

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

October 25, 2021

1. ROLL CALL

President Serventi called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. On roll call, the following commissioners were present: President Serventi, Commissioner Giuntini, Commissioner Gould, Commissioner McKenna. City Manager Levitt was absent.

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – NON-AGENDA (Public Comment)

None.

3. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

None.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

A1. Minutes of the September 20, 2021 Special Meeting of the City of Alameda Public Utilities Board

A2. Minutes of the September 20, 2021 Regular Meeting of the City of Alameda Public Utilities Board

B. Listing of Bills Paid – September 2021

C. Financial Report – August 2021

D. Treasurer’s Report for the Month Ending August 31, 2021

E. By Motion, Approve the Extension of the Targeted Meter Socket Rebate Program until April 30, 2022 and Transfer Funds in the Amount of \$120,000 within the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget to Cover the Costs

F. By Resolution, Approve Alameda Municipal Power’s Utility Security Plan

With a motion from Commissioner Giuntini and a second from Commissioner McKenna, the Board unanimously approved the consent calendar.

6. AGENDA ITEMS

A. For Information and Feedback Only, Climate Adaptation and Hazard Mitigation Plan

Presenter Danielle Mieler, the City of Alameda's Sustainability and Resilience Manager, encountered technical difficulties while connecting to the meeting, so the Board decided to hear the presentation for Item 5B before Item 5A, to allow Ms. Mieler additional time to connect.

With a motion from Commissioner Giuntini and a second from Commissioner McKenna, the Board unanimously approved the decision to hear agenda Item 5B prior to agenda Item 5A.

After Item 5B, Ms. Mieler presented Item 5A.

President Serventi thanked Ms. Mieler and the City of Alameda staff for the effort put into the presentation.

Commissioner Gould thought the presentation did a good job of showing the existential threat facing Alameda island and the efforts being made to combat that threat, and added that there is always more that can be done in that effort.

President Serventi called attention to the inclusion of solar and storage in the City's strategies. He is excited to see broader adoption of both, and added that AMP has been working with Northern California Power Agency (NCPA) on opportunities for local solar, which will in turn offer opportunities for local storage. He looks forward to more outreach and education about these opportunities.

The item was for information-only, so the Board did not take a vote.

B. For Information Only, Overview of Building Electrification Programs and the Electric Vehicle Time-of-Use Rate

President Serventi praised staff on the quality of the presentation.

Commissioner Gould asked why solar and storage had not been included in the presentation. General Manager Procos responded that the presentation was intended as an update on programs that have previously been presented to the Board, and that solar and storage are not considered to be within the scope of the electrification program. Commissioner Gould disagreed with this assessment and said that solar and storage can help to move customers away from gas appliances, and toward using more electric appliances once they are able to produce and store their own power. General Manager Procos directed the Board to the General Manager's Report, which included the numbers for solar and storage adoption in recent fiscal years.

Commissioner McKenna asked for clarification on how public charging utilization was measured. Staff responded that the calculation was done by load factor, comparing usage with capacity. Commissioner Gould mentioned that based in his observations, AMP

public chargers are at 50% availability most of the time due to maintenance problems with one of the two chargers.

Alameda resident Sara Rafalson congratulated AMP on its successful time-of-use (TOU) rate residential implementation and expressed a desire to see implementation for commercial customers. She advocated for an update to commercial TOU charging rates because of the higher rate once usage passes the A2 rate threshold. She mentioned the recently passed Senate Bill 437 that requires publicly-owned utilities (POUs) to file transportation electrification plans, and said she thinks AMP should look at commercial rate design to promote transportation electrification and pursue possible state energy commission funding for a multi-family program.

President Serventi asked Ms. Rafalson about the A2 rates, because it was his understanding that once usage passes a certain number, the rate becomes lower than A1 rates. Ms. Rafalson responded that this would require usage of the commercial chargers to be higher than what was reported in the presentation, above 30%. President Serventi also asked Ms. Rafalson if, because Alameda is an island, it is more than likely those who live here would be the ones charging here. Ms. Rafalson agreed and added that if AMP wants to encourage multi-family electrification, implementing commercial TOU rates would be the best way to do this, as multi-family residents are more likely to utilize public charging stations.

Commissioner Gould supported Ms. Rafalson's ideas and would like to see some of them implemented.

President Serventi asked if the City of Alameda, as the owners of the Climate Action and Resiliency Plan (CARP), has taken the lead on public outreach and education, or if that is AMP's role. Staff responded that outreach and education is a partnership between the City and AMP. General Manager Procos added that AMP's role is mainly focused on incentivizing and the City's role is looking at methods for implementation, such as mandates and grants for additional charging. President Serventi wondered if the City and AMP are doing enough between them, and General Manager Procos responded that efforts have been severely limited by COVID-19, as most of the outreach opportunities were done in person. AMP hopes to be able to resume these outreach efforts soon.

Ms. Mieler commented that electrification is a priority in the CARP and that the City does view education and outreach as a partnership with AMP.

The item was for information-only, so the Board did not take a vote.

7. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

A. General Manager's Report--September 2021

General Manager Procos updated the Board on the application process for the state-administered COVID-19 California Arrearage Payment Program. In December, staff will return to the Board with the amount of funds AMP will receive.

Fitch Ratings has decided to maintain its AA- rating for AMP, with a positive outlook, supportive of an upgrade, depending on audit results.

He also mentioned AMP's efforts to assist Coast Guard Housing with an outage. Coast Guard Housing owns and operates its electrical system, but has encountered challenges finding contractors to help maintain or repair that system, particularly during an outage. AMP field crew stepped in to help with the outage at Coast Guard Housing, however, the attempt to re-energize led to an outage in the West End of Alameda. Field crews were able to get Alameda power back, and late on Friday, they restored power to the Coast Guard. During the recent storms, fewer than .2% of AMP customers were affected by outages, compared to PG&E customers, of whom 2-3% lost power. General Manager Procos thanked staff for their efforts during the storms and outages.

President Serventi commended General Manager Procos and AMP staff.

8. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

9. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

President Serventi traveled to Washington DC with the NCPA Executive Committee to meet with congressional delegates, state senators, and members of regulatory agencies to push for clean energy investments, action on climate change, and to advocate for passage of the infrastructure bill. In April 2022, members of NCPA will return to Washington DC for the annual Federal Policy Conference.

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

None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

President Serventi adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.