



The Water and Wastewater Commission convened in a regular meeting on September 14, 2011 at Waller Creek Center, 624 East 10th Street, Room 104, in Austin, Texas.

Commission Members in Attendance:

Chair Mario Espinoza, Vice Chair Gwen Webb, Mickey Fishbeck, Aaron Googins, P.E., Dale Gray, P.E., Chien Lee, P.E., and Sarah Faust.

Staff in Attendance:

Greg Meszaros, Director, David Anders, Jane Burazer, Gopal Guthikonda, Daryl Slusher, Dave Juarez, Bart Jennings, John Wepryk, Steve Parks, Kevin Critendon, Drema Gross, Bill Stauber, Omoruyi Ebomwonyi, Willy Conrad, Denise Avery and Felicia Cancino

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Espinoza called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

Greg Meszaros presented Chair Espinoza a commemorative plaque for his service on the W&WW Commission.

B. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

None

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The meeting minutes from the August 10, 2011 Water and Wastewater Commission regular meeting were approved unanimously on Commissioner Lee's motion and Commissioner Googins' second.

D. ITEMS FOR COMMISSION'S REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL TO CITY COUNCIL

Commissioner's consented on item 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10.

Commissioner's pulled items 2, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15 for discussion.

1. Recommend approval to award and execute a 24-month requirements supply contract with **HD SUPPLY WATER WORKS**, Round Rock, TX for the purchase of fire hydrant upper barrels, stems and repair parts for the Austin Water Utility in an estimated amount not to exceed \$418,361.96, with two 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$209,180.98 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$836,723.92, and with **MUNICIPAL WATER WORKS SUPPLY**, Royse City,

TX in an estimated amount not to exceed \$345,593.70, with two 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$172,796.85 per extension option, for a total

estimated contract amount not to exceed \$691,187.40 and with **HYDRAFLO, INC.**, Beaumont, TX in an estimated amount not to exceed \$350,450.20, with two 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$175,225.10 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$700,900.40.

Item passed unanimously on Commissioner Googins' motion and Commissioner Gray's second.

2. Recommend approval to award and execute a 24-month requirements supply contract with **SAFETY SHOE DISTRIBUTORS**, Houston, TX, for the purchase of safety shoes and boots for the Austin Water Utility in an estimated amount not to exceed \$160,000, with two 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$80,000 per extension option, for an estimated contract amount not to exceed \$320,000; and for the Public Works Department in an estimated amount not to exceed \$120,000, with two 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$60,000 per extension option, for an estimated contract amount not to exceed \$240,000 for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$560,000. **David Anders addressed the Commissioner's questions and concerns. Item passed unanimously on Commissioner Lee's motion and Commissioner Webb's second.**
3. Recommend approval to award and execute Amendment No. 2 to a contract with **MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS SUPPLY, L.P.**, Royse City, TX, for miscellaneous utility supplies for the Austin Water Utility, to exercise the second extension option in an estimated amount not to exceed \$31,005, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$111,617.86. **Item passed unanimously on Commissioner Googins' motion and Commissioner Gray's second.**
4. Recommend approval to award and execute Amendment No. 2 to a contract with **FERGUSON WATERWORKS**, Georgetown, TX, for fire hydrant upper barrels and stems for the Austin Water Utility, to exercise the first 12-month extension option in an estimated amount not to exceed \$47,135.95, and to authorize the final 12-month extension option in an estimated amount not to exceed \$47,135.95, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$157,081. **Item passed unanimously on Commissioner Googins' motion and Commissioner Gray's second.**
5. Recommend approval to award and execute Amendment No. 2 to a contract with **AUSTIN CRUSHED STONE**, Austin, TX, for crushed stone for the Austin Water Utility, to exercise the second 12-month extension option in an estimated amount not to exceed \$20,000, and to authorize one additional 12-month extension option in an estimated amount of \$20,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$94,050.
Item postponed by staff.

6. Recommend approval to award and execute Amendment No. 2 to a contract with **MCA SERVICES, LLC** dba **ABBOTT MEDICAL SERVICES**, San Antonio, TX, for maintenance services on three autoclave units used to sterilize laboratory equipment for the Austin Water Utility, to authorize the second extension option in an estimated amount not to exceed \$14,800, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$59,200. **Item passed unanimously on Commissioner Googins' motion and Commissioner Gray's second.**
7. Recommend approval to award and execute Amendment No. 1 to add funding for the second year of the initial 36-month requirements contract with **IDEXX DISTRIBUTION, INC.**, Westbrook, ME, for IDEXX vessels and trays for the Austin Water Utility, in an estimated amount not to exceed \$30,000, for a total of \$90,000 and to add three-12 month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$30,000 per extension option for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$180,000. **Item passed unanimously on Commissioner Googins' motion and Commissioner Gray's second.**
8. Recommend approval to award and execute a 24-month requirements service contract with **WASTEWATER TRANSPORT SERVICES, LLC**, Austin, TX, for sludge and sewage pumping, hauling and disposal services for the Austin Water Utility in an estimated amount not to exceed \$83,440, with two 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$41,720 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$166,880. **Item passed unanimously on Commissioner Googins' motion and Commissioner Gray's second.**
9. Recommend approval to award and execute various supply and service contracts during the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 through the **STATE OF TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION RESOURCES** cooperative purchasing program, Austin, TX, for the purchase of computer software and software maintenance and support in an estimated amount not to exceed \$4,465,288. **Item passed unanimously on Commissioner Googins' motion and Commissioner Gray's second.**
10. Recommend approval to award and execute various supply and service contracts during the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 through the **STATE OF TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION RESOURCES (DIR)** cooperative purchasing program, Austin, TX, for the purchase of computer, telephone, and network hardware, and the related maintenance services in an estimated amount not to exceed \$16,607,024. **Item passed unanimously on Commissioner Googins' motion and Commissioner Gray's second.**

