

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
WATER COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2020
LONG BEACH WATER DEPARTMENT
1800 EAST WARDLOW ROAD
BOARD ROOM, 10:00 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.

SPECIAL MEETING - 10:00 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Water Commission meeting was called to order by President Saltzgaver at 10:00 A.M. in the Board room at the Administration building.

ROLL CALL

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

Also present: Chris 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 and Robert

Present: Shannon

Commissioners Gloria Cordero

Excused:

FLAG SALUTE

Heather Rhee 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 reminded the Board that Commissioner Cordero had mentioned at the last Board meeting that LBCC had reached out to set up a meeting regarding a possible partnership regarding Workforce Development be considered. He advised that a meeting is being set up between their Administration and the LBWD administration to schedule the initial meeting regarding this topic.

President Saltzgaver provided a report of his recent visit/tour of the valve replacement project taking place on Redondo Avenue near the Treatment Plant. He thanked Mr. Crumby for setting up this visit and being his tour guide.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Garner told the Board to review the 2019 Year in Review publication that had been placed in their cubby folders.

He reported that staff had participated on January 30, 2020 in a Historical Society Water panel event held at Rancho Los Alamitos. He said the panel had been made up of Larry Rich (the City's self-named historian); Craig Hendricks, a HSLB Board member & LBCC professor; and Anatole Falagan. He complimented Mr. Falagan on his participation on the panel.

Mr. Tseng provided an overview and presentation regarding the Duck Pond project at El Dorado Park that LBWD would be partnering with the City Public Works and Recreation departments on this project.

Commissioner Martinez inquired about the possible availability of CWSRF (Clean Water State Revolving Fund) and Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) funding for this project.

Commissioner Levine spoke regarding the duck pond water quality.

Mr. Tseng responded.

Commissioner Shannon inquired which parties would benefit from this project.

Mr. Tseng responded.

Mr. Falagan briefly spoke about the recycled interruptible program.

Mr. Garner spoke.

Mr. Crumby provided additional details regarding the project.

President Saltzgaver spoke about the project.

Mr. Tseng provided additional information regarding the project.

President Saltzgaver inquired about the timeline for the project.

Mr. Tseng advised, staff anticipated bringing this project back to the Board for approval sometime in the early summer months.

Commissioner Martinez inquired about the environmental impact of the project.

Mr. Tseng advised during the initial discussions regarding the project it had been determined that the initial EIR would be sufficient for this project.

President Saltzgaver inquired about permit requirements for the project.

Mr. Tseng and Mr. Crumby responded.

Commissioner Martinez inquired about O&M for the project.

Mr. Tseng responded.

Mr. Garner thanked Mr. Tseng and the engineering team for stepping up and taking a lead to help this project come to a point of completion.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. [20-012WA](#) Recommendation to approve the October 24, 2019 minutes.

This WA-Agenda Item was approve recommendation.

Yes: 4 - Harry Saltzgaver, Frank Martinez, Art Levine and Robert Shannon

Excused: 1 - Gloria Cordero

2. [20-013WA](#) Recommendation to Adopt Specification WD-04-20 and authorize the General Manager to execute an agreement with S & J Supply Co. to furnish and deliver fire hydrants and fire hydrant parts to the Long Beach Water Department (LBWD) in an amount not to exceed \$110,000 for a one-year period, and to exercise the option to renew for two additional one-year periods in an amount not to exceed 10% for each renewal period

BUREAU: OPERATIONS

Ms. Lourdes Vargas provided the staff report and reviewed a presentation with the Board regarding the background on installation of fire hydrants.

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

Yes: 4 - Harry Saltzgaver, Frank Martinez, Art Levine and Robert Shannon

Excused: 1 - Gloria Cordero

3. [20-014WA](#) Recommendation to adopt Resolution No. WD-1420 authorizing the General Manager to enter into a sole source contract with Haaker Equipment Company for manufacturer authorized replacement parts and services, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for a one-year period and to exercise the option to renew for two (2) additional one-year periods.

BUREAU: OPERATIONS

Ms. Jennifer Rojas provided the staff report and presentation regarding the sole source contract with Haaker Equipment Company.

Commissioner Levine inquired about the use of the cameras supplied through this contract.

Ms. Rojas responded.

President Saltzgaver spoke.

Ms. Rojas responded.

A roll call vote was taken.

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

Yes: 4 - Harry Saltzgaver, Frank Martinez, Art Levine and Robert Shannon

Excused: 1 - Gloria Cordero

4. [20-015WA](#)

Recommendation to adopt Resolution WD-1419 authorizing an amendment to the terms of compensation for the General Manager.

President Saltzgaver reviewed the evaluation process of Mr. Garner, General Manager of the Long Beach Water Department.

He advised that Mr. Garner's contract had been amended to provide him with a 2% raise effective February 15, 2020, which now makes his compensation \$289,710.

A roll call vote was taken.

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

Yes: 4 - Harry Saltzgaver, Frank Martinez, Art Levine and Robert Shannon

Excused: 1 - Gloria Cordero

5. [20-016WA](#) Recommendation to authorize sponsorship of the WomenShelter of Long Beach (WSLB), 2020 “Lead with Love” Gala event Thursday, April 2, 2020, being held at the Long Beach Convention Center.

BUREAU: EXECUTIVE

President Saltzgaver advised that he serves as a member of the Honorary Board of the WomenShelter.

Mr. Garner provided information regarding the WomenShelter sponsorship request.

Commissioner Shannon made a motion to approve a sponsorship in the amount of \$1,500.

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

Yes: 4 - Harry Saltzgaver, Frank Martinez, Art Levine and Robert Shannon

Excused: 1 - Gloria Cordero

6. [20-017WA](#) Recommendation to authorize attendance and sponsorship of the 2020 Water Education for Latino Leaders (WELL) conference in San Jose, CA March 20 - 21, 2020.

BUREAU: EXECUTIVE

Mr. Garner provided background information regarding the sponsorship request.

President Saltzgaver advised he had contacted Commissioner Cordero regarding this conference. He advised she had attended one of their previous conferences, and thought maybe some staff had attended in the past.

Commissioner Shannon spoke.

Commissioner Levine spoke.

Mr. Garner spoke.

Mr. Falagan spoke.

Commissioner Martinez spoke.

Commissioner Martinez made a motion to deny this sponsorship request.

Commissioner Shannon seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 4 yes, 1 excused (Cordero) vote.

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 a motion to excuse Commissioner Cordero from the February 6, 2020 Board meeting.

Commissioner Levine made a motion to excuse Commissioner Cordero from the February 6, 2020 Board meeting. Commissioner Martinez seconded the motion.

The motion carried with a 4 yes, 1 excused (Cordero) vote.

President Saltzgaver called for any other new business. Hearing none he moved on in the agenda.

7. [20-018WA](#) Closed Session: Anticipated or threatened litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (2) of subdivision (e) of Section 54956.9 of the California Government Code (one case).

President Saltzgaver read the closed session language into the record:

Anticipated or threatened litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) and Paragraph (3) of subdivision (e) of Section 54956.9 of the California

Government Code (one case).

President Saltzgaver called for any public comment. Hearing none he adjourned the Board to the closed session at 10:55 A.M.

President Saltzgaver called the Board meeting back into session at 11:21 A.M.

He advised he had nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT

President Saltzgaver adjourned the Board meeting at 11:23 A.M. to the next Regular meeting, Thursday, February 27, 2020, at 9:00 A.M. in the Board room at 1800 E. Wardlow Road, Long Beach, CA.

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