

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
CITY OF ALAMEDA PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD MEETING**

April 27, 2020

1. ROLL CALL

President McCormick called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. On roll call, the following commissioners were present: President McCormick, Commissioner Serventi, Commissioner Gould, Commissioner Giuntini and City Manager Levitt.

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – NON AGENDA (Public Comment)

None

3. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

None

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

A1. Minutes – Special Meeting – February 24, 2020

A2. Minutes – Regular Meeting – February 24, 2020

B1. Listing of Bills Paid – February 2020

B2. Listing of Bills Paid – March 2020

C1. Financial Report – January 2020

C2. Financial Report – February 2020

D1. Treasurer’s Report for the Month Ending January 31, 2020

D2. Treasurer’s Report for the Month Ending February 29, 2020

E. By Motion, Approve and Adopt Alameda Municipal Power’s Transformer Art Policy and Guidelines

F. By Motion, Approve Amendment #2 to Professional Services Agreement PS 09-15-01 with Ecology Action to Extend the Term of the Contract to February 28, 2021, and Update the Scope of Service

G. By Resolution, Commend Ed Schneider for His Long and Distinguished Service to Alameda Municipal Power

H. By Motion, Authorize the General Manager to Extend a Profession Services Agreement with US Bank in the Amount of \$4,000 per Month for an Additional Three Year Term for Banking Services Through June 30, 2023

I. By Motion, Authorize the General Manager to Purchase New Time Division Multiple Access Radios and Associated Equipment from the County of Alameda, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$166,500 and Authorize the General Manager to Transfer Funds from Unused Capital Improvement Project Budget Funds to Cover the Cost

J. By Motion, Authorize the General Manager to Issue Purchase Orders to Howard Industries, Inc., in an Amount Not to Exceed \$90,500, and ABB, Inc., in an Amount Not to Exceed \$96,100 to Purchase Distribution Transformers per Material Specification No. MS 05-18-01

K. By Motion, Authorize the General Manager to Make the Annual Maintenance Payment for the Harris Northstar Customer Information System for a Total Amount Not to Exceed \$92,694.09

L. For Information Only, Summary of 10-Year Pro Forma Analysis

President McCormick pulled item L, and Commissioner Gould pulled item A2.

With a motion from Commissioner Giuntini and a second from Commissioner Serventi, the Public Utilities Board (Board) approved the balance of the consent calendar.

Commissioner Gould then said he had pulled item A2 in error.

For item L, staff presented highlights of the analysis.

With a motion from Commissioner Giuntini and a second from City Manager Levitt, the Board unanimously approved items L and A2.

## 5. AGENDA ITEMS

A. By Resolution, Approve Alameda Municipal Power Rate Schedules and Riders for Fiscal Year 2021

During a staff presentation, President McCormick commented on a slide that said Alamedans will save \$15 million on their utility bills in fiscal year 2021 because they are served by AMP instead of PG&E. She noted that AMP also provides about \$6 million in transfers to the city of Alameda.

Commissioner Gould asked for more information about net energy metering (NEM) and eligible renewable generation (ERG) credits.

In response, staff said the NEM and ERG compensation rates are calculated each year. The ERG rate is based on the offsetting cost, while the NEM rate is an average of the cost of the renewable portfolio that we have, staff said.

Commissioner Gould then asked for a review of the ERG program.

He also said he was concerned about the agenda item's resolution. The third paragraph refers to the Board going along with projected future rate increases. These projected rate increases may be less relevant, in terms of the COVID-19 situation, he said.

President McCormick said the information in the resolution came from a standing, board-adopted policy to cap rate increases at 5%. The resolution reflects an existing Board policy and is an appropriate part of the agenda item.

Commissioner Serventi said the Board is voting on a 0% rate increase, so the language in the resolution referring to future increases does not come into play.

General Manager Procos said there is an established Board policy of capping rate increases at no more than 5%. There is also a pro forma, he said, which provides a projection based on the best available financial information and can change dramatically.

While preparing next year's budget, staff will evaluate the numbers and other factors, such as the possibility of continuing impacts from COVID-19, he said. Then, staff will bring a proposal to the Board for rate changes in the 0-5% range.

President McCormick said that Commissioner Gould's comment is noted. The language in the resolution gives the Board flexibility and is not intended to send signals. Rather, the language states the board's standing policy, which can be revisited at another time, she said.

Commissioner Serventi said the Board needs to have the flexibility to make the changes. He thanked staff for their efforts.

President McCormick said it was an opportune time to hold AMP's rates steady.

Commissioner Serventi said this is an apropos time for a 0% rate increase. He added that it is important for AMP to get the word out that the utility puts money back into the community, he said.

President McCormick said that the 0% rate increase and 100% clean energy are good messages. She also suggested highlighting that Alamedans will save \$15 million on their utility bills in fiscal year 2021 because they are served by AMP instead of PG&E.

With a motion from Commissioner Serventi and a second from Commissioner Giuntini, the Board unanimously approved the item.

6. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

A. General Manager's Report – March 2020

General Manager Procos reported to the Board on the steps the utility is taking to address COVID-19 impacts on customers, such as suspending service disconnections for non-payment, launching a payment installment program, and providing payment extensions. He acknowledged staff for their work during this difficult time.

7. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Levitt noted that the Alameda City Council has taken several actions recently related to COVID-19, including the launch of a small business grant program.

8. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

None

9. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - NON AGENDA (PUBLIC COMMENT)

None

10. ADJOURNMENT

President McCormick adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.