



The Water and Wastewater Commission convened in a regular meeting on August 14, 2013 at Waller Creek Center, 625 East 10th Street, Room 104, in Austin, Texas.

Commission Members in Attendance:

Dale Gray (Chair)	Sarah B. Faust (Vice Chair)	Christianne Castleberry, P.E.
Mickey Fishbeck (Absent)	Chien Lee, P.E.	William Moriarty, P.E.
J. Michael Ohueri		

Staff in Attendance:

Greg Meszaros, David Anders, Daryl Slusher, Jane Burazer, Chris Chen, Steve Parks, Edward Campos, Jonathan Thompson, Chris Herrington, Kevin Critendon, Kathy Garland, Michael Castillo, Gary Quick, Bryan Barnett, Charles Celavro, Dedurie Kirk, Dave Juarez, Bill Stauber, Drema Gross, Brian Long, Robert Rowan, Rick Coronado, Kristi Fenton, Raj Bhattarai, Omoruyi Ebomwonyi, Teresa Lutes, Jeff Fox, Songli Floyd, Aldo Ranzani, Denise Avery and Felicia Cancino.

Additional Attendees:

Scott Johnson, Stuart Wagner, Travis Eckert, Jason Anderson, Rudy Killian, Hani Michel, Jarad Stockton, Drew Hardin, and Ryan Owen

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

B. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Scott Johnson spoke regarding his concerns on diverters for water faucets and shower tubs. Stuart Wagner with the Golf Advisory Board spoke on behalf of Mary Arnold (not in attendance), regarding the letter she presented to the WWW Commission on reducing reclaimed water fees for Golf Courses.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The July 10, 2013 WWW Commission regular meeting minutes were approved on Commissioner Lee's motion and Commissioner Castleberry's second. Commissioners consenting were Lee, Castleberry, Faust, Ohueri and Moriarty. Commissioner Gray abstained due to his absence of the July 10 WWW Commission meeting. The July 15, 2013 Budget Committee meeting minutes were approved on Commissioner Castleberry's motion and Commissioner Ohueri's second. Commissioner's consenting were Castleberry, Ohueri and Faust. Commissioner Gray abstained due to his absence of the July 15 Budget Committee meeting, Commissioner's Lee and Moriarty recused as they are not members of the Budget Committee and Commissioner Fishbeck was absent.

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

Commissioner's consented on items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11.

Commissioner's pulled items 6, 13 and 14 for discussion.

1. Recommend approval to award and execute 2 contracts through the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (BuyBoard) with: **KINLOCH EQUIPMENT & SUPPLY, INC.**, for the purchase of one Vactor RamJet F-Series Sewer Cleaner Body, and **COOPER EQUIPMENT**, for the purchase of one HAMM HD 12 VT Combo Roller in an amount not to exceed \$166,268. **Item passed unanimously on Commissioner Moriarty's motion and Commissioner Lee's second on a 6-0-0-1 vote with Commissioner Fishbeck was absent.**
2. Recommend approval to award and execute a contract with **MEGGER**, for the purchase of a SMRT36, a Three Phase Relay Test System for maintenance and repairs on 15kv substation/distribution equipment at Austin Water treatment facilities in an estimated amount not to exceed \$64,022. **Item passed unanimously on Commissioner Moriarty's motion and Commissioner Lee's second on a 6-0-0-1 vote with Commissioner Fishbeck was absent.**
3. Recommend approval to award and execute a contract through the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (BuyBoard) with **PROFESSIONAL TURF PRODUCTS, LP** for the purchase of six medium-duty mowers in an amount not to exceed \$84,551. **Item passed unanimously on Commissioner Moriarty's motion and Commissioner Lee's second on a 6-0-0-1 vote with Commissioner Fishbeck absent.**
4. Recommend approval to award and execute a contract with **WABASH NATIONAL TRAILER CENTER** for the purchase of two Aluminum Tandem Hydraulic Dump Semi-Trailers for Austin Water Utility in an amount not to exceed \$238,090. **Item passed unanimously on Commissioner Moriarty's motion and Commissioner Lee's second on a 6-0-0-1 vote with Commissioner Fishbeck absent.**
5. Recommend approval to award and execute a sole source contract with **LAKESIDE EQUIPMENT CORPORATION**, for the purchase screening cartridge for the Austin Water Utility in a total contract amount of \$92,000. **Item passed unanimously on Commissioner Moriarty's motion and Commissioner Lee's second on a 6-0-0-1 vote with Commissioner Fishbeck was absent.**

