



CITY OF AZUSA

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

OF THE AZUSA UTILITY BOARD/CITY COUNCIL

MONDAY, JULY 27, 2009 – 6:30 P.M.

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

Vice Chairman Gonzales called the meeting to order.

Call to Order

Cary Kalscheuer, Assistant to Utilities Director, led in the Flag Salute.

Flag Salute.

ROLL CALL

Roll Call

PRESENT: BOARD MEMBERS: GONZALES, CARRILLO, HANKS, ROCHA
ABSENT: BOARD MEMBERS: MACIAS

ALSO PRESENT:

Also Present

City Attorney Ferre, City Manager Delach, Assistant City Manager Makshanoff, Interim Director of Utilities Tang, Assistant to Utilities Director Kalscheuer, Assistant Director Customer Care and Solutions Vanca, Director of Public Works/Assistant City Manager Haes, Assistant Director of Water Operations Anderson, Public Information Officer Quiroz, Operations Captain Momot, Sr. Electric Engineer Langit, Storekeeper Alvarez, City Clerk Mendoza, Administrative Technician Hernandez.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Pub Part

Mr. Mike Lee commended all who participated in the Korean Armistice Day Celebration and thanked all who attended; he spoke about Planning Commission positions, and asked council to reconsider the possible review and/or re-appointment of the current commissioners.

M. Lee comments

Mr. Jorge Rosales asked Boardmembers if the loan that the Redevelopment Agency acquired from the City on March of 2008, has been paid.

J. Rosales comments

Ms. Stephanie Mills expressed her opposition to the possible review and/or re-appointment of the current Planning Commissioners.

S. Mills comments

The **CONSENT CALENDAR** consisting of Items B-1 through B-3, was approved by motion of Board Member Carrillo, seconded by Board Member Hanks and unanimously carried.*

Consent Cal apvd.

1. The minutes of the regular meeting of June 22, 2009, were approved as written.

Min appvd

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| 2. | Approval was given for a License Agreement with Power Settlements Consulting and Software, LLC. and the Mayor was authorized to execute said agreement. | Lic Agmnt
Power Settlmnt |
| 3. | A RESOLUTION OF THE AZUSA UTILITY BOARD/CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AZUSA, COMMITTING TO MATCH ANY GRANT FUNDS THAT MAY BE AWARDED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY FOR A SMART GRID PROJECT IN THE CITY OF AZUSA UP TO ONE MILLION DOLLARS. | Res. 09-C68
matching
funds |

SCHEDULED ITEM

Sched Items

Board Member Rocha addressed the item regarding Annual Water Rights Transactions, questioning the dates of the closing of the agreement to be on June 30, 2009.

Water
Rights
Transactions

Interim Utilities Director Tang, explained that water lease is an accounting exercise administered by Water Master and is done before the end of each fiscal year; between June 15 and June 30, is when the water lease is transferred, this agreement is structured between that time. The request for approval is for ratification of the agreement, and to adopt resolution to authorize staff to engage in discussion with outside entities.

After light discussion was held, it was moved by Board Member Carrillo, seconded by Board Member Hanks and unanimously carried* to Ratify the execution of the water rights lease agreement with the City of Arcadia.

Board Member Carrillo offered a Resolution entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AZUSA, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING A POLICY AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO REPLACEMENT WATER AGREEMENTS AND PRODUCTION RIGHT AGREEMENTS.

Res. 09-C69
Replacement
Water
Agreements
& Prod Rights

Moved by Board Member Carrillo, seconded by Board Member Hanks and unanimously carried to waive further reading and adopt. Resolution passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board.

AYES:	BOARD MEMBERS:	GONZALES, CARRILLO, HANKS, ROCHA
NOES:	BOARD MEMBERS:	NONE
ABSENT:	BOARD MEMBERS:	MACIAS

STAFF REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS

Staff Rpts

Interim Director of Utilities Tang presented a follow up report from Ms. Susanne Avila, regarding the California Resources Connection (CRC) agreement, for river walk and compost workshops. This report is part of the agreement with CRC, and is required to provide to the City, pursuant to the City's funding support for the events.

CRC
Report

Interim Director of Utilities Tang presented information regarding Power Resources Projects: The Lodi Energy Center is an ongoing agreement; however, the Preliminary Staff Assessment it is facing delays in getting approval by the California Energy Commission because of the backlog due to the employee's state mandatory furlough. The Garnet Wind Project is now operating, after six months of testing. Staff is working through Southern California Public Power Authority for a joint application of ICE Bear technology; a device that builds up ice during the off-peak hours, and releases the cooling during the summer afternoons; the city library is currently using the ICE Bear unit.

Update
on Power
Resources
Projects

Interim Director of Utilities Tang presented information on the Filtration Plant, which has been completed; staff has been engaged in intensive conditioning of the plant; due to the size of this project, the completion is complex, and before they begin operating it, they need to insure everything has been properly checked for protections purposes. It is estimated to start operating on August 10.

Update
Water
Filtration
Plant

Interim Director of Utilities Tang presented an information report answering questions that were posed by Directors at the last Utility Board Meeting of June 22, regarding Customer Service Division's Lifeline Program, various billing practices, drop box message, customer count breakdown, and customer usage of online payment features.

Update Report
Cust Svcs

Interim Director of Utilities Tang presented information regarding Photo Voltaic Solar System Update for Cardinal Laboratories; 3 years ago pursuant to State Legislation Azusa established distribution of solar program for retail customers through Cardinal Laboratories. The expected rebate for Azusa is \$336,600. It is estimated to be completed by the end of this month with a ribbon cutting in mid September.

Photo Voltaic
Solar System

Interim Director of Utilities Tang presented information on Climate Change Legislation; H.R.2454 that was passed by the Federal House of Representatives; the Southern California municipal utilities including Azusa, has exposure to coal generations which is one of the main sources of green house gas, and even though this legislation doesn't protect Azusa 100%, it is better than California AB 32. This new bill will give a reasonable transition period for a targeted reduction of green house gas, that goes to 2025, 2030, a 15 to 20 year life span. Another aspect favorable to Azusa is the "Cap-and-Trade" regulatory on allowances of emissions. To buy allowances under the bill, Azusa should be able to get them at no cost as part of the transition.

H.R. 2454
Climate
Change
Bill

Interim Director of Utilities Tang presented an update on the San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District's Public Education Program to conserve water, which is being promoted by postings on bus shelters.

Promotion
water conserv

Interim Director of Utilities Tang presented an update on Azusa's water supply, which seems to be reasonable. Azusa's savings have been from 15% to 20%, compared to couple of years ago, if customers continue to cooperate in saving water, Azusa should be able to make it through summer and fall. There is concern on enforcement due to the high heat. Water patrol units have been reinstated during weekends until the end of September.

Water
Patrol
update

Vice Chairman Gonzales, thanked City staff and Los Angeles County staff, for the Morris Dam tour, which was very educational.

City Manager Delach responded to question posed at public participation regarding the loan that Redevelopment Agency acquired from the City, stating that due to delay on property sales, the payment of the note has also been delayed, and it is estimated that action on the note will begin September or October.

Moved by Board Member Gonzales, seconded by Board Member Carrillo and unanimously carried* to adjourn the Utility Board Meeting in memory of Mr. Richard "Dick" Stanford, former Councilmember, who passed away earlier today.

Adjourn
in memory
of D. Stanford

TIME OF ADJOURNMENT: 7:07 P.M.**

SECRETARY

NEXT RESOLUTION NO. 09-C70.

*Denotes Chairman Macias absent.

** A special meeting of the City Council and the Redevelopment Agency was held immediately following a 15 minute recess.

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