



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

Commission Members in Attendance:

Chair Gwendolyn Webb, Vice Chair Dale Gray, P.E., Sarah B. Faust, Mickey Fishbeck, Aaron Googins, P.E., Dale Gray, P.E, Chien Lee, P.E., and William Moriarty, P.E.

Staff in Attendance:

David Anders, Assistant Director, Gopal Guthikonda, Jane Burazer, Dave Juarez, Daryl Slusher, Bill Stauber, James Grabbs, George Jackson, Virginia Collier, Soo Koon Soon, Kevin Critendon, Lauren Tracey, Steven Parks, Mark Dollins, Jim Steed, Seyed Miri, Randy Harvey, Aldo Ranzini, Gary Quick, Kathi Flowers, Willy Conrad, Janet Atkins, Wale Odufuye and Felicia Cancino

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

B. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

None

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The meeting minutes from the November 9, 2011 Water and Wastewater Commission regular meeting were approved on Commissioner Gray's motion and Commissioner Webb's second. Commissioner Lee abstained due to his absence of the November 9, 2011 WWW regular meeting.

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

Commissioner's consented on item 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 10 and 11.

Commissioner's pulled items 1, 5, 6, 9, and 12 for discussion.

1. Recommend approval to award and execute a 36-month requirements service contract with **LCRA ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY SERVICES**, Austin, Texas, to provide priority and regulated pollutant analysis services for the Austin Water Utility in an estimated amount not to exceed \$510,000, with three 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$170,000 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$1,020,000. **David Anders addressed the Commissioners questions and concerns. Item passed on Commissioner Webb's motion and Commissioner Gray's second. Commissioner Fishbeck recused because LCRA is a client.**

2. Recommend approval to award and execute Amendment No. 3 to a contract with **CHRISTOPHER CORTEZ dba SOUTHWESTERN ENVIRONMENTAL EQUIPMENT TECHNICIANS**, Dallas, TX, for repair parts for Penn Valley pumps for the Austin Water Utility, to extend the contract for one 12-month period in an estimated amount not to exceed \$24,000, for a revised total estimated amount not to exceed \$120,000. **Item passed unanimously on Commissioner Gray's motion and Commissioner Lee's second.**
3. Recommend approval to award & execute a 33-month requirements supply contract through the U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance with Maricopa County, Phoenix, Arizona, with **THE HOME DEPOT U.S.A.**, Atlanta GA, to purchase building supplies and equipment in an estimated amount not to exceed \$1,386,000 with three twelve-month extension options in the estimated amounts \$504,000; \$554,400 and \$609,840 respectively for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$3,054,240. **Item passed unanimously on Commissioner Gray's motion and Commissioner Lee's second.**
4. Recommend approval to award, negotiate and execute a contract with **GE INTELLIGENT PLATFORMS, INC**, Charlottesville, VA in an amount not to exceed \$52,500, for technical support and software license renewals for the GE Proficy Globalcare Software for the Austin Water Utility, with two extension options in an amount not to exceed \$55,125 for the first extension option and \$57,881 for the second extension option for a total contract amount not to exceed \$165,506. GE Intelligent Platforms is the sole provider of this product. **Item passed unanimously on Commissioner Gray's motion and Commissioner Lee's second.**
5. Recommend approval to award and execute Amendment No. 1 to an **Interlocal Agreement** with the **TEXAS FOREST SERVICE**, College Station, TX to provide services for the propagation, cultivation, and delivery of trees and shrubs to be used for endangered species habitat restoration and enhancement of the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve in an estimated amount not to exceed \$99,000 to extend the contract term to May 31, 2012. **Daryl Slusher addressed the Commissioner's questions and concerns. Item passed unanimously on Commissioner Lee's motion and Commissioner Googins' second.**
6. Recommend approval to award and execute a construction contract with **SMITH CONTRACTING COMPANY, INC.**, Austin, TX for the Second Street Streetscape Street Reconstruction and Utility Adjustment - Phase III project in the amount of \$5,126,998.50 plus a \$256,349.92 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$5,383,348.42. **Item passed on Commissioner Gray's motion and Commissioner Googins' second. Commissioner's consenting were Gray, Googins, Webb, Faust, Fishbeck and Moriarty. Commissioner Lee recused because his company participated in the project as a design consultant.**

