



CITY OF AZUSA
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE AZUSA UTILITY BOARD/CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2009 – 6:30 P.M.

The Utility Board/City Council of the City of Azusa met in regular session, at the above date and time, at the Azusa Light and Water Conference Room, located at 729 N. Azusa Avenue, Azusa, California.

Chairman Carrillo called the meeting to order.

Call to Order

ROLL CALL

Roll Call

PRESENT: BOARD MEMBERS: GONZALES, CARRILLO, MACIAS, ROCHA
ABSENT: BOARD MEMBERS: HANKS (entered meeting at 6:45 p.m.)

ALSO PRESENT:

Also Present

City Attorney Ferre, City Manager Delach, Assistant City Manager Makshanoff, Director of Utilities Hsu, Director of Resource Management Tang, Police Captain Momot, Assistant Director of Water Operations Anderson, Senior Electrical Engineer Langit, City Clerk Mendoza, Deputy City Clerk Toscano.

Public Participation

Pub Part

Mr. Jorge Rosales addressed the Board Members expressing his concern regarding the selection procedures of item B-5, approval of Professional Services Contract with D. Wren & Associates for inspection services on water main replacement, WV-262, stating that the project was awarded based solely on price and last month two similar projects were based on qualification. He stated that he has been unable to find background information on D. Wren & Associates and asked how they were located and how large the firm is. He commented on the RFP from a project presented last month.

J. Rosales
Comments

City Manager Delach advised that he will soon be responding to questions Mr. Rosales had about projects 265 & 266, presented and approved last month.

City Mgr
Comments

The **CONSENT CALENDAR** consisting of Items B-1 through B-9, was approved by motion of Board Member Carrillo, seconded by Board Member Gonzales and carried, with the exception of items B-5, B-6, B-7, and B-9, which were considered under the Special Call portion of the Agenda. Board Member Hanks was absent from participating in this motion.

Consent Cal
B1 – B9
B-5, 6, 7, & 9
Spec Call

1. The minutes of the regular meeting of March 23, 2009, were approved as written.

Min appvd

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| 2. | Approval and authorization was given to the Mayor to sign the letter supporting the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District's reclaimed water project which will provide a reliable secondary source of recharge water for the Main San Gabriel Groundwater Basin. | Ltr of Support
Reclaimed
Water Project |
| 3. | The bid by Ironman Emissions Group to retrofit three Water Division diesel trucks with Particulate Matter (PM) Traps in amount of \$41,295.56, was approved. | Ironman Emsns
Retrofit Wtr tr |
| 4. | The contract for Project WV-262, Water Main Replacement in Rowland Avenue, West Covina was awarded to A.R. Sarmiento, Incorporated in amount of \$928,567.48, and the following resolution for a budget amendment of \$450,000 to FY 2008-2009 Capital Improvement Budget account. | A.R. Sarmiento
WV-262
Wtr Main |
| | A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AZUSA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET FOR THE WATER UTILITY TO AUTHORIZE APPROPRIATIONS NECESSARY TO FUND THE CONSTRUCTION OF PROJECT WV-262 WATERLINE REPLACEMENT IN ROWLAND AVENUE IN THE CITY OF WEST COVINA. | Res. 09-C34
Approve
Budget Amend |
| 5. | SPECIAL CALL ITEM. | Spec Call |
| 6. | SPECIAL CALL ITEM. | Spec Call |
| 7. | SPECIAL CALL ITEM. | Spec Call |
| 8. | Project LD2008-3, Refurbishing the Existing Chain Link Fence at Azusa Substation, was accepted as complete and the City Clerk's Office was directed to have Notice of Completion executed and recorded in the Office of the Los Angeles County Recorder. | NOC Chain
Link Fence
Substation |
| 9. | SPECIAL CALL ITEM. | Spec Call |

SPECIAL CALL ITEMS

Special Call

Assistant Director of Water Operations Anderson responded to question posed regarding Wren & Associates to perform inspection services for Project WV-262, Water Main Replacement, stating that the bids were based on total price, not on per hour, the firm has two principals and the person doing the inspection is a licensed contractor who lives in Azusa.

Anderson
Response

Moved by Board Member Carrillo, seconded by Board Member Hanks and unanimously carried to award the professional services agreement for inspection of Project WV-262, Water Main Replacement in Rowland Avenue, West Covina, to Wren and Associates Incorporated in amount of \$25,560.00.

Wren & Assoc.
Wtr Inspect svcs

Director of Utilities Hsu and Assistant Director of Water Operation Anderson responded to questions from Board Member Rocha regarding the additional compensation for Black & Veatch regarding excusable delays – the addition of time and non-excusable and liquidated damages, and the term satisfactory work versus acceptable.

