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**CITY OF EL PASO
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD**

AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR PSB MEETING

8:00 a.m. M.T.

February 14, 2024

Public Service Board Meeting Room
1154 Hawkins Blvd, El Paso, Texas 79925

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

All matters listed under the CONSENT AGENDA will be considered by the Public Service Board to be routine and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless members of the PSB or persons in the audience request specific items be removed from the CONSENT AGENDA to the REGULAR AGENDA for discussion prior to the time the PSB votes on the motion to adopt the CONSENT AGENDA. The Public Service Board may reconsider an agenda item at any time prior to adjournment. Comments by a member of the public as to any regular agenda item will be allowed by the Chair prior to or during the PSB's consideration of the item. Reasonable time limits may be imposed by the Chair.

CALL TO ORDER
ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM
MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Administer Oath to new Board Member.
2. Appointment of Board members to the following committees:
 - (1) Architect/Engineer Selection Advisory Committee: Bryan Morris, Charlie Intebi
 - (2) Communications Committee: Stefanie Block Uribarri, Ivonne Santiago, New Board Member
 - (3) Audit, Finance, and Investment Committee: Stefanie Block Uribarri, Lisa Saenz, New Board Member
 - (4) Development Committee: Ivonne Santiago, Bryan Morris, New Board Member

CONSENT AGENDA

3. Consider and approve the minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting held on January 10, 2024.
Edith Lara, Executive Assistant to President/CEO, 915-594-5501 (ATTACHMENT)
4. Consider and adopt a resolution authorizing the President/CEO to sign and provide any necessary documents to complete the submission of a request for technical assistance funding from the North American Development Bank for the Montana Vista Wastewater Collection System Phases 2 and 3 Project, and to authorize the President/CEO to enter into any related agreement and sign and provide any other documents necessary to accept the funds for certification of this Project. **(ATTACHMENT)**
Lisa Rosendorf, Chief Communications & Government Affairs Officer (915) 594-5669

CONSENT AGENDA (continued)

5. Consider and approve a professional engineering services contract for the Ridgcrest Water Storage Tank–Part 2 project with Consor North America, Inc. for design services in the amount of \$80,921.13 and authorize future task orders or amendments to be issued under this contract for additional design, bid and construction phase services in an estimated amount of \$700,000 and authorize the use of commercial paper.
Irazema Rojas, Chief Technical Officer (915)594-5562 (ATTACHMENT)
6. Consider and approve an amendment to the professional services contract for internal audit and accounting services pursuant to Chapter 2254 of the Texas Government Code with Porch & Associates LLC to revise the compensation to the estimated annual amount of \$200,000 for the current first year of the term of the contract and for each of the three one-year options to extend. **(ATTACHMENT)**
Art Duran, Chief Financial Officer (915) 594-5549

REGULAR AGENDA

7. CEO Monthly Update Regarding Utility Management and/or Operations:
 - Water Supply Outlook
 - McGregor Range Grant approved by the state
 - El Paso Fire Department training opportunity
 - Appointment of Art Ruiz to the American Membrane Technology Association
8. Management Report:
 - Construction Update
 - Video from Communications
9. Public Comment: The PSB will permit public comment on any item not on the agenda. The Chair may impose reasonable time limits for each speaker.
10. Consider and approve a Services Agreement between El Paso Water and the Borderplex Alliance for planning services, in accordance with Section 252.022(a)(4) of the Texas Local Government Code, which includes the continued implementation of an economic development plan specific to EPWater in the annual amount of \$250,000 for a two-year term. **(ATTACHMENT)**
Ana Sanchez, Vice President of Financial & Management Services (915) 594-5519
11. Consider and adopt a resolution authorizing the President/CEO's submission of a grant application to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation under Funding Opportunity Number R24AS0052 "WaterSMART Water and Energy Efficiency Grants for Fiscal Year 2024" for a Solar Power Project at the Fred Hervey Reclamation Plant, requesting \$4,868,512 in grant funding and authorize EPWater's funding commitment to allocate an estimated \$4,868,512 to the project if grant funds are awarded, and further authorize the President/CEO to provide and sign any documents in connection with the grant application, grant agreement and the funds for this project. **(ATTACHMENT)**
Lisa Rosendorf, Chief Communications & Government Affairs Officer (915) 594-5669
12. Conduct a public hearing by the Municipal Drainage Utility System's governing board to consider a stormwater fee increase for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. **(ATTACHMENT)**
Art Duran, Chief Financial Officer (915) 594-5549
13. Consider and adopt the Stormwater Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 and adoption of Resolutions amending Rules and Regulations No. 2 for clarity and proposed changes and Rules and Regulations No. 3 with proposed fee adjustments. **(ATTACHMENT)**
Art Duran, Chief Financial Officer (915) 594-5549

