



CITY OF AZUSA
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE AZUSA UTILITY BOARD
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2009 – 6:30 P.M.

The Utility Board 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 Macias called the meeting to order.

Call to Order

ROLL CALL

Roll Call

PRESENT: BOARD MEMBERS: GONZALES, CARRILLO, MACIAS, HANKS, ROCHA
ABSENT: BOARD MEMBERS: NONE

ALSO PRESENT:

Also Present

City Attorney Ferre, Assistant City Manager Makshanoff, Director of Utilities Morrow, Assistant to Utilities Director Kalscheuer, Economic and Community Development Director Christiansen, Director of Public Works/Assistant City Manager Haes, Administrative Services Director-Chief Financial Officer Kreimeier, Assistant Director of Water Operations Anderson, Business Development/Public Benefits Coordinator Reid, Police Lieutenant S. Hunt, City Clerk Mendoza, Deputy City Clerk Toscano.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Pub Part

Mr. Mike Lee expressed his sympathy regarding the passing of Vicky Philipson, a local resident who passed away over the week end; she was 92 years old and an employee of Stater Bros in Azusa for the past 52 years. He noted that another friend of his had passed away, Shirley Fisher. He stated that there are dimly lighted areas in the City, asked that the contract with IBEW be worked out and wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.

M. Lee
Comments

UTILITIES DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Dir Comments

Director of Utilities Morrow announced and invited Board Members to attend the SCPPA Legislative Briefing to be held on December 17th at the Hilton, stating that they could confirm with Liza Cawte of Light and Water, if they wish to attend.

Anncd SCPPA
Meeting

UTILITY BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Brd Mbr Cmts

Board Members wished all a Happy thanksgiving.

Happy
Thanksgiving

The **CONSENT CALENDAR** consisting of Items D-1 and D-2, was approved by motion of Board Member Carrillo, seconded by Board Member Hanks and unanimously carried. Consent Cal D-1 & 2

1. The minutes of the regular meeting of October 26, 2009, were approved as written. Min appvd
2. Approval was given for a blanket purchase order to be issued to Superior Operating Solutions (SOS) for ongoing computer service for SCADA systems in amount of \$32,000 and cancel current blanket purchase order of Integrity Engineering, Incorporated. Blanket P.O. SOS

SPECIAL CALL ITEMS

None. Special Call None

SCHEDULED ITEMS

PROPOSED REGULATION OF COAL FLY ASH AS HAZARDOUS WASTE. Regs Fly Ash

Director of Utilities Morrow presented the item stating that he wanted to make the Board aware that EPA is considering classifying coal fly ash as hazardous waste as a result of a failure of a coal pond retention wall last year at a Tennessee Valley Authority power plant which dumped over 5 million yards of coal waste into surrounding areas. Now the EPA wishes to classify coal fly ash as a hazardous waste. He described the current uses and classification for coal ash and noted that other entities are against the classification as hazardous waste. Dir of Util Comments

Board Member Hanks agrees to the oppose position, noting that coal ash is not hazardous waste, and already offsetting cement and is useful. Discussion was held. Hanks Comments

Moved by Board Member Carrillo, seconded by Board Member Hanks and unanimously carried to adopt an "Oppose" position to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's effort to classify coal fly ash as "hazardous waste" as part of its rulemaking and authorize staff to advocate such position. Adopt Oppose Coal Fly Ash As HW

PURCHASE AND DISTRIBUTION OF REFRIGERATOR MAGNETS FOR WATER DROUGHT REQUIREMENTS. Magnets Water Drought

Director of Utilities Morrow presented the cost of \$21,000 to purchase magnets and discussion was held regarding the possible distribution of refrigerator magnets to inform residents about day of the week customers may water their yards given drought phase that is in effect. It was also discussed that staff could look into sources of funding such as grants, etc. Dir of Util And Discussion

Moved by Board Member Carrillo, seconded by Board Member Gonzales and unanimously carried not to proceed with the purchase at this time. Not to proceed At this time

THE HOOVER POWER ALLOCATION ACT. Hoover Pwr Allocation Act Dir of Util Presentation

Director of Utilities Morrow addressed the item stating that the allocation of power from the Hoover resource is made through federal Statute which is set to expire in 2017, various interested parties are proposing to advance a bill though congress to extend three decades, all existing participants will give up 5% of their scheduled power to a pool that would be distributed under a new schedule. He requested support from the Board Members in favor of the Hoover Power Allocation Act in the form of a letter signed by Mayor to senators to initiate the dialog.