11. Recommend approval to award and execute various service contracts during the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 through the **STATE OF TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION RESOURCES** cooperative purchasing program, Austin, TX, for the purchase of technology services in an estimated amount not to exceed \$6,976,486. **David Anders addressed the Commissioner's questions and concerns. Item passed unanimously on Commissioner Fishbeck's motion and Commissioner Googins' second.**
12. Recommend approval to execute a construction contract with **SMITH CONTRACTING CO., INC.**, Austin, Texas for the Shoal Creek – Ridgelea Bank Stabilization project in the amount of \$614,401 plus a \$61,440 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$675,841. **Gopal Guthikonda, Assistant Director addressed the Commissioner's questions and concerns. Item passed on Commissioner Googins' motion and Commissioner Lee's second. Commissioner's consenting were Googins, Lee, Fishbeck, Espinoza, Faust and Webb. Commissioner Gray recused since his employer is the design engineer for the project.**
13. Recommend approval to execute a construction contract with **C & Z ENTERPRISES, LLC** of Pflugerville, TX for the Ullrich WTP Basin Coating Project in an amount not to exceed \$82,499.99. **Gopal Guthikonda addressed the Commissioner's questions and concerns. Item passed unanimously on Commissioner Googins' motion and Commissioner Webb's second.**
14. Recommend approval to negotiate and execute an agreement with the Brazos River Authority for the operation and maintenance of the Brushy Creek Regional Wastewater System. **Item passed on Commissioner Lee's motion and Commissioner Gray's second. Commissioner's consenting were Lee, Gray, Espinoza, Faust and Googins. Commissioner Fishbeck recused on this item since Leander is a client of hers and Commissioner Webb recused since she is representing clients in opposition to Brazos River Authority.**
15. Recommend approval of a resolution authorizing the revision and extension of the fee schedule for participation under the Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan – Shared Vision through September 30, 2012. **Daryl Slusher, Assistant Director and William Conrad, Division Manager addressed the Commissioner's questions and concerns. Item passed unanimously on Commissioner Googins' motion and Commissioner Webb's second.**

E. VOTING ITEMS FROM COMMISSION

1. Quarterly Financial Report

Commissioner's suggested that staff provide a monthly financial report to the WWW Commission and the quarterly financial report immediately following the Audit and Finance Committee meeting's quarterly update to keep the Commissioners abreast of Austin Water's financial status. Item passed unanimously on Commissioner Webb's motion and Commissioner Lee's second.

F. REPORTS BY COMMISSION COMMITTEE

G. NON VOTING DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Ratify a 12-month supply agreement through the State of Texas Procurement and Support Services Cooperative Purchasing Program (TPASS) Cooperative Purchasing with **XEROX CORPORATION**, Austin, TX and **CANON USA, INC.**, Austin, TX, for the rental of multi-function document imaging machines that expire over the next 12 months for various City departments, including copy charges and related services for a total estimated amount not to exceed \$829,086. **David Anders presented a brief synopsis on this item and addressed the Commissioner's questions and concerns.**
2. Ratify a contract with **EXCEL CONSTRUCTION SERVICES LLC**, Leander, TX for emergency repairs to the Ullrich Water Treatment Plant raw water header for the Austin Water Utility (AWU) for a total contract amount not to exceed \$371,000. **Greg Meszaros and Gopal Guthikonda presented a brief synopsis on this item and addressed the Commissioner's questions and concerns.**
3. Budget Committee Process
Greg Meszaros informed the Commissioners that Council is in the process of passing a Resolution to create a Joint Subcommittee that will include the WWW Commission and Resource Management Commission to develop recommendations for short-term and long-term financial plans to strengthen the financial stability of Austin Water. Greg Meszaros and David Anders addressed the Commissioner's questions and concerns.

H. STAFF BRIEFINGS, PRESENTATIONS, AND OR REPORTS

1. Glen Lake Acquisition

Bart Jennings presented a brief synopsis on this item and addressed the Commissioner's questions and concerns. (Commissioner Fishbeck excused herself and did not participate in the discussion)

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2. Stage II Water Restriction & Drought Response
Drema Gross presented the information and addressed the Commissioner's questions and concerns.
3. Water Treatment Plant 4 Quarterly Update & Monthly Report
Bill Stauber presented the information and addressed the Commissioner's questions and concerns.

I. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

J. ADJOURN

Vice Chair Webb adjourned the meeting at 8:49pm without objection.

Chair Espinoza excused himself at 7:00pm and Vice Chair Webb headed the meeting.