



APPROVED 9/25/24

MINUTES
City of Tacoma
Public Utility Board Meeting
August 28, 2024
6:30 p.m.

Chair O'Loughlin called the Public Utility Board meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: William Bridges; John O'Loughlin; Elly Claus-McGahan; Anita Gallagher
Excused: Carlos Watson

Minutes of the Previous Meetings

Mr. Bridges moved that the minutes of the previous meetings be adopted; seconded by Ms. Claus-McGahan. Voice vote was taken and carried. The minutes were declared adopted.

Comments by the Public

There were no comments by the public.

Recognitions

Christina Turner, Social Responsibility Manager, summarized the successes of last year's TPU campaign and outlined the ways employees can participate in this year's campaign which runs September 11 through October 2. Kate Colgan, Office Administrator and member of the Community Connection team, outlined the ways to give to the campaign this year. Robin Jones, Sr. Donations Officer for United Way, summarized United Way's work in the community and expressed appreciation for TPU's support and for being a premier partner for more than 14 years.

Regular Agenda

D-1 Resolution U-11469 – Authorize Tacoma Power to enter into a 20-year franchise agreement with the Town of Steilacoom to continue to serve electric customers and operate transmission facilities within the Town of Steilacoom boundaries.

Mr. Bridges moved to adopt the resolution; seconded by Ms. Claus-McGahan.

John Merrell, Asst. Section Mgr, summarized the resolution. Tacoma Power and the Town of Steilacoom entered negotiations in Q1 of 2024 to establish a new franchise agreement for Tacoma Power that allows Tacoma Power to utilize street rights-of-way within Steilacoom. A franchise agreement with the Town of Steilacoom will allow Tacoma Power to continue to serve electric customers and operate distribution and transmission facilities within Steilacoom boundaries. The existing franchise agreement expired June 20, 2023, but remains effective until the effective date of a new franchise

agreement. The Town Council of Steilacoom approved Ordinance 1702, granting a new twenty-year franchise and Tacoma Power desires authorization to accept the new twenty-year franchise agreement with Steilacoom to continue to serve electric customers and operate distribution and transmission facilities within Steilacoom boundaries. In response to a Board inquiry regarding the affects of the gross revenue definition change, Mr. Merrell shared that this new language in the gross revenue section reflects current practice, so there's no anticipated change in the calculation of administrative fees.

Voice vote taken and carried. The resolution was adopted.

D-2 Resolution U-11470 – Authorize Tacoma Water to grant a perpetual right-of-way easement of approximately 11,706 square feet of fee-owned right-of way to Pierce County to complete construction and operation of Falling Water Boulevard East in the Bonney Lake vicinity of unincorporated Pierce County for consideration of \$121,800.

Mr. Bridges moved to adopt the resolution; seconded by Ms. Claus-McGahan.

Greg Muller, Sr. Real Property Officer, summarized the resolution. Tacoma Water received a request from Pierce County for a right-of-way easement to complete the construction and operation of Falling Water Boulevard East, in the Bonney Lake vicinity of unincorporated Pierce County, WA. Tacoma Water has identified the proposed easement area as a portion of Pierce County Assessor Tax Parcel Number 0519084009, located in a suburban location in Pierce County, and is improved with the Pipeline No. 1 transmission main, and part of Tacoma Water's water supply system. The proposed easement is approximately 11,706 square feet of fee-owned Tacoma Water property. The pipeline crosses under the proposed Falling Water Boulevard East which will accommodate one traffic lane in each direction, curbs and gutters, and a shared-use path such as pedestrians, bicyclists, and other non-motorized users. Construction is anticipated upon approval and execution of the proposed easement which includes the review and approval of construction plans by Tacoma Water engineering. Pierce County is responsible for road repairs. The proposed easement will be subordinate to Tacoma Water's use to insure it will not negatively impact current or future Tacoma Water operations. Subject to Board approval, Tacoma Water has tentatively accepted the offer of \$121,800, an amount that reflects the current fair market value of the easement rights in the land and acquisition of a small amount of gravel.

Voice vote taken and carried. The resolution was adopted.

D-3 Resolution U-11471 – Authorize Tacoma Rail to accept an interest-free loan from the Washington State Department of Transportation for \$650,000 to assist with the procurement of one ballast tamper, a railroad maintenance machine

Mr. Bridges moved to adopt the resolution; seconded by Ms. Claus-McGahan.

Kyle Kellem, Roadmaster, summarized the resolution. Tacoma Rail applied for and received an interest-free loan for an amount up to \$650,000, from the Washington State Department of Transportation to replace an existing railroad track ballast tamper maintenance machine that is 35 years old through Loan Agreement RRB-1315 for an

amount up to \$650,000. The City Council consideration is scheduled for a future Council meeting.

Voice vote taken and carried. The resolution was adopted.

D. Board Comments

There were no final comments from the Board.

E. Adjournment

There being no further business or comments, the Public Utility Board meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m. until Wednesday, September 11, 2024, for a study session at 3:00 p.m., followed by a regular meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Approved:



John O'Loughlin
Chair



Elly Claus-McGahan
Secretary