwest Pressure Zones Pump Station/Reservoir Study project with HDR Engineering, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000. Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on Vice Chair Musgrove's motion and Commissioner Tuñón Sion's second on a 6-0 vote with Commissioner Penn recusing and Commissioners Navarro, Reichert, Angoori and Maxwell-Gaines absent.
- 8. Recommend approval to execute a contract for hydro-blast cleaning services with Meylan Enterprises, Inc., for a term of five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$775,000. Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission 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.
- Recommend approval for an ordinance amending Exhibit A to the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 City Fee and Fine Ordinance (Ordinance No. 20230816-007) to add an Austin Water Reclaimed Water Utility fee in lieu of providing an onsite water reuse system.
 Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission 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.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Discuss conducting officer election for the Chair and Vice Chair for the Water and Wastewater Commission in April.
 Chair Turrieta answered questions about the election process and responsibilities of commission officers.
- 11. Discuss conducting officer election for the Chair and Vice Chair for the Budget Committee. Chair Turrieta answered questions about the election process, the purpose of the Budget Committee and responsibilities of the budget committee officers.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

- 12. Update from the Austin Integrated Water Resource Planning Community Task Force meeting regarding Water Forward Plan implementation and progress on plan updates **Commissioner William Moriarty provided an update.**
- 13. Update from Public Involvement Committee for Austin Water Cost of Service Study meeting regarding Austin Water's potential future rates and fees– **Commissioner Jesse Penn provided an update.**

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Discussion of future agenda items – No new agenda items were requested by commissioners present at the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Turrieta adjourned the meeting at 6:19 p.m.

The minutes were approved at the April 17, 2024 regular meeting on Commissioner Pandurangi's motion and Commissioner Angoori' second on a 9-0 vote, with Commissioners Navarro and Turrieta absent.