

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

October 19, 2020

1. ROLL CALL

President McCormick called the meeting to order at 6 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–Sept. 14, 2020

A2. Minutes–Regular Meeting–Sept. 21, 2020

B. Listing of Bills Paid–September 2020

C. Financial Report–August 2020

D. Treasurer’s Report for the Month Ending August 31, 2020

E. By Resolution, Commend Lonnie Hasty for His Long and Distinguished Service to Alameda Municipal Power

F. By Motion, Authorize the General Manager to Issue a Purchase Order to Howard Industries, Inc., in an Amount Not to Exceed \$16,000 per Material Specification No. MS 05-18-01

G. By Motion, Accept the Evaluation, Measurement, & Verification of Alameda Municipal Power’s Efficiency Programs for Fiscal Years 2018 and 2019

H. By Motion, Authorize the General Manager to Negotiate and Execute a Five-Year Services Agreement with 8x8, Inc., in an Amount Not to Exceed \$150,845 with a Contingency Amount of \$15,085 for a Total Not to Exceed of \$165,930 for Cloud Telephony and Contact Center Licenses and Services

I. For Information Only, Update on Alameda Municipal Power's Five-Year Strategic Plan, February–September 2020

Commissioner Gould pulled Item I from the consent calendar. With a motion from Commissioner Serventi and a second from Commissioner Giuntini, the Board unanimously approved the balance of the consent calendar.

Addressing Item I, Commissioner Gould raised concerns about AMP's eligible renewable generation (ERG) program, saying it should be reviewed and changed to reflect the true value of energy production locally on the island. In addition, he referred to the technology category of the strategic plan. He said there is an increasing need for AMP to implement programs under Strategy 2/Tactic 3, such as optimizing local clean generation.

President McCormick noted that Item I refers to a 6-month report, which means there were no actions in that 6-month timeframe, but it does not mean there was no progress overall. When AMP has a report of "no actions" on a tactic in the strategic plan, it would be good to note which items are in progress, she said.

In addition, President McCormick said that she and Commissioner Gould have an appetite for being more creative and all-encompassing in the value-of-solar calculation moving forward.

With a motion from City Manager Levitt and a second from Commissioner Serventi, the Board voted 4-1 to approve Item I. Commissioner Gould dissented.

5. AGENDA ITEMS

A. By Motion, Accept Alameda Municipal Power's Integrated Resource Plan

Following a staff presentation, President McCormick opened public comment.

Charles Adams of Alameda expressed the view that AMP is harming its distributed energy resources (DER) economy.

Alameda resident Nick DeVries said the load growth projected in the integrated resource plan (IRP) allows positive change to happen. In addition, he raised questions related to figures 5 and 6 of the IRP.

In response to his questions, staff confirmed that gas generation is not included in the short-term clean purchase graphic or in staff's overall account.

President McCormick said the discussion of resiliency is very timely but not exactly aligned with an IRP.

On the topic of microgrid opportunities, President McCormick said Alameda is best served by being a fast follower, not an innovator. The price tags continue to come down on microgrid projects in the state, she said.

AMP's load forecast is going up, she said, which allows AMP to innovate and spread its fixed cost.

Commissioner Gould said that community stakeholders should have input on local resources and resilience.

He made a motion to not accept the plan as it stands, but to accept it without the discussion of resilience. The topic of resilience would be separated out for further discussion and approval.

Commissioner Serventi asked if there was a deadline for accepting the IRP. Staff said there is not a deadline because it is more of a guiding document. President McCormick added that the IRP is a voluntary tool for AMP, not a statutory requirement.

City Manager Levitt seconded Commissioner Gould's motion, saying that he did so to allow discussion and align with the rules of order.

General Manager Nicolas Procos referred to the last bulleted item on the slide with the header, "Local Resources and Resiliency." The item reads: "AMP recognizes the desire for additional resiliency and is committed to opening a separate dialogue and studying feasible actions and their costs." He said the statement captures AMP's strategy going forward.

The original intent was to come back to the Board for the resiliency discussion, General Manager Procos said.

President McCormick noted the importance of resiliency and the continued discussion around it. She said she did not want to slow down the approval of the IRP, which is solid.

Commissioner Serventi said he agreed with President McCormick. He noted that he also agreed with Commissioner Gould on the point that more work should be done on resiliency.

Commissioner Giuntini said the topic of resiliency is very important but does not need to be connected with this particular document at this time.

The Board voted on Commissioner's Gould's motion: to not accept the plan as it stands; accept the plan without the discussion of resilience; and designate the topic of resilience for further discussion and approval. The motion failed in a 4-1 vote, with Commissioner Gould in favor and President McCormick, Commissioner Serventi, Commissioner Giuntini and City Manager Levitt opposed.

Commissioner Serventi made a motion to approve the IRP as submitted with a sidenote of the commitment to the ongoing discussion and study of resiliency. With a second from Commissioner Giuntini, the Board approved the motion 4-1. Commissioner Gould dissented.

6. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

A. General Manager's Report–September 2020

General Manager Procos updated the Board on AMP's progress with the Doolittle (Mt. Trashmore) solar project. AMP will seek a use permit from the city's Planning Board next month. In the meantime, AMP will negotiate terms of the power purchase agreement; identify the details of the interconnection; and then draft a lease agreement.

7. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Levitt provided updates on COVID-19 and the city's work on policing.

8. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

None

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

None

10. ADJOURNMENT

President McCormick adjourned the meeting at 6:56 p.m.