7. Recommend approval to execute a construction contract with **SMITH CONTRACTING CO., INC.**, AUSTIN, TX, for Valve Replacement Program Combined in the amount of \$769,938, plus a \$76,993.80 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$846,931.80. **Item passed unanimously on Commissioner Gray's motion and Commissioner Lee's second.**
8. Recommend approval to award and execute a construction contract with **PEPPER-LAWSON WATERWORKS, LLC**, KATY, TX for the Walnut Creek-Influent Flow Improvements & Equipment Replacement/Rehab Project, in the amount of \$4,011,000, plus a \$200,550 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$4,211,550. **Item passed unanimously on Commissioner Gray's motion and Commissioner Lee's second.**
9. Recommend approval to execute a construction contract with **EXCEL CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, LLC** of Leander, TX, for the Lockheed Shafts and Lateral Repair Project in the amount of \$2,253,000 plus a \$225,300 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,478,300. **Gopal Guthikonda addressed the Commissioner's questions and concerns. Item passed unanimously on Commissioner Fishbeck's motion and Commissioner Webb's second.**
10. Recommend approval to authorize an additional payment to the Texas Department of Transportation (**TXDOT**) in the amount of \$34,702.05 for the actual costs of waterline relocation as required by the Advance Funding Agreement for the Cameron Road Bridge Replacement at Gilleland Creek Project in excess of the previous council authorization of \$93,181.08. **Item passed unanimously on Commissioner Gray's motion and Commissioner Lee's second.**
11. Recommend approval to negotiate and execute an interlocal agreement between the City of Austin and the Texas Department of Transportation (**TXDOT**) for the relocation of existing water lines in conflict with TXDOT roadway improvements, within the State's Contract for roadway/intersection improvements, within the State Highway 71 (East) @ Thornberry in the amount of \$100,006.74 plus a \$15,001.01 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$115,007.75. **Item passed unanimously on Commissioner Gray's motion and Commissioner Lee's second.**
12. Recommend approval of a resolution consenting to the annexation by **Lazy Nine Municipal Utility District 1-A** of approximately 393 acres within the City of Austin's extraterritorial jurisdiction. **Dave Juarez, AWU, Virginia Collier, PDR addressed the Commissioner's questions and concerns. Item passed on Commissioner Webb's motion and Commissioner Gray's second noting the Commissioner's concerns with the parameters of the waste disposal permit. Commissioner's consenting were Webb, Gray, Googins' and Lee. Commissioners Faust, Fishbeck and Moriarty dissented.**

13. Recommend approval of **Service Extension Request No. 3037** for water service for **SINNO AND ASSOCIATES LTD**, the owner of Foundation Retail Development located within the Drinking Water Protection Zone and within the City's 2-mile extra-territorial jurisdiction at 11101 N FM 620, to serve a retail development (22,230 square feet of retail) with an estimated peak hour flow of 29 gallons per minute. **Dave Juarez addressed the Commissioner's questions and concerns. Item passed on Commissioner Googins' motion and Commissioner Webb's second. Commissioner's consenting were Googins, Webb, Moriarty and Gray. Commissioner's Faust and Fishbeck dissented and Commissioner Lee abstained.**

E. VOTING ITEMS FROM COMMISSION

1. Approve 2012 meeting schedule
Schedule was adopted unanimously on Commissioner Gray's motion and Commissioner Fishbeck's second.

F. REPORTS BY COMMISSION SUBCOMMITTEE

1. Joint Subcommittee on Austin Water Utility Financial Plan
Commissioner Fishbeck presented the information addressed the Commissioner's questions and concerns.

G. NON VOTING DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Ratify an emergency purchase with **MATOUS CONSTRUCTION, LTD**, Belton, TX for the purchase and installation of two blowers at the South Austin Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant for the Austin Water Utility in an amount not to exceed \$1,235,989. **Gopal Guthikonda provided a brief synopsis and addressed the Commissioner's questions and concerns.**

H. STAFF BRIEFINGS, PRESENTATIONS, AND OR REPORTS

1. Water Treatment Plant 4 Monthly Report
Bill Stauber presented the information.
2. Monthly Financial Status Report
This item was postponed by staff.

I. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

J. ADJOURN

Chair Webb adjourned the meeting at 7:24pm without objection.