

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

February 23, 2021

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

A. Minutes–Special Meeting–January 27, 2021

A2. Minutes–Regular Meeting–January 27, 2021

B. Listing of Bills Paid–January 2021

C. Financial Report–December 2020

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

E. By Motion, Accept Alameda Municipal Power’s Senate Bill 1037 (2005) Energy Efficiency Report for Fiscal Year 2021

F. By Motion, Authorize the General Manager to Make the Annual Maintenance Payment for the Harris Northstar Customer Information System for a Total Not to Exceed of \$94,991.28

G. By Motion, Authorize the General Manager to Issue Purchase Orders to Howard Industries, Inc., in an Amount Not to Exceed \$45,000 and Hitachi ABB Power Grids in an Amount Not to Exceed \$67,500 Per Material Specification No. MS 05-18-01, and to Anixter Inc. in an Amount Not to Exceed \$17,600 from Informal Bid Requests from a Minimum of Three Suppliers

H. By Motion, Authorize the General Manager to Request the Consent of the City Council to Solicit Bids and Sell Surplus Digger-Derrick Utility Vehicle

I. By Motion, Authorize the General Manager to Issue a Purchase Order to the Okonite Company in an Amount Not to Exceed \$688,500 with a Contingency of \$34,500 for a Total Amount Not to Exceed of \$722,900 to Purchase 45,000 Feet of 1/10 AWG, and 40,500 Feet of 500 KCMIL Underground Distribution 15 Kilovolt Power Cable Per Material Specification No. MS 09-18-01

J. By Motion, Authorize the General Manager to Enter into a Professional Services Agreement for a Term of Five Years with PlanetBids, Inc., in an Amount Not to Exceed \$92,100, Which Includes a \$12,000 Contingency for Additional Licenses, for a Software-as-a-Service EProcurement Solution

President McCormick pulled Item E for discussion.

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

Commenting on SB 1037, President McCormick said she was completely in favor of accepting the report.

It is notable that AMP has exceeded its targets, President McCormick said, but they were extremely conservative in her opinion.

While the overhead calculations may appear high for AMP's direct-install program, Energy Plus, it should be noted that the program is high-touch and serves a market sector that is more difficult to reach, she said.

She also noted that the report shows that AMP's online portal programs have a very high overhead, and appreciates that staff has taken some steps to look at better options for administration of them.

She said she supported that AMP staff used some customized net-to-gross ratios because they better represent the way that AMP implements our programs. The SB 1037 report meets the letter and spirit of the law, and the Board should approve it, she said.

Additionally, she recommended that further consideration be given to AMP's energy efficiency goals and program metrics to meet internal goals and strategic priorities, beyond the compliance requirements of SB 1037.

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

5. AGENDA ITEMS

A. By Resolution, Approve Alameda Municipal Power's 10-Year Energy Efficiency Targets for Fiscal Years 2022 Through 2031 as Required by Assembly Bill 2021 (2006) and Assembly Bill 2227 (2012)

Following a presentation from staff, President McCormick said that the compliance goals for energy efficiency are the floor and AMP needs to reach higher. AMP needs to develop its own measurements, she said, and not rely on calculations of the total resource cost (TRC) test that do not measure areas such as carbon impact, customer impact, and air quality of buildings.

In addition, AMP needs to help customers save energy and money in light of the COVID-19 crisis.

She encouraged staff not to get too mired in the details of energy efficiency compliance reporting, and instead focus on AMP's internal goals for energy efficiency programs; how staff can measure the results of the programs; and how staff can serve Alameda customers better.

Commissioner Serventi said AMP needs to look at what energy efficiency means to customers. He asked staff to consider how AMP will respond to customers who may feel that energy efficiency is not as important now that AMP provides 100% green energy.

Staff will need to reach out to customers and convince them that energy efficiency is important from a financial savings perspective.

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

6. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

A. General Manager's Report–January 2021

In his update, General Manager Procos said the City Council recently approved the 30-year renewal of the base resource contract with the Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) for AMP's allocation of carbon-free hydro power from the Central Valley Project. He also told the Board that AMP recently hired a new line superintendent with strong experience.

Commissioner Serventi thanked General Manager Procos for updating solar metrics in the General Manager's Report. Commissioner Gould also said the new solar metrics were useful.

Commissioner Giuntini asked a clarifying question about metrics on new customer enrollments in AMP's financial assistance programs.

7. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Levitt updated the Board on developments related to COVID-19, and policing and social justice.

8. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

None.

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

None.

10. ADJOURNMENT

President McCormick adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.