Moved by Board Member Hanks, seconded by Board Member Gonzales and unanimously carried to approve a "Support" position on The Hoover Power Allocation Act and authorize the Mayor and staff to advocate for passage of the bill by the U.S. Congress. Support Approved

STAFF REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS

Staff Rpts

Assistant Director of Water Operation Anderson presented the Basin Water Supply Update stating that water level has been dropping in the basin and it is two feet lower than it was at this time last year but that there is a little water coming down the canyon and water will be coming from the Dam. The Wastermaster is negotiating with MWD to get full service untreated water which is not replenishment water to put into the main basin. He responded to questions posed and talked about going into phase III of the Drought and worse case scenarios.

Basin Water Supply Update

Director of Utilities Morrow presented the informational item 2009 Water Rate Adjustment and Consumption Update, stating that everything that was projected is correct. Water rates were increased by 18% effective July 1, 2009 and the report shown is that water consumption for the first four month of FY 2009-2010 continued to lag behind by 19%.

Water Rate Adjustment Review

Assistant to Utilities Director Kalscheuer provided the Comprehensive State Water Legislation Update and provided that five senate bills introduced and detailed them as follows: SB X7-1, Delta Protection, SB X7-2, Water Bond, SB X76, Groundwater Monitoring, SB X7-7, Water conservation, and SB X7-8, Water Diversion and Use Reporting. City Attorney Ferre responded to question regarding Delta protection.

State Wtr Legislation

Director of Utilities Morrow presented an informational item on Assembly Bill 920 – requirement to buy excess local solar/wind energy stating that the city will have to buy excess solar or wind energy from retail customers within service area, and that there are three residential and one commercial customer which may be eligible. The bill requires The Azusa Utility Board to adopt a surplus energy compensation valuation to compensate a customer who might have excess solar/wind energy for the prior year, by January 1, 2011.

Assembly Bill 920 excess local solar/wind

Director of Utilities Morrow addressed the information item regarding Daylight Savings Time Change stating that the literature presented contains mixed conclusions with minor amounts of energy savings with cooler areas saving more than warmer areas because of the use of air conditioning in the evenings. He stated that any state may be exempt from DST by passing a state law.

Daylight Savings Time

Director of Utilities Morrow presented the informational item regarding types of customer payment confirmations, i.e. online, pay-by-hone and electronic/recurring payment options. Board Member Rocha thanked staff for not including the envelopes in payments that would be made automatic/electronically.

Payment options

Discussion was held regarding December Utility Board Meeting Schedule and it was consensus of Board Members that the meeting of 12/29 be cancelled and that any items that should arise that need Council action be taken to the City Council Meeting of December 21, 2009. Board Member Hanks requested that Board Members be kept informed of the water situation.

Dis re: Schedule of December mtg

It was consensus of the Board Members to recess at 7:35 p.m., the meeting in order to conduct Closed Session in conjunction with the City Council Special Meeting Closed Session.

Recess Reconvened

CLOSED SESSION

Closed Sess

The Board Members reconvened jointly with the City Council at 7:56 p.m. to recess to Closed Session to discuss the following:

Recess

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS (Gov. Code Sec. 54956.8)

Water Rights In Main SGB

Property: Water Rights in the Main San Gabriel Basin,
Agency negotiator: George F. Morrow
Negotiating party: Monrovia Nursery
Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (Gov. Code Sec. 54957.6)

Conf w/Labor
Negotiator
IBEW

Agency Negotiators: City Manager Delach and Administrative Services Director-CFO Kreimeier
Organization: IBEW

The Board Members and the City Council Members reconvened at 8:25 p.m. There was no reportable action taken.

Reconvened
No Reports

It was consensus of Board Members to adjourn.

Adjourn

TIME OF ADJOURNMENT: 8:26 P.M.

SECRETARY