

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TACOMA-PIERCE COUNTY
OBSERVER CORPS**

Tacoma City Council Meeting
February 4, 2020

Observer: Lydia Zepeda

The Observer arrived at the meeting, which was scheduled to begin at 5:00 pm, at 5:15 pm, and the meeting was already adjourned. Over \$18 million in contracts was allocated in less than 15 minutes. These notes were made from the online agenda.

ITEMS FILED WITH CITY CLERK:

[Minutes of the Community Vitality and Safety Committee, December 12, 2019.](#) Briefing about Project Peace and Community Engagement Coordinator Work Plan,

[Minutes of the Greater Tacoma Regional Convention Center Public Facilities District Board, October 17, 2019.](#) Revenues are over budget and expenses under. Conferences and trade shows have scaled back due to client perceptions of parking and hotel construction. Name of new hotel: Marriott Tacoma Downtown to open August 2020.

[Minutes of the Public Utility Board study session, December 4, 2019.](#)

Grid storage launch pad facility was discussed to test and reduce risk in energy storage for the electrical grid.

Procurement and Payables Manager Patsy Best recommended increasing threshold for Council approval of contracts from \$200,000 to \$500,000; not requiring approval for recurring software license and maintenance; authority to amend contracts up to \$200,000 after initial approval; increasing threshold for equity contract from \$25,000 to \$50,000; using city wide contracts; and standardizing the use of cooperative purchasing agreements.

[Minutes of the Public Utility Board special meeting, December 4, 2019.](#) Executive session related to real property per RCW 42.30.110(1)(c) and cybersecurity (RCW 42.30.110(1)). No further details provided.

[Minutes of the Public Utility Board meeting, December 4, 2019.](#)

Resolution U-11123 adopted

1. Increased and extended contract with Internet Service Provider Network (used by Click! and also Rainier Connect) to provide continued call center customer services (\$100,000, plus applicable taxes. Cumulative contract total \$290,000). The transition from Click! to Rainier Connect has taken longer so requires more funds.

2. Increased contract to Z2 Solutions LLC for test coordination, enhanced deployment support, operational planning, and implementation change management phases of the Advanced Meter Project (\$583,324, plus applicable taxes. Cumulative total \$2,628,524, plus applicable taxes)

3. Contract to Excergy Corporation for customer engagement portal consulting services related to the Advanced Meter Project (\$718,681, plus applicable taxes).

4. Contract to ABB, Inc., for the Mossyrock Unit 51 and 52 generator breaker replacement project (\$1,246,760, plus applicable taxes).

5. Increased contract to Olsson, Inc. for engineering services for Cowlitz Trout Hatchery ozone generator replacement project (\$50,000, plus applicable taxes. Cumulative total \$250,000, plus applicable taxes).

6. Contract to Jacobs Engineering to provide engineering consulting services to develop a plan for pressurizing Tacoma Water Pipeline No. 1 (\$624,537, plus applicable taxes).

Resolution U-11129 adopted

Authorizes Tacoma Water to participate in the City of Tacoma, Department of Public Works, East 64th Street Project to install approximately 3,300 feet of new four-inch water main along East 64th Street from Pacific Avenue to McKinley Avenue. Tacoma Water proposes installing new four-inch water main at a cost of \$748,505 to improve water pressure.

Resolution U-11130 adopted

Repeals Resolution U-11102 adopted on September 11, 2019 and authorizes amending and revising sections of Tacoma Municipal Code Chapter 12.10 regarding water regulations and rates. Given water wholesale revenue and demand have fallen, the proposal is to increase fixed rate and decrease the variable rate.

Board of Ethics Annual Report 2019. Complaints against Tacoma City Manager, Elizabeth Pauli for failure to take corrective action against a police employee, Tacoma Public Utility Board Member Karen Larkin for misuse of her position to influence traffic improvements, and Mayor and City Council had acted improperly. All found not to violate TMC 1.46, even if true.

Disclosure of Remote Interest Council Member Chris Beale

Disclosure of Remote Interest Council Member John Hines

Disclosure of Remote Interest Council Member Catherine Ushka

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes of the City Council study session, January 14, 2020.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED:

RES40545

Authorizes accepting a \$5,000,000 grant from the Washington State DOE Stormwater Financial Assistance Program, and a loan of \$2,797,752 from the DOE, State Revolving Fund Loan; depositing the total \$7,797,752 into the Surface Water Fund; to install permeable pavement in the Larchmont neighborhood between East 84th and East 88th Streets, and McKinley Avenue and East “A” Street.

PURCHASE RESOLUTIONS PASSED:

RES40546 Contract with Insituform Technologies, LLC, for \$987,630, plus applicable taxes, plus a 10 percent contingency, for a total of \$1,086,393, budgeted from the Wastewater Fund, for

rehabilitation of approximately 4.8 miles of underground wastewater pipes in various locations throughout the City.

[RES40547](#) Contract with Insituform Technologies, LLC, for \$1,976,365, taxes not included, plus a 10 percent contingency, for a total of \$2,174,001, budgeted from the Surface Water Fund, for rehabilitation of approximately 4.6 miles of underground stormwater pipes in various locations throughout the City.

[RES40548](#) Contract with R.L. Alia Company, for \$915,330, plus applicable taxes, budgeted from the Wastewater and Surface Water Funds, for repairs to wastewater and stormwater mains on an as-needed basis in various locations throughout the City, for an initial contract period of three years, with the option to renew for one additional one-year period.

[RES40549](#) Contract to R.L. Alia Company, for \$1,150,081, plus applicable taxes, plus a 20 percent contingency, for a total of \$1,380,097, budgeted from the Wastewater and Street Initiative Funds, for the replacement of wastewater sewer mains, roadways, and curb ramps, in various locations throughout the City: North 33rd and Ferdinand; South 18th and South Mullen; South 15th and South Pine (maps available at resolution link).

[RES40550](#) Increase in contract with McKinstry Essention, LLC, of \$6,265,906, plus applicable taxes, plus a 15 percent contingency, for a total of \$12,877,682, budgeted from the Wastewater Fund, for energy management improvements at the Central Wastewater Treatment Plant. Recent cleaning and upgrades in bio-digesters has resulted in 50% increase in gas production resulting in biogas flaring, which contributes to global warming and wastes energy. Mitigation requires upsizing equipment, modifications to the boilers, and improvements in heating, ventilation and air conditioning system.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED:

[RES40551](#) Amends the Shorelands Lease Agreement with the Foss Waterway Development Authority and the Foss Harbor Marine, LLC, to facilitate financing for adjacent upland real estate development projects, through December 31, 2048. (maps available at resolution link).

COMMITTEE REPORTS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Government Performance and Finance Committee (no link provided)