

Board of Light, Gas and Water Commissioners 220 S. Main Street

Board Meeting

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Wednesday, September 1, 2021

8:30 AM

Board Room

CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING REMARKS:

Chairman Graves

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Chairman Graves

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL:

Dana Jeanes

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Michael Pohlman	Board Member	Present	
Steven Wishnia	Board Member	Remote	
Carlee McCullough	Board Member	Present	
Mitch Graves	Chairman	Present	
Leon Dickson	Vice Chairman	Present	

APPROVALS:

Motion To: Approve Minutes of the Meeting of August 18, 2021.

RESULT:

ADOPTED [4 TO 0]

MOVER:

Carlee McCullough, Board Member

SECONDER: Michael Pohlman, Board Member

AYES:

Michael Pohlman, Carlee McCullough, Mitch Graves, Leon Dickson

REMOTE:

Steven Wishnia - Cannot vote unless in person

CITY COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND UPDATE:

Dana Jeanes

Receipt of Certified Copies of City Council Resolutions dated August 17, 2021, Items 14 through 20. (See Minute File No. 1463.)

PRESENTATIONS:

(None)

GENERAL STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

(None)

PRESIDENT'S BRIEFING:

1. Review of Consent Agenda - J. T. Young

(President's Briefing Continued on Page 91)

The original of the resolutions and documents relating to each item is filed in the vault on the fifth floor of the MLGW Administration Building, 220 South Main. The original documents shall control in the event of any conflict between the description and these minutes and the original documents.

CONSENT AGENDA

(Items 1 through 6)

RESULT:

APPROVED [4 TO 0]

MOVER:

Michael Pohlman, Board Member

SECONDER: Leon Dickson, Vice Chairman

AYES:

Michael Pohlman, Carlee McCullough, Mitch Graves, Leon Dickson

REMOTE:

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CHIEF CUSTOMER OFFICER

Resolution awarding Contract No. 12266, Weco Electric Meter Testing Application to Radian Research, Inc. in the funded amount of \$405,985.82. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)

CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

(None)

CHIEF PEOPLE OFFICER

(None)

COMMUNITY & EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(None)

DESIGN CONSTRUCTION & DELIVERY

(None)

ENGINEERING & OPERATIONS

- 2. Resolution approving the rejection of the bids received up to 4 o'clock p.m., Tuesday, July 20, 2021 for furnish with control cable. (Randy Orsby)
- 3. Resolution approving Change No. 1 to Contract No. 12154. Surveying Services with Ollar Surveying Company, LLC in the funded amount of \$145,446.00. (This change is to renew the current contract for the first of four annual renewal terms for the period covering January 19, 2022 through January 18, 2023 with a 7.4% increase in rates from the previous term. The increase is due to fuel and costs of supplies increasing. In addition, the cost increased due to the purchase of new GPS survey field equipment at a cost of \$37,199.00 which will replace the previous GPS equipment that was not operating efficiently to provide services efficiently.) (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)

4. Resolution approving Change No. 3 to Contract No. 12183, Synergi Gas Modeling Software Renewal with DNV-GL Noble Denton USA, LLC, in the funded amount of \$6,913.63. (This change is to ratify and renew maintenance and support services for the Model Builder Module for the period covering September 21, 2021 through September 20, 2022, with a 2.5% increase in rates from the previous term.) MLGW is requesting continuous maintenance, which can only be performed by DNV-GL Noble Denton USA, LLC.) (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)

PRESIDENT

(None)

SVP, CFO & CAO, FINANCE

5. Resolution approving Change No. 1 to Contract No. 12103, Worker's Compensation Stop Loss Brokering with Willis of Tennessee, Incorporated, in the funded amount of \$324,535.00. (This change is to ratify and renew the current contract for the first of four annual renewal terms for the period covering October 1, 2021 through October 31, 2022, with an 8.35% decrease in annual premium rates from the previous term.) (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)

SVP, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

(None)

SHARED SERVICES

(None)

VP & GENERAL COUNSEL

6. Resolution approving Change No. 5 to Contract No. 11782, Independent Claims Adjuster Services with Horton and Associates of Memphis, with no increase in the contract value. (This change is to extend the current contract for the period covering September 21, 2021 through December 31, 2021, based upon agreed upon rates, with no increase in the contract value.) (Randy Orsby)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Supplier Diversity Committee Report - <u>Dana Jeanes</u>

Mr. Jeanes reviewed the Supplier Diversity report for year-to-date until June 2021. He thanked Tamara Pate, Tiffany Byrd and the entire Procurement Staff for their diligence in working toward continuous improvement in the statistics. He reviewed the slides with the various statistics and noted that the total spend the first two quarters of the year equate to 36%. He reported the breakdown for MBE, WBE and LSBE. He explained that these include various classifications. He noted that COVID made a negative impact, but we are recovering nicely. He informed the Board that the B2G software is now active and enables tracking, spending and compliance. He advised the Board of the Procurement Fair scheduled for October 1, 2021.

PRESIDENT'S BRIEFING (Continued):

4. Other - J. T. Young

<u>President Young</u> commended the Supplier Diversity Team and thanked <u>Vice Chair Dickson</u> for his support and work with the team.

He informed the Board that Operation Feed was once again a success. MLGW exceeded their goal and collected over \$32,000.00. He thanked <u>Cliff DeBerry</u>, <u>Liz Williams</u> and <u>Joan Brown</u> for their leadership in the campaign. He thanked the two top givers, <u>Arnisa Davis and Rhonda Williams</u>.

He also discussed the "Utility Assistance One Stop" program that was held at Gethsemane Garden Church of God in Christ. He stated there was a tremendous turnout of approximately 300 customers. He added that they were offered utility assistance as well as other services. He thanked <u>Gale Carson</u>, <u>Beverly Perkins</u> and <u>the team</u> for their efforts.

He also commended <u>Gale Carson</u> for helping with the initiative of the Power Pivot program. The webinar had great participation and it was an informative session discussing human resources and working during the COVID crisis.

In closing he asked everyone to keep the families of <u>Beverly Phillips</u> and <u>Rickey Mithchell, Jr.</u> in their prayers. They were both MLGW employees that passed away. He added that they will be missed by the MLGW family.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 a.m.

(See Minute File No. 1463.)

Approved Without Interlineation

Chairman

These Minutes Compiled by Undersigned and are Correct

Secretary-Treasurer