6. Recommend approval to negotiate and execute a professional services agreement with **ALAN PLUMMER ASSOCIATES, INC.** to develop drought management options for a water resources planning study in an amount not to exceed \$200,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$892,445. **Greg Meszaros and Teresa Lutes addressed the Commissioners questions. Item passed on a 5-0-1-1 with Commissioner Moriarty's motion and Commissioner Castleberry's second. Commissioners consenting were Moriarty, Castleberry, Faust, Gray and Ohueri. Commissioner Lee recused because his firm was a subconsultant of the project team and it may pose a potential conflict of interest. Commissioner Fishbeck was absent.**
7. Recommend approval of an amendment to the professional services agreement with **CH2M HILL INC.**, for programming and configuration and additional construction phase and services for the Water Distribution Control System and Lift Station Telemetry Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) System Improvements in the amount of \$1,110,237.35 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$2,100,902.63. **Item passed unanimously on Commissioner Moriarty's motion and Commissioner Lee's second on a 6-0-0-1 vote with Commissioner Fishbeck absent.**
8. Recommend approval of an amendment to the professional services agreement with **AECOM TECHNICAL SERVICES, INC. (AECOM)**, for design and bidding engineering services for the Davis & Ullrich Water Treatment Plant Raw Water Hydraulic and Energy Efficiency Improvements in the amount of \$1,100,000.00, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,550,000. **Item passed unanimously on Commissioner Moriarty's motion and Commissioner Lee's second on a 6-0-0-1 vote with Commissioner Fishbeck absent.**
9. Recommend approval to negotiate and execute a construction contract with **PROTA CONSTRUCTION, INC. & PROTA, INC. – JV**, for Davis Sludge Processing Improvements in the amount of \$1,772,374 plus a \$177,237.40 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,949,611.40. **Item passed unanimously on Commissioner Moriarty's motion and Commissioner Lee's second on a 6-0-0-1 vote with Commissioner Fishbeck absent.**
10. Recommend approval to negotiate and execute a construction contract with **SANTA CLARA CONSTRUCTION, LTD.**, (MBE/MH-63.85%) for the Oak Valley Road/Old Manchaca Road Waterline Rehabilitation Project in the amount of \$312,499, plus a \$31,249.90 contingency, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$349,748.90. **Item passed unanimously on Commissioner Moriarty's motion and Commissioner Lee's second on a 6-0-0-1 vote with Commissioner Fishbeck absent.**

11. Recommend approval to negotiate and execute a professional services agreement with **CAROLLO ENGINEERS, INC.**, (staff recommendation) or one of the other qualified responders to RFQ Solicitation No. CLMP130, to provide engineering services for the South Austin Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant Blower Improvement Project in an amount not to exceed \$2,500,000. **Item passed unanimously on Commissioner Moriarty's motion and Commissioner Lee's second on a 6-0-0-1 vote with Commissioner Fishbeck absent.**
12. Recommend approval of Austin Water Utility's FY 2014 proposed \$538.1 million Operating Budget, \$3.0 million Capital Budget appropriations, \$985.7 5-Year CIP spending plan and 4.9% system-wide rate increase (7.4% water, 2.3% wastewater and 16.5% reclaimed). **Item passed unanimously on a 6-0-0-1 vote with Commissioner Faust's motion and Commissioner Moriarty's second with the following recommendations: (Commissioner Fishbeck was absent)**

**Austin Water Utility Department Overview states that "Austin Water Utility's (AWU) vision is to be recognized as the best water utility in the nation, in a city that is the best managed in the nation. AWU is committed to achieving this goal while providing safe, reliable, and high quality water services to our customers and protecting the environment through sustainable practices." The Budget Committee recommends that the second sentence be revised to insert the word affordable so that it reads "AWU is committed to achieving this goal while providing safe, reliable, affordable and high quality water services to our customers and protecting the environment through sustainable practices."

**AWU should continue its work with Austin Energy to increase participation of CAP eligible customers in the CAP program.
13. Recommend approval of the Drinking Water Protection Zone projects related to new water and wastewater plants, capital expansions, and growth-related projects to be included in the Austin Water Utility's 5-year Capital Improvement Program which will be approved by City Council during the annual budget approval process. **Kristi Fenton addressed the Commissioners questions and concerns. Item passed unanimously on a 6-0-0-1 vote with Commissioner Gray's motion and Commissioner Ohueri's second. Commissioner Fishbeck was absent.**
14. Recommend approval to negotiate and execute a two-year interlocal agreement between the University of Texas at Austin and the City of Austin, Texas for consulting services regarding potential pathways for reducing energy consumption and energy-related costs by the Austin Water Utility for a total amount not to exceed \$50,000. **Greg Meszaros and Raj Bhattarai addressed the Commissioners questions and concerns. Item passed unanimously on a 6-0-0-1 vote with Commissioner Ohueri's motion with an amendment to include an update from Dr. Michael Webber, University of Texas at Austin in the near future and Commissioner Castleberry's second. Commissioner Fishbeck was absent.**

E. VOTING ITEMS FROM COMMISSION

1. Recommendation to uphold August 21, 2013 meeting date
Commissioners canceled this meeting on Commissioner Gray's motion and Commissioner Castleberry's second on a 6-0-0-1 vote with Commissioner Fishbeck absent.

F. REPORTS BY COMMISSION SUBCOMMITTEE

1. Final Budget Committee Report
Commissioner Faust presented the information

G. NON VOTING DISCUSSION ITEMS

None

H. STAFF BRIEFINGS, PRESENTATIONS, AND OR REPORTS

1. FY 2014 Proposed Budget – David Anders
Greg Meszaros and David Anders presented the information and addressed the Commissioners questions and concerns.
2. OSSF Ordinance
Bart Jennings, Reyna Holmes and Katherine Jashinski presented the information and addressed the Commissioners questions and concerns.
3. WTP4 Monthly Report
Greg Meszaros and Bill Stauber presented the information and addressed the Commissioners questions and concerns.
4. AWU Monthly Financial Status Report
David Anders presented the information and addressed the Commissioners questions and concerns.

I. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioners suggested that they discuss the options to create a Drought Committee for future discussions regarding the drought and its effect on the rates.

J. ADJOURN

Chair Gray adjourned the meeting without objection at 8:25pm.