

CITY OF HARLINGEN WATERWORKS SYSTEM

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 18, 2023

The Regular Board Meeting of the Utility Board of Trustees was conducted on the 18th day of December 2023 at 5:00 P.M. at 118 E. Tyler Avenue City Hall, Town Hall, located on the second floor at, in the City of Harlingen, Texas.

Board Members Present: Chris Bartnesky, Chairman
Maru De La Paz, Trustee
Michael Murphy, Trustee

Staff Present: Tim Skoglund, General Manager
Gene McCullough, System Attorney
David Sanchez, Director of Water Services
Jon Hedegard, Director of Wastewater Services
Ron De La Garza, Director of Finances
Florita Rodriguez, Customer Service Director
Michael Chamberlain, Purchasing Manager
Jose L. Rodriguez, Director of Information Technology
Elizabeth Soto, Director of Human Resources

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: OPEN MEETING AND WELCOME

Chris Bartnesky, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:38 P.M. and asked whether the agenda had been posted in accordance with the law; Nilda Sanchez responded affirmatively.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Mr. Bartnesky read the conflict-of-interest disclosure and asked the Board if anyone had any known conflicts of interest for this Board Meeting. None of the trustees reported a conflict of interest.

*****OUT OF SEQUENCE**

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Regular Board Meeting of November 29, 2023.

With no corrections requested, a motion to approve the Board Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting of November 29, 2023, was made.

Motion: Michael Murphy
Second: Michael Garza

Motion to approve was carried by a vote of the Board (3-0).

AGENDA ITEM NO. 7: RESOLUTIONS

Because of the length of the preceding Joint Meeting with the City Commission and the late hour, resolutions were presented and approved by consent as follows:

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- a) R2324-13: Awarding a professional services contract for SCADA System Integration for Water Treatment Operations.
- b) R2324-14: Awarding a contract for purchase of SCADA Computer System Equipment for Water Treatment Operations.
- c) R2324-15: Awarding a contract for Managed Detection and Response (MDR) Services for cybersecurity monitoring of networks, endpoints, and servers.
- d) R2324-16: Awarding a contract for purchase of a Boom Truck.
- e) R2324-17: Adopting the Harlingen Waterworks System Investment Policy.

A motion was made to approve Resolution No. R2324-13 through 17.

Motion: Michael Garza
Second: Michael Murphy

Motion to approve was carried by a vote of the Board (3-0).

*****OUT OF SEQUENCE**

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: COMMUNICATION / INPUT FROM CUSTOMERS AND RESIDENTS OF HARLINGEN

Desi Martinez commented on the failing lift stations located on the west side of Harlingen. He reported the southeast area in Harlingen did not need any improvements as much as the west end of town needing new sewer services. The growth of the City was on the northwest side of town and that was the target spot for new sewer infrastructure. He recommended Wholesale customers needed to report the amount of water and sewer accounts they serviced in an effort to collect more revenue from those accounts in conjunction to the \$17 million needed for the future construction of sewer infrastructure to service the west side of Harlingen.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10: ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman, Bartnesky, called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 P.M.

Motion: Michael Garza
Second: Michael Murphy

Motion to approve was carried by a vote of the Board (3-0).

Attest: 
Nilda Sanchez, Board Secretary