REGULAR AGENDA (continued)

14. Consider and adopt a Resolution amending Rules and Regulations No. 5 with proposed water rates for Esperanza water customers and other necessary amendments. **(ATTACHMENT)**
Art Duran, Chief Financial Officer (915) 594-5549
15. Consider and adopt a Resolution amending Rules and Regulations No. 7 with proposed definition changes and other necessary amendments. **(ATTACHMENT)**
Irazema Rojas, Chief Technical Officer (915)594-5562
16. Consider and adopt a Resolution of the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board delegating the authority to the President/CEO or Designee to evaluate, select and award construction contracts for construction projects that are part of EPWater's Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Capital Improvement Program for the Water and Sewer Utility and the Municipal Drainage Utility that are procured using the competitive bidding method or the competitive sealed proposal method, which comply with all applicable laws and EPWater procurement policies and that do not to exceed the amount of \$6,000,000 per contract award, not inclusive of change orders, without further Public Service Board approval; this delegation of authority also includes the rejection of bids and termination of awarded contracts. **(ATTACHMENT)**
Irazema Rojas, Chief Technical Officer (915)594-5562
17. Consider and approve a master contract for trenchless pipe rehabilitation with Insituform Technologies, LLC through Buyboard Cooperative Purchasing Contract 635-21 Cured in Place Pipe (CIPP) for Pipeline Rehabilitation for the Montana Avenue 12-inch pipeline rehabilitation project in the estimated amount of \$13,000,000 based on Insituform Technologies, LLC's unit prices in the Buyboard Cooperative Purchasing Contract 635-21 and authorize the use of commercial paper. **(ATTACHMENT)**
Irazema Rojas, Chief Technical Officer (915)594-5562
18. Consider and approve an increase in capacity of master contract MC00000253 issued to Phoenix General Contractors, LLC through ESC Region 19 Allied States Cooperative Contract No. 22-7434, for the purchase of maintenance, repairs and operation equipment, supplies, materials, and services by an additional \$1,500,000 to increase the current master contract cumulative amount to \$2,500,000 and authorize the issuance of future annual master contracts in the amount of \$2,500,000 to Phoenix General Contractors, LLC under ESC Region 19 Allied States Cooperative Contract No. 22-7434 for as long as the term of the contract is in place. **(ATTACHMENT)**
Martin Noriega, Chief Operations Officer (915) 621-2085
19. Consider and award Bid Number 84-23, Granular Activated Carbon, to the sole responsive, responsible bidder, Calgon Carbon Corporation in the estimated annual amount of \$3,462,050 for a term of one year with four one-year options. **(ATTACHMENT)**
Martin Noriega, Chief Operations Officer (915) 621-2085
20. Consider and approve the ratification of expenditures in the amount of \$50,000 beyond the originally approved emergency contract amount of \$200,000 to Midland Scientific, Inc. for laboratory chemicals and supplies and authorize the increase of the existing emergency contract with Midland Scientific, Inc. by an additional estimated amount of \$600,000 until the new bid is awarded, for an estimated cumulative amount of \$850,000 pursuant to Section 252.022(a)(2) of the Texas Local Government Code, procurement necessary to preserve or protect the public health or safety of the municipality's residents. **(ATTACHMENT)**
Ruben Rodriguez, Chief Water Quality Compliance Officer (915) 594-5772

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Public Service Board will retire into Executive Session pursuant to Section 3.5A of the El Paso City Charter and the Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071 through 551.089. (The items listed below are matters of the sort to be discussed in Executive Session; however, the Public Service Board may move any item of this agenda to Executive Session, consistent with the terms of the Open Meetings Act.)

Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney
Section 551.072 Deliberation Regarding Real Property
Section 551.073 Deliberation Regarding Prospective Gift
Section 551.074 Personnel Matters
Section 551.076 Deliberations Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits
Section 551.087 Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations
Section 551.089 Deliberation Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits

- a. The Board will deliberate regarding whether the following property can be declared inexpedient to the water, wastewater and stormwater system, the property is legally described as portion of land situated in the T&P R. R. Co. Survey. Abstract No. 2139, Section 35, Block 79, Township 2, in El Paso County, consisting of approximately 0.0061 acre. (551.071) (551.072)
- b. The Board will deliberate regarding whether the following property can be declared inexpedient to the water, wastewater and stormwater system, the property is legally described as a portion of Laura D Mundy Survey No. 235 and a portion of Section 5, Block 82, Township 1, Texas and Pacific Railway Company Surveys, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, consisting of approximately 49.90 acre. (551.071) (551.072)
- c. Consultation with attorney regarding the Planned Waterline Replacement Program Phase 13-Cedar Grove project. (551.071)

Any action as a result of these discussions will be taken at the re-opening of this meeting or at a subsequent meeting.

Adjournment.

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