

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
WATER COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2019
LONG BEACH WATER DEPARTMENT
1800 EAST WARDLOW ROAD
BOARD ROOM, 9:00 AM**

Harry Saltzgaver, President
Frank Martinez, Vice President
Arthur Levine, Secretary



Robert Shannon, Commissioner
Gloria Cordero, Commissioner

Christopher J. Garner, General Manager

Richard Anthony, Deputy City Attorney

FINISHED AGENDA & DRAFT MINUTES

The Water Commission minutes are prepared and ordered to correspond to the Water Commission agenda. Agenda items can be taken out of order during the meeting.

The agenda items were considered in the order presented.

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Water Commission special meeting was called to order by President Saltzgaver at 9:00 A.M. in the Board room at the Administration building.

ROLL CALL

Executive Assistant, Sandra Fox took the roll call and confirmed a quorum.

Also present: Christopher J. Garner, General Manager; B. Anatole Falagan, Assistant General Manager; Tai Tseng, Assistant General Manager - Operations; Sean Crumby, Deputy General Manager - Engineering; Sandra Fox, Executive Assistant to the Board.

Commissioners Harry Saltzgaver, Frank Martinez, Art Levine, Robert Shannon
Present: and Gloria Cordero

FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Levine led the Board and the audience in the flag salute.

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Saltzgaver opened the public comment period. As there was no public comment, the public comment period was closed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Saltzgaver distributed a one-page agenda for the December 20, 2019 Joint meeting with the Water Replenishment District Board that is scheduled for 11:00 A.M. He advised this meeting will probably last about one hour.

President Saltzgaver reported about his attendance at the Colorado River Water Users Association conference that took place in Las Vegas, NV.

President Saltzgaver welcomed Erin Weisner-McKinley, Deputy City Attorney who was filling in for Deputy City Attorney Anthony.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Garner recognized and thanked Ms. Crocci for her hard work and efforts in coordinating the department's participation in the holiday parades and for her work in coordinating the department's holiday luncheon.

Mr. Garner advised the Board that there was a copy of a new City policy regarding social media in their cubby folders. He advised this policy was geared towards City Manager led departments, but other departments - including the Water Department, were encouraged to follow this new policy. He read into the record a brief summary regarding this policy.

He advised it was the intention of the Water Department to adhere and follow this new policy.

President Saltzgaver reported that it was requested that Boards and Commissions follow this same policy.

MINUTES

1. [19-109WA](#) Recommendation to approve the August 29, 2019 Prop. 218 Public Hearing Minutes, and the Water Commission September 5, 2019 meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Shannon, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Harry Saltzgaver, Frank Martinez, Art Levine, Robert Shannon and Gloria Cordero

REGULAR AGENDA

2. [19-110WA](#) Recommendation to Adopt Specifications WD-33-19 for the Long Beach Conjunctive Use Expansion Palo Verde Pipeline Interconnection Phase II Project (EO-3497) and authorize the General Manager to sign a construction contract with the Charles King Company in the amount of \$310,400.00.

BUREAU: Engineering

Mr. Crumby provided a staff report for the requested contract and provided an overview of the project.

Mr. Garner commented on the Engineer's estimate coming very close to the actual bid amount.

Commissioner Martinez commented on the number of bids that were received for this project.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shannon, seconded by Commissioner Levine, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Harry Saltzgaver, Frank Martinez, Art Levine, Robert Shannon and Gloria Cordero

3. [19-111WA](#)

Recommendation to authorize the General Manager to negotiate and execute a Revocable Facilities Use Permit, for two (2) years and one (1) month, with the College of Instrument Technology, for use of 52,500 sq. ft. of space at Long Beach Water Department-owned property at St. Louis Avenue and 32nd Street, for the purpose of providing an interim location for its hands-on and heavy equipment training

BUSINESS: Finance

Mr. Bott provided a description of the requested Revocable Facilities Use Permit and reviewed a map of the parcel of land being suggested for the permit.

He provided background on recent action taken by the City Council that had caused the College of Instrument Technology to seek an interim location to operate their business. He noted the City's Economic Development Department had contacted the Water department regarding any potential LBWD property that might be available for a short-term lease for twenty-five months for this agency.

