

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
UTILITIES COMMISSION
MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2023
LONG BEACH UTILITIES DEPARTMENT
1800 EAST WARDLOW ROAD
BOARD ROOM, 9:00 AM**

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Gloria Cordero, President
Naomi Rainey, Vice President
Gina Maguire, Secretary



Frank Martinez, Commissioner
Robert Shannon, Commissioner

Christopher J. Garner, General Manager

Richard Anthony, Principal Deputy City
Attorney

FINISHED AGENDA AND DRAFT MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

President Cordero called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

FLAG SALUTE

Tai Tseng led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Frank Martinez, Robert Shannon, Gina Maguire, Naomi Rainey
Present: and Gloria Cordero

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Cordero had no items to report.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Chris Garner presented the General Manager's report.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. 23-002UT Recommendation to approve January 5, 2023 and January 12, 2023 Board meeting minutes.

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

Yes: 5 - Frank Martinez, Robert Shannon, Gina Maguire, Naomi Rainey and Gloria Cordero

2. 23-003UT Recommendation to review invitation for a Board sponsorship of the Long Beach Cambodian Restaurant Week to be held on March 19-26, 2023 in Long Beach, California.

President Cordero informed the Board that she and Secretary Maguire will work with staff to review and update the Board sponsorship policy to better assess sponsorships moving forward. A sponsorship moratorium will be in effect until a new policy is in place. Notification of the moratorium would be posted on the Department's website.

Vice President Rainey spoke.
Commissioner Martinez spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Shannon, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to receive and file. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Frank Martinez, Robert Shannon, Gina Maguire, Naomi Rainey and Gloria Cordero

3. 23-004UT Recommendation to authorize an increase of the Lawn-to-Garden incentive to \$3.00 per square foot for front yards, back yards and commercial properties and authorize the expenditure of LBU funds to continue the incentive at such amount after the MWD incentive reverts to \$2.00 per square foot.

Dean Wang presented the report.
Commissioner Martinez spoke.
Vice President Rainey spoke.
Richard Anthony spoke.
Secretary Maguire spoke.
Dean Wang spoke.
President Cordero spoke.
A dialogue ensued.
Pete Marsh, member of the public, spoke.

A motion was made by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Vice President Rainey, to approve Option #1. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Frank Martinez, Robert Shannon, Gina Maguire, Naomi Rainey and Gloria Cordero

4. 23-005UT Recommendation to authorize the General Manager to enter into a contract with Rebuilding Together Long Beach for a Low-Income Leak Repair Pilot Program in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.

Jillian Croci presented the report.
Commissioner Shannon spoke.
Richard Anthony spoke.

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

Yes: 5 - Frank Martinez, Robert Shannon, Gina Maguire, Naomi Rainey and Gloria Cordero

AGENDA ITEMS 5-8 WERE APPROVED CONCURRENTLY.

5. 23-006UT Recommendation to adopt Specifications WD-23-043 and authorize the General Manager to execute an agreement with JCI Jones Chemicals Inc., to furnish and deliver Liquid Chlorine in an amount not to exceed \$600,000 for a period of six months.

Yan Zhang presented on items 5-8.
Commissioner Martinez spoke.
Vice President Rainey spoke.
Chris Garner spoke.

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

Yes: 5 - Frank Martinez, Robert Shannon, Gina Maguire, Naomi Rainey and Gloria Cordero

6. 23-007UT Recommendation to adopt Specifications WD-23-044 and authorize the General Manager to execute an agreement with California Water Technologies Inc., to furnish and deliver Ferric Chloride (43% by weight basis) in an amount not to exceed \$213,800 for a period of six months.

This UT-Agenda Item was approved.

7. 23-008UT Recommendation to adopt Specifications WD-23-045 and authorize the General Manager to execute an agreement with Sterling Water Technologies LLC to furnish and deliver Polymer Blend in an amount not to exceed \$530,000 for a period of six months.

This UT-Agenda Item was approved.

8. 23-009UT Recommendation to adopt Specifications WD-23-046 and authorize the General Manager to execute an agreement with Univar Solutions USA Inc., to furnish and deliver Liquid Caustic Soda (50% solution) in an amount not to exceed \$216,000 for a period of six months.

This UT-Agenda Item was approved.

9. 23-010UT Recommendation to adopt Resolution WD-1471 authorizing the General Manager to enter into an agreement with SHI for website services provided by Granicus OpenCities platform, under the purchase conditions specified in the Omnia Partners Master Agreement (Contract # 2018011-02) for website development and design, hosting, security and support for a four-year term for a total aggregate amount not to exceed \$112,290 plus 20 percent contingency.

Paula Crowell presented the report.
Chris Garner spoke.
Commissioner Martinez spoke.
Vice President Rainey spoke.
President Cordero spoke.

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

Yes: 5 - Frank Martinez, Robert Shannon, Gina Maguire, Naomi Rainey and Gloria Cordero

10. 23-011UT Receive verbal report of the January 10, 2023 Metropolitan Water District Board meeting.

President Cordero presented the report.

CONSIDER STANDING COMMITTEE REFERRALS

Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for February 2, 2023.

NEW BUSINESS

Chris Garner will be inviting a representative from the County of Los Angeles to provide a report on the capture of approximately 33 billion gallons of stormwater.

Commissioner Shannon requested that a representative of the Financial Management Department provide a full report on President Cordero's compensation for her attendance at the MWD meetings as well as compensation for full Committee meetings and full Commission meetings.

CLOSED SESSION

- 11. 23-012UT** Pursuant to Paragraph (b)(1) of Section 54957 and Section 54957.6 of the California Government Code regarding Public Employee Performance Evaluation, Terms of Employment and Compensation: General Manager

The Board recessed into Closed Session at 10:15am.
The Board reconvened at 11:08am.

ADJOURNMENT

President Cordero adjourned the meeting at 11:08am.