

**ACTION MINUTES
BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSIONERS
CITY OF TULARE**

November 5, 2020

A regular meeting of the Board of Public Utilities of the City of Tulare was held on Thursday, November 5, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. in the Tulare Public Library & Council Chamber, 491 North "M" Street.

BPU PRESENT: Thomas Griesbach, Ray Fonseca, Howard Stroman, Renee Soto

STAFF PRESENT: Rob Hunt, Megan Dodd, Darlene Thompson, Trisha Whitfield, Michael Miller, Nick Bartsch, Jim Funk, Brad Crim, Tim Doyle, Melissa Hermann

I. CALL TO ORDER REGULAR MEETING

Vice President Stroman called the regular meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

Vice President Stroman led the Pledge of Allegiance and led an invocation.

III. CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

There were no items for this section of the agenda.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Board Member Griesbach, seconded by Board Member Soto, and unanimously carried to approve the items on the Consent Calendar as presented with the exception of items 2 and 4.

- (1) Approve minutes of the October 1, 2020 regular meeting.**
- (2) Accept the Financial Status Report for September 2020.** Board Member Griesbach pulled this item for clarification. Finance Director Darlene Thompson provided a response thereto. It was moved by Board Member Griesbach, seconded by Board Member Fonseca, and unanimously carried to approve the item as presented.
- (3) Receive the investment report for September 2020.**

- (4) **Receive the Public Works performance reports for September 2020.** Board Member Griesbach pulled this item for clarification. Public Works Director Trisha Whitfield provided a response thereto. It was moved by Board Member Griesbach, seconded by Board Member Fonseca, and unanimously carried to approve the item as presented.
- (5) **Approve the cancellation of the January 7, 2021 regular meeting.**
- (6) **Accept the Public Works Project Dashboard for November 2020.**

VI. GENERAL BUSINESS

- (1) **Award and authorize the City Manager to execute a contract for the Sanitary Sewer Lift Station Rehabilitation – Mt View Street and Academy Avenue (Project SW0008) to GSE Construction Company Inc. of Livermore, California in the amount of \$98,700.00; and authorize the City Manager or designee to approve contract change orders in amounts up to 10% (\$9,870.00) of the contract award.** Project Manager Jim Funk provided a report for the Board's review and consideration. It was moved by Board Member Fonseca, seconded by Vice President Stroman, and unanimously carried to approve the item as presented.
- (2) **Award and authorize the City Manager or designee to sign a contract with Valley Pump & Dairy Systems, Inc. of Tulare, CA in an amount not to exceed \$125,650.00 for the Water Well Abandonments (Project No. WT0052) and authorize the City Manager or designee to approve contract change orders in the amount not to exceed 10% (\$12,565.00) of the contract amount.** Project Manager Jim Funk provided a report for the Board's review and consideration. Questions posed by the Board were responded to by Mr. Funk and Assistant Public Works Director Tim Doyle. It was moved by Board Member Soto, seconded by Board Member Fonseca, and unanimously carried to approve the item as presented.
- (3) **Adopt Resolution 2020-06 approving an agreement to provide extraterritorial services to property located at 845 West Zumwalt Avenue, owned by Tony Fagundes and to direct the Community & Economic Development Director or his designee to initiate an application to LAFCO for proceedings on the agreement.** Community & Economic Development Director Traci Myers provided a report and presentation for the Board's review and consideration. Questions posed by the Board were responded to by Ms. Myers. Following discussion, it was moved by Board Member Griesbach, seconded by Vice President Stroman, and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution 2020-06.
- (4) **Award and authorize the City Manager, or designee, to approve a contract with W.M. Lyles Co. of Fresno, CA in an amount not to exceed \$437,980.00 for the construction of infrastructure related to the Industrial Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) new high solids dewatering system (Project WW0026); and authorize the City Manager, or designee, to approve contract change orders in an amount not to exceed 10% (\$43,798.00) of the contract amount; and approve the revised project budget.** Wastewater Treatment Plant Manager Brad Crim provided a report for the Board's review and consideration. It was moved by

Vice President Stroman, seconded by Board Member Fonseca, and unanimously carried to approve the item as presented.

VII. ITEMS OF INTEREST

Items of interest were discussed amongst the Board and staff.

VIII. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION(S):

Vice President Stroman adjourned to Closed Session at 4:32 p.m.

- (1) **54956.9(d)(1) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (1)**
Name of Case: Central Valley Resource Recovery, LLC v. City of Tulare
Case No. VCU282595

IX. RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION

Vice President Stroman reconvened from Closed Session at 4:50 p.m.

X. CLOSED SESSION REPORT

Vice President Stroman advised there was nothing to report.

XI. ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING

Vice President Stroman adjourned the regular meeting at 4:50 p.m.

President of the Board of Public Utilities
Commissioners of the City of Tulare

ATTEST:

Secretary of the Board of
Public Utilities Commissioners

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