President Saltzgaver welcomed CIT representatives to comment. Ms. Elizabeth Dawson, Ms. Marsha Durban and Harry Durban spoke. They also distributed background information regarding their agency.

President Saltzgaver spoke.

Commissioner Martinez spoke.

Commissioner Cordero spoke.

Ms. Mary Torres from Workforce Development spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cordero, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Harry Saltzgaver, Frank Martinez, Art Levine, Robert Shannon and Gloria Cordero

4. [19-112WA](#)

Recommendation to Authorize the General Manager to Execute a Change Order to Purchase Order No. DPWA19001159 with Solomatrix Corporation dba Cubicle Zoom, to increase fees to provide labor and materials for the installation of cubicle walls and modular furniture for the 1st Floor Administration building renovation (EO-3525), 2nd Floor Administration building renovation (EO-3526), 3rd floor Administration building renovation (EO-3527), and 4th floor Administration building renovation (EO-3528) projects, by \$73,700, to an amount not-to-exceed \$148,000.

BUREAU: Engineering

Mr. Crumby provided a staff report regarding the background for the requested change order. He reviewed a presentation outlining the renovations that would be taking place in the Administration building.

Commissioner Shannon spoke.

Commissioner Martinez spoke.

Mr. Garner spoke.

President Saltzgaver spoke.

Commissioner Levine spoke.

Mr. Crumby spoke.

Commissioner Martinez spoke.

Commissioner Levine spoke.

Mr. Garner responded.

Mr. Crumby commented about a Public Works City facilities assessment that was being conducted and suggested the Water Administration building could possibly be added to the list of properties being reviewed.

President Saltzgaver made additional comments.

A motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Shannon, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Harry Saltzgaver, Frank Martinez, Art Levine, Robert Shannon and Gloria Cordero

5. [19-113WA](#)

Recommendation to authorize sponsorship of the City of Long Beach State of the City Address on Tuesday, January 14, 2020, at the Terrace Theater, Long Beach Convention Center.

BUREAU: Executive

Mr. Garner provided background information regarding the requested sponsorship.

Commissioner Levine made a motion to authorize a \$15,000 sponsorship.

Commissioner Martinez spoke.

Commissioner Shannon spoke.

Commissioner Cordero spoke.

President Saltzgaver inquired if the Board had previously requested an itemized budget request for this event.

Mr. Garner advised that request had been made.

A motion was made by Commissioner Levine, seconded by Commissioner Cordero, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Harry Saltzgaver, Frank Martinez, Art Levine, Robert Shannon and Gloria Cordero

6. [19-114WA](#)

Recommendation to Receive and file an Update of California Voluntary Settlement Agreements for Sacramento and San Joaquin watersheds.

BUREAU: Business - Water Resources

Mr. Falagan provided a staff report and reviewed a presentation with the Board regarding Voluntary Settlement Agreements.

He provided an overview of the key issues:

Endangered fish in Delta and Sacramento, San Joaquin Watersheds.

He noted multiple factors contributing to decline: 1) Reverse flows caused by pumping; 2) Water quality;
3) Imported species disrupt food chain; 4) Single constant focus over time has been ability to increase remaining flows in rivers.

He provided background information regarding the steps used in development of the Voluntary Settlement Agreements.

This WA-Agenda Item was received and filed.

CONSIDER STANDING COMMITTEE REFERRALS

President Saltzgaver called for any Standing Committee referrals. Hearing none he moved on in the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

President Saltzgaver called for any New Business.

He thanked the Board and staff for a great 2019, and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

CLOSED SESSION:

7. [19-115WA](#) a. Pursuant to paragraph (b) (1) of Section 54957 of the California Government Code regarding Public Employee Performance Evaluation: General Manager

President Saltzgaver read the closed session language into the record and called for any public comment. Hearing none he adjourned the Board to the Closed Session at 9:51 A.M.

President Saltzgaver reconvened the Board meeting at 10:32 A.M., and advised he had nothing to report from the Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

President Saltzgaver adjourned the Board meeting at 10:33 A.M.

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