



CITY OF AZUSA
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE AZUSA UTILITY BOARD/CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2008 – 6:30 P.M.

The Utility Board Members of the City of Azusa met in regular session, at the above date and time, at Victor Hodge Elementary School, located at 700 W. 11th Street, Azusa, California.

Chairman Carrillo called the meeting to order and Lt. Momot led in the salute to the Flag.

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 Resource Management Tang, Assistant to the Utilities Director Kalscheuer, Assistant Director of Water Operations Anderson, Electric Meter Supervisor Getty, Azusa Police Lieutenant Momot, Finance Controller Michaels-Aguilar, City Engineer Hassel, City Clerk Mendoza, Deputy City Clerk Toscano.

Public Participation

Pub Part

Mr. Art Morales addressed the Board Members regarding the following: water issues, Block 36, parking and fencing on Azusa, San Gabriel lighting, the Health Center, and Gale Banks article in the Los Angeles Times. Assistant City Manager Makshanoff responded to questions posed regarding parking and fencing issues on Azusa Avenue, Block 36.

A. Morales
Comments

The **CONSENT CALENDAR** consisting of Items B-1 through B-8, was approved by motion of Board Member Hanks, seconded by Board Member Macias and unanimously carried with the exception of items B-1 and B-3, which were considered under the Special Call portion of the Agenda. Item B-5 was removed from the Agenda by Staff.

Consent Cal
Appvd B-1 &
B-3 Spec Call
B-4 Rmvd

1. SPECIAL CALL ITEM.

Spec Call

2. Approval was given to adopt an oppose position on Proposition 7, the Solar and Clean Energy Act of 2008, and to authorize staff to advocate against this California Initiative on the November 4, 2008, General Election Ballot.

Oppose Prop
7, Solar &
Clean Energy
Act of 2008

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| 3. | SPECIAL CALL ITEM. | Spec Call |
| 4. | Approval was given for additional \$9,500 compensation to Wren & Associates for inspection services on Project W-245, Water Main Replacement in First Street, et.al. | Add'l Comp
Wren & Assoc. |
| 5. | REMOVED FROM AGENDA. RFP from qualified solid waste and recycling consultants to analyze the City's contract with Athens Services and make recommendations pursuant to the study. | Item removed
from agenda |
| 6. | Approval was given for the purchase of 96 electric meters from McAvoy and Markham Sales Company in an amount of \$23,237.77. | Pur Electric
mtrs McAvoy |
| 7. | Approval was given for the purchase of three phase Watthour Engineering Company (WECO) electric meter test equipment from McAvoy and Markham Sales Company in the amount of \$45,325 to replace the existing test board. | Pur Elect Mtr
Test Equip. |
| 8. | A RESOLUTION OF THE UTILITY BOARD/CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AZUSA ACCEPTING A CERTAIN GRANT AND REPLACEMENT OF EASEMENT AND DIRECTING THE RECORDATION THEREOF. (Northrop Grumman Systems Corporation) | Res. 08-C81
Replace Esmt
Northrop
Grumman |

SPECIAL CALL ITEMS

Special Call

Board Member Macias addressed the minutes, specifically discussion regarding opposition to recent actions taken by Metropolitan Transit Authority; resolutions were adopted at the August 4th meeting and Mr. Macias requested those resolutions be forwarded to Chris Lowe, Clerk of the Board, Personnel Manager, Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority. Board Member Rocha abstained from the minutes as he was not present at that meeting.

Macias request
Resos to MTA
Rocha abstain
from minutes

Moved by Board Member Macias, seconded by Chairman Carrillo and carried to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of July 28, 2008, Board Member Rocha abstained.

Min Appvd

Discussion between Board Members and Staff regarding the process and material used to fill the trench on the Sewer Force Main in Daybreak Drive and San Gabriel Canyon Road project: standard versus slurry backfill was discussed. Utilities Department approved low bid which included use of standard backfill, however, once project commenced City Engineer required slurry backfill. Because of the higher cost of using slurry backfill, use of slurry backfill was discontinued. A portion of the trench was filled with slurry backfill and prompted change order. Board Member Rocha voiced opposition to the change order out of concern for how the change was being approved in the field.

Discussion
Add'l funds
K. Thompson

Moved by Board Member Macias, seconded by Chairman Carrillo and carried to approve the addition of \$158,317 to the Ken Thompson, Inc. contract for construction of Project W-243, Water Treatment Plant Water Mains and Sewer Force Main in Daybreak Drive and San Gabriel Canyon Road. Board Member Rocha dissenting.

