

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF ALAMEDA PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD MEETING

July 16, 2018

1. ROLL CALL

President McCormick called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. On roll call, the following commissioners were present: President McCormick, Commissioner Serventi, Commissioner Deaton, Commissioner Giuntini and Acting City Manager Liz Warmerdam.

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – NON AGENDA (Public Comment)

Jeff Gould of Alameda said he was looking forward to joining the PUB team if he gets the votes from the City Council.

Alameda resident Roberta Hough said that Shelby Sheehan had previously asked the Board to do the following: review the smart meter program; add a safety assurance component; implement a grievance process; and develop a new opt out policy. She requested that the Board put Ms. Sheehan's suggestions on the agenda sometime before the AMI close-out item is heard.

3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

With a motion from Commissioner Giuntini and a second from Acting City Manager Warmerdam, the Board approved the following slate of officers:

The Board re-elected Ann McCormick to the position of president. Jerry Serventi was re-elected to the vice president position. The general manager was re-elected to the position of secretary of the Board.

On a related topic, Commissioner Serventi agreed to serve as the Board's NCPA representative. (Serving as NCPA representative is not an elected position).

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

The Board presented a check for \$10,881 to the Alameda Education Foundation. The check represents funds collected in the 2018 fiscal year by Alameda Municipal Power (AMP) for Power Up for Learning, a joint program of AMP and AEF.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Minutes – Regular Meeting – June 25, 2018

B. Listing of Bills Paid – June 2018

C. Financial Report – May 2018

D. Treasurer’s Report for the Month Ending May 31, 2018

E. By Resolution, Authorize the General Manager to Award Purchases to Supply Single-Phase and Three-Phase Pole-Mounted and Pad-Mounted Distribution Transformers for an Immediate Initial Purchase to ABB, Inc. in an Amount Not to Exceed \$269,000; Power Partners, Inc. in an Amount Not to Exceed \$11,300; and Howard Industries, Inc. in an Amount Not to Exceed \$243,700; and Five Year Awards for Future Purchases to Each Vendor per Material Specification No. MS 05-18-01

F. By Motion, Authorize the General Manager to Purchase One Cutaway Van with Utility Body in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$53,000 from National Auto Fleet Group

G. By Resolution, Approve Changes to Schedule EV, Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

President McCormick pulled item G from the consent calendar and moved it to the regular agenda. With a motion from Commissioner Deaton and second from Commissioner Serventi, the Board approved the balance of the consent calendar.

6. AGENDA ITEMS

G. By Resolution, Approve Changes to Schedule EV, Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

Following a staff presentation, President McCormick asked staff whether the city was re-selling AMP power. General Manager Procos said he did not see an issue with re-sale here.

President McCormick asked what rate AMP used for its Level 3 chargers over the past couple weeks. General Manager Procos responded that the promotional rate closed at the end of June. Instead of confusing customers by reverting to a higher \$0.45 rate, AMP chose to make the chargers non-operational for the past two weeks until it could ask the Board to approve the \$0.30 rate.

President McCormick asked whether AMP had data regarding the utilization of the chargers.

Staff responded that AMP hasn’t had enough data to show trends.

Commissioner Serventi asked how staff will communicate about the Level 3 chargers.

Staff responded that the public learns about AMP’s chargers via EV charging apps, for the most part. Staff uses its normal communications channels to promote the chargers, and is planning to install promotional signage around AMP’s chargers to draw the public’s attention.

Commissioner Deaton asked how staff will plan for what to do if the chargers become very popular.

Staff responded that some charging stations have a 30-minute parking limit. After 30 minutes, customers get charged if they haven't moved their car. This is something that can be done through the Greenlots software system, staff said.

With a motion from Commissioner Giuntini and a second from Acting City Manager Warmerdam, the Board approved the item.

A. Request Comments from the Public Utilities Board on Proposed Revisions to Alameda Municipal Power Rules & Regulations

Following a staff presentation, President McCormick asked for more information about how PG&E charges customers for distribution line extension costs. She also asked whether economic development would be impacted by the proposed fees.

President McCormick said that the proposed revisions represent the right direction.

Commissioner Deaton asked for more information concerning when developers would be charged the fees, and whether it would be prior to or at the time they pull permits.

President McCormick and Commissioner Serventi discussed the idea of making the proposed new rules effective in January 2019.

AMP will consider the commissioners' comments and then bring a final version of the revisions to the Board for consideration in September.

B. By Motion, Accept the Evaluation, Measurement, & Verification of Alameda Municipal Power's Non Residential Direct-Install Energy Efficiency Programs for Fiscal Years 2016 and 2017.

President McCormick commended the program report and methodology used, but expressed concerns that industry standard assumptions for program influence were not appropriate for AMP or the type of work done in this program. She added that the assumptions of free ridership and realization rates applied to the program did not adequately capture all of the energy savings generated by the program.

Commissioner Serventi suggested that AMP staff remind businesses, which have made past energy efficiency improvements through Energy Plus, to continue to save energy.

With a motion from President McCormick and a second by Commissioner Deaton, the Board approved the report with an amendment from President McCormick. The amendment noted that AMP will consider re-evaluating the realization rate and net-to-gross ratios used to evaluate the Energy Plus program in this case and moving forward.

Additionally, at a minimum, AMP will internally track total savings in project reporting, President McCormick said.

7. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

A. General Manager's Report – June 2018

General Manager Procos briefed the Board on topics including: the recent Northern California Power Agency (NCPA) Commission meeting that was hosted by AMP on the USS Hornet; AMP's participation in Alameda's July 4 parade, and AMP's fiscal year 2018 energy efficiency programs.

8. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Acting City Manager Warmerdam briefed the Board on topics including a sales tax measure and development at Alameda Marina.

9. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

None

10. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None

11. ADJOURNMENT

President McCormick adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.