

BOARD OF TRUSTEE MINUTES - REGULAR SESSION – March 23, 2020

The Board of Trustees met in regular session on March 23, 2020, in the City Hall Council Chambers. Chairperson Mike Rozga called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm and on roll call the following members were present via phone: Lesley Forbush, Mike Rozga and Adam Voigts. Absent: Jim McClymond.

Margaret Vernon, Sustainability Committee member, stated the committee had taken a vote in support of a moratorium on disconnects through June 1, 2020 and appreciates the fact the Board is discussing it as an agenda item. She would also like for them to discuss energy efficiency measures and rebates soon. IMU General Manager, Chris Des Planques, stated he has been in touch with IAMU about rebates and would like to have something going by the new Fiscal Year.

The consent agenda consisting of the following was approved on a motion by Voigts and seconded by Forbush. Question was called for and on voice vote the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

Claims list for March 23, 2020.  
Minutes from March 9, 2020.

Resolution 2020-17 authorizing the purchase of a 55-foot bucket truck subject to written confirmation of expiration date and declining the trade-in bid was introduced on a motion by Forbush and seconded by Voigts. Question was called for and on voice vote the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

Mike Metcalf, Electric Superintendent, reported on the Electric Utility Informational Items which included continuing work on the turbine, recent outage due to a bad primary underground and the electric department's response and plans in regard to COVID-19. Metcalf is also working on engineering proposals for the underground project and will bring those forward to the next Board meeting.

Lou Elbert, Water Superintendent, reported on the Water Utility Informational Items which included the department's response and plans in regard to COVID-19.

Kurt Ripperger, Telecommunications Superintendent, updated the Board on the Communications Utility Informational Items which included limiting installations, making sure bandwidth capacity is good with more people working from home and other measures in place in regard to COVID-19.

Des Planques stated that the IMU Customer Service Center has shut down to customers during the pandemic but staff is still working in the office or from home and making sure to stay in contact with customers. There was discussion on disconnects and late fees for utility services. Voigts moved and Forbush seconded a motion to have a 60-day suspension on late fees and disconnects. Question was called for and on voice vote the Chairperson declared the motion carried unanimously.

The Board decided to reschedule the May 25 meeting due to Memorial Day. The Deputy City Clerk will look at available days and let the Board and staff know of dates that will work.

The Board and staff discussed the conversion to eLation software and how COVID-19 may affect the plans. Chairperson Rozga also mentioned that the evaluation for Chris Des Planques is coming up but may be delayed or not held in-person because of the pandemic.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm on a motion by Forbush and seconded by Voigts.

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Mike Rozga, Chairperson

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Jackie Raffety, Deputy City Clerk