

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

January 27, 2021

1. ROLL CALL

President McCormick called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. On roll call, the following commissioners were present: President McCormick, Commissioner Serventi, Commissioner Gould, Commissioner Giuntini and City Manager Levitt.

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – NON-AGENDA (Public Comment)

In 1935, Alameda’s Bureau of Public Utilities pressured the Hackett family of Alameda to sell their home to make space for the central substation, said Alameda resident Rasheed Shabazz.

“In 2016, the Alameda Architectural Preservation Society (AAPS) placed a plaque at the Central Substation noting the history of the building and its architect; however, the plaque omits that the family that previously lived at 1828 Grand St was forced to sell their property to the Board of Public Utilities under threat of legal action,” Mr. Shabazz wrote in an email to the Public Utilities Board.

“For over 80 years, Alameda residents have received the benefit of power from this substation. It seems it only took overpowering a Black family during the Depression to do so. This plaque is a grave historic omission. We encourage Alameda Municipal Power to erect a plaque honoring the Hackett family,” he wrote.

President McCormick asked staff to follow up with Mr. Shabazz.

3. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

None.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Minutes–Regular Meeting–Dec. 14, 2020

B. Listing of Bills Paid–December 2020

C. Financial Report–November 2020

D. Treasurer’s Report for the Month Ending November 30, 2020

E. By Motion, Authorize the General Manager to Enter Into a One-Year Professional Services Agreement Under PS 11-20-01 with American Revenue Management Inc. to Provide Collection Services for an Amount Not to Exceed \$20,000

F. By Motion, Authorize the General Manager to Amend the Current Agreement with Paymentus Corporation to Extend Hosted Interactive Voice Response Services an Additional Year Through January 31, 2022, for an Additional \$13,400, for a Total Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$81,300

G. By Motion, Authorize the General Manager to Issue a Purchase Order to Koppers Utility and Industrial Products in an Amount Not to Exceed \$17,100

With a motion from Commissioner Giuntini and a second from Commissioner Serventi, the Public Utilities Board (Board) unanimously approved the consent calendar.

5. AGENDA ITEMS

A. For Information and Feedback Only, Climate Action and Resiliency Plan Update

Following a presentation from Assistant City Manager Gerry Beaudin, President McCormick said AMP will coordinate with the city on a groundwater study because it will be relevant to impacts on AMP's infrastructure.

AMP has made great progress in the area of electrification of transportation and there is more to do, she said. The Board will monitor the implementation of the new time-of-use rate for electric vehicle (EV) owners. Depending on the success of the rate, the Board can push other levers to encourage transportation electrification.

President McCormick said the 2008 version of the city of Alameda's climate action plan began with a focus on decarbonizing Alameda's electric sector. Now that AMP provides 100% clean energy, the next highest priorities are transportation, followed by natural gas.

Making the switch from natural gas to electricity in existing buildings will involve a phased approach over time. AMP's early efforts in building electrification include rebates on heat pump water heaters, she said.

The city of Alameda's Climate Action and Resiliency Plan (CARP) is aligned with AMP's Strategic Plan, President McCormick said.

Commissioner Serventi noted that the city of Healdsburg is working with waste haulers on greener operations.

Assistant City Manager Gerry Beaudin said more information on waste hauling in Alameda will be available soon.

Commissioner Gould said U.S. President Joe Biden’s administration will represent a change in the approach toward greenhouse gas emission (GHG) reduction. He said he hopes there will be more federal support for local carbon reduction projects. We need to work faster to address climate change at the local, national and global levels, he said.

On the topic of AMP’s TOU rate for EV owners, Commissioner Gould characterized the peak rate as high, and said he disagreed with it. He said he hopes the Board will revise the peak rate.

The Board did not vote because the item was informational.

B. By Motion, Accept Alameda Municipal Power’s Load Forecast for Fiscal Year 2022

Following a staff presentation, President McCormick said the load forecast is important for long-term planning, but it is updated every year. It is a self-correcting tool, she said.

Commissioner Serventi thanked staff for the presentation. City Manager Levitt concurred, saying he was impressed by staff’s work on the report.

Commissioner Gould asked staff how distributed generation and Title 24 play into the forecast. Staff responded that AMP’s distributed generation forecast is based on two assumptions—a new development forecast, and the historic growth rates in distributed generation adoption for existing buildings.

President McCormick asked whether AMP is assuming, in its load forecast, more distributed generation than a year ago.

Staff responded that it is currently based on the rolling average for distributed generation installations historically. AMP is not making any assumptions for future upticks at this point.

AMP has just begun to see impacts of the solar power associated with site A at Alameda Point, staff said.

Commissioner Giuntini complimented staff’s work.

With a motion from Commissioner Giuntini and a second from City Manager Levitt, the Board unanimously accepted the load forecast.

6. GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

A. General Manager’s Report–December 2020

General Manager Procos complimented AMP’s line crews on their work during a late-night power outage during a round of storms in late January. In addition, he thanked AMP’s energy

resources planning (ERP) team for its work on sales of low-carbon fuel standard (LCFS) credits.

7. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

City Manager Levitt told the Board that the police reform and racial equity committees have released recommendations. In addition, the city is working with the county on the COVID-19 vaccination process.

8. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

None.

9. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – NON-AGENDA (PUBLIC COMMENT)

None.

10. ADJOURNMENT

President McCormick adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m.