

**CITY OF LONG BEACH  
WATER COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2019  
LONG BEACH WATER DEPARTMENT  
1800 EAST WARDLOW ROAD  
BOARD ROOM, 9:00 AM**

Gloria Cordero, President  
Harry Saltzgaver, Vice President  
Frank Martinez, Secretary



Arthur Levine, Commissioner  
Robert Shannon, Commissioner

Christopher J. Garner, General Manager

Richard Anthony, Deputy City Attorney

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**FINISHED AGENDA & FINAL 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 meeting was called to order by Acting President Saltzgaver at 9:00 A.M. in the Board room at the Administration building.

**FLAG SALUTE**

Patrizia Hall led the Board and audience in the flag salute.

**ROLL CALL**

**Commissioners** Harry Saltzgaver, Frank Martinez, Art Levine and Robert

**Present:** Shannon

**Commissioners** Gloria Cordero

**Excused:**

Acting Executive Assistant, Dynna Long took the roll call and confirmed a quorum.

Also present: Chris Garner, General Manager; Tai Tseng, Assistant General Manager - Operations; Sean Crumby, Deputy General Manager - Engineering; Dynna Long, Acting Executive Assistant.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Acting President Saltzgaver advised that the City Council had approved the budget at Tuesday's Council meeting, which he advised also included the Water Department budget.

## **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Garner also commented on the City's budget adoption. He reported that several public speakers commented on the proposed water rates.

He noted that the Department's budget was passed unanimously along with the water rate increase. He reported that the rate increase passed with one dissenting vote - Councilmember Al Austin. Mr. Garner advised he had not yet spoken with Councilmember Austin regarding the reasons for his dissenting vote.

He thanked Mr. Fujita and his team for their hard work on putting the budget together.

Mr. Garner told the Board that a Press Telegram article had been included in their cubby folders which highlighted the work of Commissioner Shannon with Meals on Wheels.

Mr. Garner noted the details of Mr. West's retirement celebration that would be taking place on September 19, 2019 at the Long Beach Terrace Theatre lobby.

Ms. Weatherly provided an update report regarding the Water Department's Communication Master Plan.

Acting President Saltzgaver spoke.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

1. [19-046WA](#) Recommendation to Adopt Specifications WD-08-19 for the Alamitos Tank No.5 Rehabilitation Project (EO-3444), and authorize the General Manager to sign a construction contract with Advanced Industrial Services,

Inc. in the amount of \$1,226,830.00.

Mr. Rendon provided the staff report.

Mr. Garner spoke about the Long Beach Water Department storage tank rehabilitation program.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Shannon, seconded by Commissioner Levine, 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

2. [19-047WA](#) Recommendation to Adopt Specifications WD-27-19 and authorize the General Manager to execute an agreement with Haaker Equipment Company to furnish and deliver one (1) Closed Circuit Television Truck in an amount not to exceed \$238,000.

Mr. Tseng provided the staff report.

**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

3. [19-048WA](#) Recommendation for Authorization to sponsor Partners of Parks "Sowing the Seeds of Summer 2019" event, Thursday, September 14, 2019.

Mr. Garner provided a staff report.

Commissioner Martinez recommended a sponsorship in the amount of \$1,000.

Commissioner Martinez spoke.

Acting President Saltzgaver spoke.

Mr. Garner spoke.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Levine, 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. [19-049WA](#)

Recommendation to Authorize the General Manager to enter into an Agreement with City of Lakewood to provide limited recycled water service, subject to interruption and termination, to the City of Lakewood.

Mr. Wang provided a staff report and a presentation.

Mr. Garner spoke.

Commissioner Martinez spoke.

Acting President Saltzgaver spoke, and requested that staff prepare a report on the entire Long Beach Water Department recycled program (including Leo Vander Lans plant operations). He also requested that the report include the cost of installing recycled water pipeline. He asked that this report be brought back to the Board within a month or so.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Levine, 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

**CONSIDER STANDING COMMITTEE REFERRALS**

Acting President Saltzgaver called for any Standing Committee referrals.

Hearing none he moved on in the agenda.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Shannon made a motion to excuse President Cordero from the September 5, 2019 Board meeting. Commissioner Martinez seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 4 yes, 1 absent (Cordero) vote.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Acting President Saltzgaver read the closed session language into the record:  
Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 of the California Government Code (one case).

Acting President Saltzgaver then adjourned the Board to the closed session at 9:20 A.M.

He reconvened the Board meeting at 10:00 A.M., and advised he had nothing to report from the closed session.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Acting President Saltzgaver adjourned the meeting at 10:01 A.M. to the next regular meeting to be held Thursday, September 19, 2019 at 9:00 A.M. in the Board room at 1800 E Wardlowr Road, Long Beach, CA.

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