



**WATER AND WASTEWATER COMMISSION
REGULAR CALLED MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, July 17, 2024**

The Water and Wastewater Commission convened in a regular called meeting on July 17, 2024, at Austin Energy Headquarters, 4815 Mueller Boulevard, Austin, Texas.

Acting Chair Jesse Penn called the Water and Wastewater Commission to order at 6:04 p.m.

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

Commission Members Absent: Alex Navarro, Sam Angoori, Sabrina Reichert, Vice Chair Christopher Maxwell-Gaines

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

Laneta Cooper registered to speak on Item 15.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes from the June 12, 2024, regular meeting of the Water and Wastewater Commission.

The minutes from the June 12, 2024, regular meeting were approved on Commissioner Musgrove's motion and Commissioner Reyes' second on a 7-0 vote with Commissioners Navarro, Reichert, Angoori, and Maxwell-Gaines absent.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION

2. Recommend approval to execute a contract for construction services for the Bull Creek Basin Wastewater Renewal – CIPP project with **DeNucci Constructors, LLC**, in the amount of \$6,854,549 plus a \$685,455 contingency for a total contract amount not to exceed \$7,540,004. (District 10)

Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on Commissioner 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.

3. Recommend approval to execute a contract for construction services for the Kellam Road Water Pipeline Renewal project with **Cedar Hills Construction, LLC**, in the amount of \$1,181,531 plus a \$118,153 contingency for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,299,684. (District 2)

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

4. Recommend approval to execute a contract for construction services for the Burrell Drive Wastewater Improvements project with **Facilities Rehabilitation, Inc.**, in the amount of \$2,405,580 plus a \$240,558 contingency for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,646,138. (District 4)

Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on Commissioner Pandurangi's motion and Commissioner Musgrove's second on a 7-0 vote with

Commissioners Navarro, Reichert, Angoori and Maxwell-Gaines absent.

5. Recommend approval to execute a contract for construction services for the Waller Creek Center Parking Garage Renewal with **RS Ellis, Inc./Southwest Corporation**, in the amount of \$1,356,528 plus a \$135,652 contingency for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,492,180 (District 9)
Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on Commissioner Pandurangi's motion and Commissioner Musgrove's second on a 7-0 vote with Commissioners Navarro, Reichert, Angoori and Maxwell-Gaines absent.
6. Recommend approval to execute a contract for the Johnny Morris/Hwy 290 Area Water Line Extensions project with Cash Construction Company Inc., in the amount of \$1,929,742 plus a \$192,974 contingency for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,122,716. (District 1, ETJ)
Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on Commissioner Musgrove's motion and Commissioner Pandurangi's second on a 6-0 vote with Commissioner Penn recusing and Commissioners Navarro, Reichert, Angoori and Maxwell-Gaines absent.
7. Recommend approval to negotiate and execute a contract for a job order assignment for the 10803 Platt Lane Building Rehabilitation with **Jamail & Smith Construction LP**, for a total amount not to exceed \$1,293,599. (District 2)
Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on Commissioner Pandurangi's motion and Commissioner Musgrove's second on a 7-0 vote with Commissioners Navarro, Reichert, Angoori and Maxwell-Gaines absent.
8. Recommend approval to negotiate and execute a contract for vertical turbine pumps with **Smith Pump Co. Inc.**, for a term of one year in an amount not to exceed \$360,190.
Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on Commissioner Pandurangi's motion and Commissioner Musgrove's second on a 7-0 vote with Commissioners Navarro, Reichert, Angoori and Maxwell-Gaines absent.
9. Recommend approval to execute a contract for multiple 30 cubic yard filter screens with **Wwatertech Services, Inc. d/b/a Wwatertech, Inc.**, for up to five years for a total contract amount not to exceed \$3,100,000.
Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on Commissioner Pandurangi's motion and Commissioner Musgrove's second on a 7-0 vote with Commissioners Navarro, Reichert, Angoori and Maxwell-Gaines absent.
10. Recommend approval of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for a low-interest loan for up to \$446,842,000 from the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act loan program for the Walnut Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion and Enhancements Projects and authorizing payment of an application fee of \$100,000.
Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on Commissioner Pandurangi's motion and Commissioner Musgrove's second on a 7-0 vote with Commissioners Navarro, Reichert, Angoori and Maxwell-Gaines absent.
11. Recommend approval of an ordinance regarding Undine, LLC's proposal to increase water and wastewater rates for its customers located in the City's corporate limits in the area known as Greenshores on Lake Austin.
Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on Commissioner Tuñón Sion's motion and Commissioner Pandurangi's second on a 7-0 vote with Commissioners Navarro, Reichert, Angoori and Maxwell-Gaines absent.
12. 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 2024-2025 through Fiscal Year 2028-2029) as required by Financial Policy Number 8.

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

13. Approve the 2023-2024 annual internal report of the Water and Wastewater Commission
Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on Commissioner Pandurangi's motion and Commissioner Musgrove's second on a 7-0 vote with Commissioners Navarro, Reichert, Angoori and Maxwell-Gaines absent.
14. Approve recommendation to Council of the proposed Budget Committee Report
Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on Commissioner Pandurangi's motion and Commissioner Tuñón Sion's second on a 6-0 vote with Commissioners Moriarty, Navarro, Reichert, Angoori and Maxwell-Gaines absent.
15. Approve recommendation to Council of Austin Water's Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Proposed Operating Budget, Capital Budget, new appropriations, rates, and fees, and 5-Year Capital Improvement (CIP) spending plan.
Recommended by the Water and Wastewater Commission on Commissioner Tuñón Sion's motion and Commissioner Pandurangi's second on a 6-0 vote with Commissioners Moriarty, Navarro, Reichert, Angoori and Maxwell-Gaines absent.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

16. Staff briefing on Austin Water's Proposed Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget - **Assistant Director of Financial Services, Joseph Gonzales and Assistant Director of Customer Experience, Randi Jenkins provided a briefing and answered commissioners' questions.**
17. Staff briefing on Water Supply Strategy Implementation Update – **Assistant Director of Environmental, Planning and Development Services, Kevin Critendon and Program Manager Marisa Flores-Gonzalez provided a briefing and answered commissioners' questions.**

COMMITTEE UPDATES

18. 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.**
19. 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 was not present to provide an update.**

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

ADJOURNMENT

Acting Chair Jesse Penn adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

The minutes were approved at the August 7, 2024 regular meeting on Vice-Chair Maxwell-Gaines' motion and Commissioner Musgrove's second on a 8-0 vote, with Commissioners Penn and Reyes absent and one vacancy.