

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

July 20, 2020

1. ROLL CALL

President McCormick called the meeting to order at 7 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

Representatives from the Alameda Education Foundation (AEF) accepted \$11,195 in funds contributed by AMP customers for the Power Up for Learning Program, a technology education program that AMP co-sponsors with the foundation. This year, AEF will dedicate some of the program's funds to help provide technology access for students from income-eligible families.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Minutes – Regular Meeting – June 15, 2020

B. Listing of Bills Paid – June 2020

C. Financial Report – May 2020

D. Treasurer's Report for the Month Ending May 31, 2020

E. Review of Alameda Municipal Power's Community Sponsorships for Fiscal Year 2020

F. By Motion, Accept the 2019 Power Source Disclosure Program Annual Report and Power Content Label for Alameda Municipal Power Product 1 and Product 2 to the California Energy Commission

G. Adopt a Resolution Revising the Rules and Regulations for Alameda Municipal Power to Modify the Utility Connection Requirements for Accessory Dwelling Units

Staff requested to pull item F, and President McCormick pulled item G. With a motion from Commissioner Giuntini and a second from Commissioner Serventi, the Public Utilities Board (Board) unanimously approved the balance of the consent calendar.

Staff pulled item F from the consent calendar. General Manager Procos said staff wanted to pull the power source disclosure filing to call attention to a typographical error in the reported sales number. The corrected sales number caused only slight changes in AMP's Product 1 power content label (PCL), he said. The good news is that it was in a positive direction, he noted.

President McCormick pulled item G to highlight how much she appreciates the move to remove the separate metering requirement, and to note the positive direction of supporting accessory dwelling units and flexibility for our customers. We feel strongly about supporting the city's goals for additional housing, she said.

Commissioner Gould mentioned the effort to repeal Measure A in the November ballot and the relationship with the ADU item.

General Manager Procos said that AMP's item was set in motion well before any discussion on Measure A. AMP would be doing its part to help with the regional housing crisis, he said.

President McCormick said the Board was not taking a position on Measure A.

With a motion from Commissioner Gould and a second from Commissioner Giuntini, the Board approved items F and G.

5. AGENDA ITEMS

A. For Information Only, Review Draft Integrated Resources Plan

Following a staff presentation, the Board heard public comment. Alameda resident Paul Medved said the Integrated Resources Plan (IRP) needs to reflect greater support for local clean energy generation, including rooftop solar and energy storage.

Rand Wrobel of Alameda said that the plan does not consider the climate emergency approved by the Alameda City Council. He also called for significantly incentivizing local solar.

President McCormick said AMP can address, within the IRP, how the plan fits into the climate crisis.

Battery storage prices are dropping steeply, President McCormick said, and we should conduct more research on battery prices and incorporate it in the analysis.

She also said that it will be extremely important to treat energy efficiency as a resource in the IRP.

President McCormick asked staff to comment on whether AMP has carried out its IRP development process differently from other publicly owned utilities, given that AMP is

not required to file its plan with the California Energy Commission (CEC). Staff responded that other publicly owned utilities typically include a generic build-out of resources in their IRPs.

Referring to a slide on AMP's baseload generation of geothermal, landfill and small hydro, Commissioner Serventi asked why a medium/low risk of curtailment would be a con. Staff responded that AMP considered a con to be anything other than a dispatchable resource.

Commissioner Serventi asked staff for more information on the capacity factor of a landfill gas power purchase agreement from Butte. Staff said the resource types, in general, are the better guide on what capacity value provides.

General Manager Procos noted that AMP's strategy is to do the best it can to meet the load. Large under-procurements or large over-procurements could leave AMP exposed to market forces, he said.

Commissioner Giuntini and City Manager Levitt acknowledged staff's hard work on the IRP draft.

Commissioner Gould said he was disappointed that local generation has not played more of a part in the resource picture. He also said he disagreed with the statement in the draft plan that AMP's eligible renewable generation (ERG) plan is an incentive.

6. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

A. General Manager's Report – June 2020

General Manager Procos announced to the Board that the California Municipal Utilities Association (CMUA) honored AMP's Energy Plus program with a 2020 Resource Efficiency & Community Service Award.

Commissioner Serventi commented on charts in the general manager's (GM) report that show the large increase in transformer and cable installs over the past several years. While congratulating staff on the great work to support new development, Commissioner Serventi emphasized that maintaining the existing system is also a priority.

7. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Levitt updated the Board on the city's response to COVID-19, and issues related to public safety, policing and social justice.

8. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Serventi said that NCPA demonstrated forward-thinking when it replaced a faulty turbine at the Lodi Energy Center a few months ago. Instead of replacing it with a similar turbine, NCPA worked to obtain a different turbine that will allow up to 45% hydrogen in the fuel mix. He said AMP could consider this example and work with NCPA on an environmentally friendly option when Alameda's combustion turbines reach end of life.

9. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – NON-AGENDA (PUBLIC COMMENT)

None

10. ADJOURNMENT

President McCormick adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m.