

WORK SESSION MINUTES – WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 2023

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The Board of Public Utilities of Kansas City, Kansas (aka BPU, We, Us, Our) met in Work Session on Wednesday, July 17, 2024 at 4:30 PM. The following Board Members were present: Thomas Groneman, President; David Haley, Vice President; Stevie A. Wakes Sr., Secretary; Mary Gonzales, Rose Mulvany Henry and Brett Parker.

Also present: William Johnson, General Manager; Angela Lawson, Acting Chief Counsel; Lori Austin, Chief Financial Officer; Abbey Frye, Chief Administrative Officer; Jerry Sullivan, Chief Information Officer; Becky Aldinger, Director Purchasing/Supply Chain; Dennis Dumovich, Director of Human Resources; Nicholas Moreno, Communications Coordinator; and Robert Kamp, IT Project Manager.

A video of this meeting is on file at the Board of Public Utilities and can be found on the BPU website, www.bpu.com.

Mr. Groneman called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

Roll call was taken. All members were present, except for Mr. Haley, who arrived at 4:34 PM.

Item #3 –Approval of Agenda

A motion was made to approve the Agenda, by Ms. Mulvany Henry, seconded by Mr. Wakes, and unanimously carried.

Item #4 –Board Update/GM Update

Mr. Groneman said he was contacted by Mayor Garner’s office and asked to attend a public forum on August 3rd at the Community College.

Ms. Angela Lawson, Acting Chief Counsel, said if four or more Board Members planned to attend the public forum a meeting notice would need to be sent out.

Mr. Johnson said he would be communicating with the County Administrators Office to follow up on quarterly meetings between the Unified Government (UG) and BPU.

Item #5 – GM Search Update

Ms. Becky Aldinger, Director Purchasing/Supply Chain, shared the results of the

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Request for Proposal (RFP) candidates for the General Manager (GM) search. She outlined BPU’s evaluation process through a bid evaluation scorecard and asked the Board to discuss how they would like to rank the six criteria items from the RFP. (See attached spreadsheet.) The purpose of creating the scorecard was to allow each firm to be fairly evaluated. Items discussed included:

- The level of importance each of the six criteria items would hold to equal 100%.
- How the firms ranked in each criteria category based on their bid response.
- Determined the top two candidates, based on the results of the scorecard, that the Board agreed to move forward with.
- Consideration of what authority the Board would allow staff with negotiating the agreement.

A motion was made that the Board accept their one and two from the scoring; 1) CBIZ and 2) Baker Tilly. Staff would negotiate and enter into a contract with CBIZ. If they were unable to, based on standard BPU conditions, then staff was authorized to move to Baker Tilly, with the General Manager having the authority to sign either of those contracts, by Mr. Parker, seconded by Ms. Gonzales, and unanimously carried.

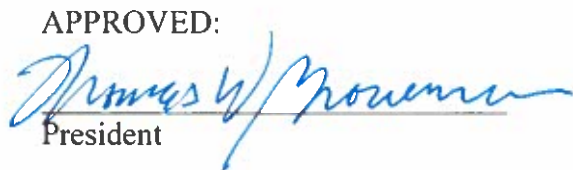
Ms. Aldinger, Ms. Lawson, and Mr. Johnson responded to questions and comments from the Board.

Item #7 – Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn the Work Session at 6:01 PM, by Ms. Mulvany Henry, seconded by Mr. Parker, and unanimously carried.

ATTEST:


Secretary

APPROVED:


President