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Regular meeting of the City of Redlands Municipal Utilities/Public Works Commission on June 6, 2022 at 4:00 PM in the Council Chambers at the Civic Center, 35 Cajon Street. The meeting was an in-person meeting with teleconferencing available via Zoom. Votes were conducted in person and by roll call.

A. ATTENDANCE & CALL TO ORDER

Present: Adekunle Ojo, Chairperson
Steve Stockton, Vice Chairperson
Thomas Breitzkreuz, Commissioner
David Garcia, Commissioner
Chandrasekar 'CV' Venkatraman, Commissioner

Absent: R. Brad Thoms, Commissioner
Zachary Travis, Commissioner

Staff: John Harris, Municipal Utilities & Engineering Director; Goutam Dobey, Engineering Manager;
Johana Silva, Commission Liaison/Assistant Engineer; Cindy Barstow, Senior Administrative Assistant

Chairperson Ojo called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM, thanked and welcomed everyone for attending, and offered any public present and joining virtually the opportunity to provide comment on any item on the agenda.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

None forthcoming.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of April 4, 2022, were unanimously approved.

Vote: 5 – 0 Passed

D. COMMUNICATIONS

a. **Director's Report**

Director Harris welcomed everyone to the meeting and provided highlights to his Director's Report.

Updates were provided on the following:

Local Water Supply Picture: Bunker Hill Basin is currently eighty-four percent (84%) full. Representatives from various agencies determined the optimal basin fill level to be between ninety percent (90%) to ninety-five

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(95%). Redlands will remain at Stage 2 water conservation restriction with no additional water use restrictions planned at this time. Additional restrictions may occur if Bear Valley Mutual Water Company and/or Crafton Water Company reduce delivery rates or if the Governor mandates the State Water Resources Control Board adopted an emergency water conservation regulation that will ensure more aggressive conservation by local water agencies. The regulation will be submitted to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) for approval. The ban on non-functional turf becomes effective upon OAL approval and the Level 2 requirements are proposed to take effect on June 10, 2022.

Water System Master Plans: The Water Systems Master Plans (MP) document was provided in the agenda package for review and comments for possible action at the August commission meeting.

WWTP2 Project Update: Parsons provided a preliminary construction cost estimate of approximately \$56,000,000 in direct project costs totaling approximately \$90,000,000 for all project elements. Parson will provide a final Construction Cost Estimate for review. MUED staff and Parsons are developing construction phase bidding strategies to control costs.

Sunset Reservoir Replacement - Land Lease Agreement: The City and the landowner perform land appraisals individually. The appraisal gap between the two appraisals was massive. A third appraisal will be performed by an agreed independent party.

Water Replacement Project: Phase I of the five (5) year project is on-schedule (June 30, 2022 completion date) and on-budget. A Notice To Proceed (NTP) was issued for the second year of this project.

PMP Update: PMP is scheduled to be completed by the end of June. Painting of the bicycle lane along Brookside Avenue took longer than anticipated due to supply chain delays.

Capital Improvement Project Update Q3 Update: The department's CIP delivery schedule of projects (Attachment C) is aggressive with the intent to meet the obligation outlined in the FY 21/22 schedule of projects, of which an update, including tasks, timeframe/delivery of each was provided in the Director's Report. City Staff have completed or currently working on forty-eight (48) capital improvement projects in the FY 21/22.

Well and Booster Pump Rehabilitation Project: Rehabilitation of the Muni Well was initially scheduled for completion in the third year of the project. However, staff is rescheduling this portion of the project for completion in the first year. San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District (SBVMWD) will share this cost evenly with the City under the terms of a Reimbursement Agreement, which obligates SBVMWD to a maximum reimbursement of \$157,000. City Council will consider the scope change on June 7, 2022.

Automated Metering Infrastructure system: City Council will consider a contract with Ferguson Waterworks to implement an Automated Metering Infrastructure system on June 21, 2022.

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Wastewater Treatment Plant Project, Phase 1B (WWTP P1B): A variance hearing with South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) is scheduled on Thursday, June 9, 2022 to extend the variance period to mid-August. The extension is needed due to supply chain issues in obtaining pressure-reducing valves to allow the gas conditioning system to operate.

Mr. Bell, resident, asked if Michael Baker was paid for sub-standard work on the Water System Master Plan. Mr. Harris clarified that the payment was stopped.

Commission inquiries ensued regarding joint ownership of mutual water companies and the City owning the majority of shares but not having a seat on the board to vote. Discussion continued regarding the Request For Proposal (RFP) for the Well Perchlorate Treatment Evaluation, targeting wasteful water practices, the sustainability of rebates and AMI data collection.

E. NEW BUSINESS

a. Distribution of Updated Water System Master Plan

A draft copy of the plan was provided to the commission. Mr. Harris item was deferred to the next scheduled meeting of the commission. Discussion, questions, comments at next meeting.

F. COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS, REPORTS ON ACTIVITIES, AND/OR REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Items requested for the next regular Commission meeting agenda were as follows:

Economics of the Water Conservation (Landscaping) - Discussion of savings regarding turf, trees, and landscaping.

Water Master Plan, Potable and Non-Potable – Discussion of the proposed citywide master plan for the water master plan, potable and non-potable, for the commission's review during the August commission meeting.

Commissioner Venkatraman shared with the commission that construction costs is projected to lower the first quarter of 2023. Commissioner Garcia asked for a summary of City Council items to be included in the Director's Report which Mr. Harris stated will be accommodate. Commissioner Ojo reminded everyone that small adjustments can be made at home to conserve water.

G. ADJOURNMENT – Next regular meeting is August 1, 2022 at 4:00 PM

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:06 PM. The next regular meeting of the City of Redlands Municipal Utilities/Public Works Commission is scheduled for August 1, 2022.