K. Thompson
add'l funds
WTP mains
& Swr Main

SCHEDULED ITEMS

Sched Items

Director of Resource Management Tang addressed the Board Members reminding them of the new water conservation ordinance recently adopted by the City Council and presenting an Amendment to the Azusa Light and Water Rules and Regulations to add Rule No. 21 incorporating those new rules stating that the Rules and Regulations govern utility services rendered outside of the incorporated areas of Azusa; he noted the importance of establishing consistency between the City Municipal Code and the Rules and Regulations with respect to enforcing water conservation requirements both inside and outside the City of Azusa. He responded to questions posed.

Dir Res Mgt
Rules & Regs
Water
Conservation

Board Member Rocha offered a Resolution entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE UTILITY BOARD/CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AZUSA, CALIFORNIA, TO AMEND AZUSA LIGHT & WATER RULES AND REGULATIONS TO ADD RULE NO. 21 REGARDING WATER CONSERVATION.

Res. 08-C82
Amend Rules
Wtr Conserve

Moved by Board Member Rocha, seconded by Board Member Gonzales to waive further reading and adopt. Resolution passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board Members:

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

STAFF REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS

Staff Rpts

Director of Resource Management Tang presented the Monthly Update on Water Treatment Plant stating that the project is 87% complete; estimated completion is mid November, and clarified the process.

B. Tang
Update WTP

Assistant Director of Water Operations Anderson addressed the issue stating that the State Health has to issue a permit, and contractor may ask for an extension of about 60-90 days, but a realistic and informal assessment for the schedule for completion would be December. City Attorney Ferre noted that Black and Veatch, the Project Managers are hired to address these kinds of issues.

C. Anderson
WTP

Director of Resource Management Tang presented the Power Resources Project Update as follows: Metropolitan Water District Power Purchase Agreement will begin November 1; Lodi Energy Center, application for certification has been filed on September 10th; the transition to Riverside Real Time Scheduling and the New CAISO Market Activities have had a smooth transition with the start date in 2009; the Feasibility Studies for San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District for small hydro projects will be received by the end of the month; and Electrical Rates are being reviewed and there may be a need for adjustments. He and Assistant Director of Water Operations Anderson responded to questions posed regarding statements in newspaper regarding water, basin groundwater and summer outages.

B. Tang
Update on
Power Res
Projects

Director of Resource Management Tang presented the Quarterly San Juan Fuel Cost Adjustment recommending that Fuel Cost Adjustment of 1.22 cents per kWh be assessed due to the combined higher availability and higher average cost of replacement power, but anticipate it to taper off in the first quarter of 2009 due to improved operations and generally lower cost of replacement power.

B. Tang
Quarterly
San Juan
FCA

Assistant to the Utilities Director Kalscheuer presented the Sharps Disposal Prohibition, SB 1305 which was implemented September 08; he advised of AB 501 which would encourage pharmaceutical manufacturers to provide a process to collect sharps more efficiently; he detailed the issue and responded to questions posed.

C. Kalscheuer
Sharps Disp
Prohibition

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Dir Cmts

Director of Resource Management Tang provided suggested dates for the Garnet Wind Project Ribbon Cutting Ceremony in late October 25 or November 1, preferably; Board Members noted that they would check their schedules, but November 1st was selected. Mr. Tang suggested that all attendees ride a bus together, arrive at 10 a.m., and attend the site and have ceremony for about ½ hour and return to warehouse staging area to finalize the trip.

B. Tang
Garnet Wind
Ribbon Cutting

Director of Resource Management Tang advised that the Greenhouse Gas Workshop on AB 32, has been scheduled for the October 27th Utility Board Meeting at Light and Water Conference Room.

B. Tang
Greenhouse
Gas Workshop
October 27th

Moved by Board Member Gonzales, seconded by Board Member Macias and unanimously carried that request for proclamation for Sergeant Martin Salazar who is re-enlisting in the service be approved; presentation is to be made on October 4th. Proc Sgt M. Salazar

Staff responded to questions regarding construction on San Gabriel Canyon Road. Board Member Hanks thanked Staff for the report for SCAG. Comments

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

TIME OF ADJOURNMENT: 7:32 P.M.

SECRETARY

NEXT RESOLUTION NO. 08-C83.