

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

January 28, 2019

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 Interim City Manager David Rudat.

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – NON AGENDA (Public Comment)

Alameda resident Nick deVries noted PG&E's bankruptcy, saying that it prompts consideration of how AMP will continue to be a robust, healthy utility in the future.

3. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

None

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

A1. Minutes – Special Meeting – December 10, 2018

A2. Minutes – Regular Meeting – December 10, 2018

B. Listing of Bills Paid – December 2018

C. Financial Report – November 2018

D. Treasurer's Report for the Month Ending November 30, 2018

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

F. Adopt a Resolution Recommending that the City Council Adopt a Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Alameda and the Electric Utility Professionals Association of Alameda (EUPA) for the Period Commencing December 27, 2018 and Ending June 30, 2022

G. Adopt a Resolution Recommending that the City Council Adopt a Compensation Plan Between the City of Alameda and the Alameda Municipal Power Unrepresented Employees (AMPU) for the Period Commencing December 27, 2018 and Ending June 30, 2022

President McCormick pulled item E from the consent calendar for Board discussion. With a motion from Commissioner Serventi and a second from Interim City Manager Rudat, the Board unanimously approved the balance of the consent calendar.

President McCormick commented on item E, praising staffer Alan Hanger for his long career at AMP. Commissioner Serventi complimented Mr. Hanger's work, as well.

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

5. AGENDA ITEMS

A. By Motion, Accept Alameda Municipal Power's Load Forecast for Fiscal Year 2020

Following a staff presentation, President McCormick asked a question about a potential large customer. General Manager Procos said an item regarding the potential large customer is going to the Alameda City Council's closed session in February.

Commissioner Gould said that electric vehicle (EV) forecasts and distributed generation are rooted in AMP policy.

Staff responded that AMP is aiming to get the first five years of the forecast correct. Afterward, staff updates the forecast every year and includes improvements. In addition, an integrated resource plan is coming, staff said.

Commissioner Gould said he does not want the forecast to be a reason to not advance EV and solar programs.

President McCormick said that the forecast is not a plan, and it will never drive action. It is simply a tool to take a snapshot of where we are at, she said.

General Manager Procos said there is a big focus on EVs in the strategic plan.

Interim City Manager Rudat said that the forecast is a tool to help the utility's leaders with their vision. He asked General Manager Procos to comment on the impact of a very large customer.

General Manager Procos said that a very large customer's impact, and the utility's response, would not unfold overnight. AMP is a risk-adverse entity and it needs to have protections in place.

Commissioner Serventi asked whether AMP's current contracts would be addressed in the resource planning stage. General Manager Procos confirmed.

Commissioner Gould said that AMP needs to drive the load with policy on EVs and solar.

With a motion from Interim City Manager Rudat and a second from Commissioner Giuntini, the Board voted 4-1 to approve the item, with Commissioner Gould dissenting.

B. By Motion, Accept Alameda Municipal Power's Five Year Strategic Plan, Fiscal Years 2020-2025

Alameda resident Nick deVries said the strategic planning effort was a well-run and thoughtful exercise. He said there are triple bottom line opportunities for AMP. For example, even though he reached Tier 3 by charging his EV, he was still saving money and helping the planet.

President McCormick said that the Board will be taking a close look at EV rates in the coming months.

Ruth Abbe of Community Action for a Sustainable Alameda (CASA) praised Alan Hanger for his support and professionalism.

She questioned the language in the strategic plan relating to AMP's commitment to ensure that its resources stay 100 percent carbon neutral.

Rand Wrobel, on behalf of the 350 Bay Area community organization, advocated for AMP to make major environmental changes through a solar municipal bond.

Commissioner Gould said it is critical for the strategic plan to align with the city of Alameda's climate action plan.

Commissioner Serventi noted that many Alamedans are not aware of how their publicly owned utility serves them. One of the biggest challenges will be to educate the public.

Commissioner Giuntini asked whether staff would conduct annual or periodic check-ins with the Board about the key performance indicators.

General Manager Procos said that the check-ins with the Board would be more frequent than on an annual basis.

President McCormick addressed the language in the plan regarding AMP's carbon-neutral energy portfolio.

She proposed a language change to make it very clear that AMP will maintain a 100 percent carbon-neutral energy portfolio.

Her suggested update to page 7 of the strategic plan summary follows: “Achieve 100% carbon-neutral energy portfolio by 2020 and maintain in the future and maintain competitive position.”

President McCormick made a motion to adopt the plan with the amended language. Commissioner Gould seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the item.

6. GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

A. General Manager’s Report – December 2018

General Manager Procos briefed the Board on the line crews’ rapid response to an incident in which a vehicle hit a utility pole. He also introduced two new AMP staffers, Stephen Mariani and Alan Harbottle, to the Board.

7. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

None

8. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

President McCormick provided an update on topics addressed at the Northern California Power Agency’s (NCPA) strategic issues conference.

Commissioner Gould provided an update on CASA’s recent efforts to address climate change at the local level.

9. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Ruth Abbe of CASA said that the city’s consultant for climate planning was under the impression that AMP would only be 95 percent carbon free, instead of 100 percent.

10. ADJOURNMENT

President McCormick adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.