



**CITY OF RIALTO
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
UTILITIES COMMISSION
OCTOBER 20, 2020 - 6:00 P.M.**

In compliance with social distancing protocols, the Regular meeting of the Utilities Commission of the City of Rialto was held from remote locations via teleconference within the guidelines of Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20 on Tuesday, October 20, 2020.

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This meeting was in accordance with the provision of the **Government Code §54956** of the State of California.

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CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairperson Hayes called the meeting to order at 6:06 P.M.

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ROLL CALL

The roll call was taken by Commission Clerk, Dayan Malfavon.

Present:

Vice-Chairperson June Hayes

Commissioner Richard "Kim" Chitwood

Commissioner James M. Shields

Absent:

Chairperson Barbara Zrelak-Rickman

Commissioner Kevin C. Kobbe

City Staff Present:

Tom Crowley, Susanne Wilcox, Amy Crow, and Dayan Malfavon.

Also Present:

Rolf Ohlemutz, Soheil Sadighi, Chandrasekar Venkatraman (CV), Richard Perna, Nancy Jackson, and David Terry.

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Shields led the pledge of allegiance.

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**MOMENT OF SILENCE/
INVOCATION**

Commissioner Chitwood led the Invocation.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- ◆ Minutes for the meeting of September 15, 2020 were tabled.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- ◆ There was none

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NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM 1- Monthly Activity Report for City of Rialto Waste Management Services
(RECEIVE AND FILE)

- ◆ Amy Crow reviewed the monthly Waste Management Report.
- ◆ Crow reviewed the tonnage, scavenger report, and special collection.

Questions & Comments

- ◆ Commissioner Chitwood asked Crow to confirm the date and time for the Community Clean-Up day.

Action

- ◆ **The Commission received and accepted the report.**

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ITEM 2- Recommend the City Council/Rialto Utility Authority Approve Participation in the 2020 Upper Santa Ana River Integrated Regional Urban Water Management Plan to Meet the Requirements of Both the Urban Water Management Planning Act and the Integrated Regional Water Management Planning Act, with a Cost-Share of \$27,404.
(ACTION)

- ◆ Tom Crowley reviewed a PowerPoint presentation on “the Integrated Regional Urban Water Management Plan”.

Questions & Comments

- ◆ Commissioner Chitwood asked Crowley why Rialto’s cost is higher than Riverside and commented that Marygold Mutual was not on the list of agencies.
- ◆ Commissioner Chitwood asked Crowley why San Bernardino Valley municipal Water District’s cost is significantly higher than all of the other agencies.

Action

- ◆ **Commissioner Chitwood made a motioned to recommend that the City Council/Rialto Utility Authority approve the City’s participation in the 2020 Upper Santa Ana River Integrated Regional Urban Water Management Plan with a cost-share of \$27,404.**
- ◆ **Commissioner Shields seconded the motion.**
- ◆ **Motion carried.**
- ◆ **Vote: 3 to 0 in favor of approval**

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ITEM 3- Recommend City Council/Rialto Utility Authority Approval of the Rialto Basin Groundwater Council Framework Agreement.
(ACTION)

- ◆ Tom Crowley explained what a Groundwater Council is.
- ◆ Crowley spoke about the details of the agreement.
- ◆ Vice-Chairperson Hays briefly summarized the purpose of the agreement.

Questions & Comments

- ◆ There were none.

Action

- ◆ Commissioner Chitwood made a motion to recommend that the City Council/Rialto Utility Authority approve the Rialto Basin Groundwater Council Framework Agreement.
- ◆ Commissioner Shields seconded the motion.
- ◆ Motion carried.
- ◆ Vote: 3 to 0 in favor of approval
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ITEM 4- Recommend the City Council/Rialto Utility Authority: Approve the First Amendment to the Four-Party Implementation Agreement for the Construction and Operation/Maintenance of the Liquid Chlorinator, Approve the Cost-Share in the Amount of \$217,663, and Direct Emhart/AECOM to proceed with construction contract award to ICS, the apparent lowest responsible bidder for the Liquid Chlorinator project.

(ACTION)

Questions & Comments

- ◆ Commissioner Chitwood asked Crowley for the location of the well site.
- ◆ Vice-Chairperson Hayes asked Crowley what the lifespan of the system is.
- ◆ Vice-Chairperson Hayes asked Terry if there is a greater, less, equal risk management with liquid chlorination versus tablet chlorination.

Action

- ◆ Commissioner Chitwood made a motion to recommend that the City Council/Rialto Utility Authority approve the Rialto Basin Groundwater Council Framework Agreement.
- ◆ Commissioner Shields seconded the motion.
- ◆ Motion carried.
- ◆ Vote: 3 to 0 in favor of approval
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ITEM 5- Recommend the City Council/Rialto Utility Authority Approve the Second Amendment to the Four-Party Implementation Agreement for the Backup Water Supply to the City of Colton.

(ACTION)

Questions & Comments

- ◆ Vice-Chairperson Hayes asked Crowley if getting water to Colton will interfere with City of Rialto's pumping rights.

Action

- ◆ Commissioner Chitwood made a motion to recommend that the City Council/Rialto Utility Authority approve the Second Amendment to the Four-Party Implementation Agreement for the backup water supply to the City of Colton.

- ◆ **Commissioner Shields seconded the motion.**
- ◆ **Motion carried.**
- ◆ **Vote: 3 to 0 in favor of approval**

ITEM 6- Veolia's Monthly
Maintenance and Operations Report
(RECEIVE AND FILE)

- ◆ Richard Perna reviewed the Wastewater Operations Report and provided current updates.
- ◆ David Terry provided updates to the monthly Water Operations Report.
- ◆ Nancy Jackson reviewed the monthly Customer Service Report and provided current updates.
- ◆ CV provided an update to the S1- Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements project.
- ◆ Soheil Sadighi announced to the Commission that Aaron Kraft has taken a job with an engineering firm and has relocated to Las Vegas, Nevada.

Questions & Comments

- ◆ Vice-Chairperson Hayes asked Perna when the sewer lines are going to be inspected by CCTV again.
- ◆ Commissioner Chitwood asked Perna why the failed equipment was sent to Italy to repair instead of a local vendor.
- ◆ Commissioner Chitwood asked Jackson what percentage of bad debt is collected and if a percentage is paid to the collection agency after a debt has been collected.

Action

- ◆ **The Commission received and accepted the report.**

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OLD BUSINESS

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ITEM 1- Previous Discussion
Updates

- ◆ No outstanding items.

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ITEM 2- To Do List

- ◆ To Do List was discussed.

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UTILITIES MANAGER UPDATES

- ◆ There were none.

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COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

- ◆ Vice- Chairperson Hayes reminded everyone to vote.

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ADJOURNMENT

- ◆ Commissioner Shields made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
- ◆ Commissioner Chitwood seconded motion.
- ◆ Motion Carried.
- ◆ Meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.