

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

April 15, 2019

1. ROLL CALL

Commissioner Serventi called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m. On roll call, the following commissioners were present: Commissioner Serventi, Commissioner Giuntini, Commissioner Gould, and City Manager Levitt. President McCormick joined the meeting at 4:25 p.m.

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

None

3. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

None

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

None

5. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

None

6. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Finance and Budget Planning Workshop for Fiscal Year 2020

Following staff's budget presentation, President McCormick opened public comment.

Alameda resident Nick DeVries made the following points: AMP's energy is not clean until the renewable energy credit (REC) agreements close out at the end of this year; AMP's general fund transfer to the city of Alameda is beneficial; and AMP's load should be increasing if the electric vehicle (EV) program is taking off.

President McCormick said the Board takes seriously the targeted use of REC funds. She also said that AMP anticipates a big uptick in load from EVs but the anticipated gains are offset by energy efficiency programs and solar. The Board is committed to continuing to fund incentive programs for EVs.

Commissioner Gould said that EVs are critical to load growth. He said he thinks AMP is doing a fair job with EV initiatives. He praised AMP for proposing to make the EV chargers at AMP's Service Center free of charge. Since the federal tax credit may be going away for some EVs, it is AMP's duty to step up and add some incentives, he said. He also recommended that AMP study a clean fuel rebate.

Commissioner Gould also said that the online customer portal, which would help customers understand their usage, needs to be launched sooner.

Staff said the EV plan will be an item on the Board's agenda in May. On the topic of the customer portal, staff said that AMP's general manager met with the CEO of the company developing the portal. The issues have been elevated, he said, and the situation is unfortunate.

Commissioner Serventi said that he does not want AMP to be one of the drivers of the Bay Area price index. He asked staff to examine the feasibility of a lower rate increase next year.

Staff responded that AMP is cognizant of the rates. In the strategic plan, AMP strives for its rates to be 15 percent below PG&E.

Commissioner Giuntini said she would like to see AMP continue to balance increased expenses with increased expectations.

City Manager Levitt said that staff showed a high level of professionalism in the development of the budget.

President McCormick said she is enthusiastic about upcoming electric vehicle rates.

She also said she shares frustration, on behalf of AMP's customers, about the lack of access to the smart meter data via the customer portal. AMP is using the smart meter data in projects and ratemaking, but the promised value to customers is lacking, she said. Staff can call on the Board to assist efforts to move the customer portal forward.

7. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

President McCormick welcomed City Manager Levitt to his first Board meeting and workshop.

8. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS– NON AGENDA ITEMS

None

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:56 p.m.