Hsu/Anderson
Response

Moved by Board Member Carrillo, seconded by Board Member Hanks and unanimously carried to approve the addition of \$102,000 to the Black & Veatch contract to provide Construction Management Engineering Services for Project WVF-207, Canyon Membrane Water Treatment Plant Upgrade and Expansion.

Black and
Veatch

Board Member Hanks entered the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Hanks ent mtg

Board Members Rocha, Hanks and Macias expressed their opposition to AB 87 as it stands, they requested a list of stores being affected by the Bill; definition of what constitutes a large store; opposed fees or fines associated with the Bill; and stated that the Bill is flawed. Board Member Hanks commented that he is opposed to any fee, either ban the bags or leave it as is.

Opposition to
AB 87 and
input from
Members

Discussion was held regarding the issue and it was consensus of the Board Members that staff be directed to bring the item back for re-consideration with revisions noted by the Board Members in order accomplish the goals of the Bill. Dis-Direct to Staff for rvsn

Board Member Rocha addressed item regarding the extension of a transmission line on Sierra Madre noting that in the staff report the reference to San Gabriel Canyon Road needs to be changed to Ranch Road. Rocha Comments

City Attorney Ferre also commented on the item clarifying that the reimbursement to Covina Irrigating Company is prudent due to additional costs that would be associated with bidding and administering a separate contract, and additional repaving and delaying in the opening of Sierra Madres Avenue; further it is allowed under California Law. City Attorney Comments

Moved by Board Member Carrillo, seconded by Board Member Hanks and unanimously carried to approve the reimbursement to CICO for the installation of approximately forty feet of pipeline and appurtenance equipment to extend the Water Treatment Plant (WTP) transmission line to connect to an existing Azusa transmission line in Sierra Madre Avenue, creating the connection of the WTP to the Azusa water distribution system. Extend Trans Line CIC

STAFF REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS

Staff Rpts

Director of Utilities Hsu presented the Monthly Update on Water Treatment Plant stating that it is 99% completed and they are still awaiting the Health Department approval of the permit. Discussion was held and it was stated that they may schedule the dedication on June 8th at 6 p.m. It was also noted at this time that the next Utility Board Meeting on Tuesday, May 26, 2009, would begin at 6 p.m. Monthly WTP Update

Director of Resource Management Tang Lodi #2 Project Update stating that the planning and permitting activities for the project are on schedule and within budget at this time and that there is a substantial increase in the cost estimate due to plans for a larger project that will be more efficient and additional financing cost given to current conditions of financial markets, he detailed and responded to questions posed. Update on Lodi Project

Director of Utilities Hsu provided an update on a California New Electricity Market Update, Market Redesign and Technology Upgrade (MRTU), which began on April 1, 2009. He stated that they are pleased with the reports on MRTU and all is running smoothly without major problems. Ca New Elect Mkt Update

Director of Utilities Hsu addressed the item Potential Grant Application for Stimulus Money through SCPPA, stating that there are two areas that he identifies for utilization, one is for energy efficiency software grant application writing, and Smart Grid, which is an information technology which would be the most efficient way to use energy i.e. dispatching, distribution levels, etc. Potential uses for Stimulus Money SCPPA

Director of Utilities Hsu announced that May is Water Awareness Month and that a banner will be hung across Foothill Boulevard reminding all to be aware which is provided and paid for by the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District. May Water Awareness Mo.

Director of Utilities Hsu provided information regarding the increase and demand for water in other cities such as Burbank, Monrovia, Duarte, San Marina, and Baldwin Park and the increases in Metropolitan Water District; he responded to questions and detailed issues such as conservation; changes in MWD's charges; other countries problems regarding water, etc.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Dir Cmts

City Manager Delach provided information regarding the City Library and the disposing of old books; stating that the Tribune is reporting on the issue with incorrect information; he detailed the weeding process as well as how they were donated to the Friends and their participation. Chairman Macias asked that there be a policy on the process. Update on Library book disposition

City Manager Delach presented item regarding discussion on Future Meeting Dates for Budget, Study Future Sessions/Joint Meetings, and City Hall On-the-Move Events The dates were as follows: May 11the City Hall Meetings on the Move; May 26th Utility Board and Council meeting Budget Review; June 3rd Budget Review , if discussion needed; June 8th Budget Review, if needed; June 29th tentative Joint City Council and Planning Commission on Housing Element, and July 30th Concerts in the Park and City Hall on the Move.

Moved by Board Member Carrillo seconded by Board Member Gonzales and unanimously carried to adjourn. Adjourn

TIME OF ADJOURNMENT: 7:38 P.M.

SECRETARY

NEXT RESOLUTION NO. 09-C35.