

RESOLUTION No. 37444

Authorize the Commissioners-in-Charge of the Bureau of Environmental Services and the Portland Water Bureau to renew an agreement with the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon for a term of five years to provide an independent review of City utility bureaus on behalf of residential ratepayers (Resolution)

WHEREAS, the City of Portland provides sewer, stormwater, and water services to about 180,000 accounts, almost 90% of which are residential; and

WHEREAS, the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon (CUB) was created in 1984 by a citizens' ballot initiative to represent the interests of residential utility customers; and

WHEREAS, in its three decades of service, CUB estimates that it has achieved \$5.8 billion in savings for Oregon residential ratepayers; and

WHEREAS, CUB's approach to consumer advocacy is grounded in least cost/least risk analysis as well as values for the common good including environmental stewardship and low-income consumer protection; and

WHEREAS, CUB has offered the City of Portland its services in advocacy for protection of the interests of residential ratepayers of the City's sewer, stormwater, and water services; and

WHEREAS, CUB will provide these services as an independent organization, funded through its members, with no direct financial support from the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council and City's two utility bureaus, the Bureau of Environmental Services (BES) and Portland Water Bureau (PWB), together with residential customers, continue to benefit from CUB's independent review and expertise on a range of topics including utility budgeting and rate setting, capital planning, least-cost/least-risk analysis, and customer services; and

WHEREAS, CUB agrees, based on its 35 years as a consumer advocate, to independently represent and advocate for City of Portland residential customers relating to quality and price of sewer, stormwater, and water services provided by the City; and

WHEREAS, CUB will continue to perform the following:

- Conduct independent research and analysis of issues that are important to ratepayers
- Participate in the City budget process including participation at City Council PWB and BES work sessions
- Make recommendations to BES, PWB, and the City Council on other public utility related matters with implications for residential customers
- Seek opportunities for discussion of longer-term policy considerations during the time following budget adoption

- Monitor the deliberations of the Portland Utility Board (PUB) in developing recommendations for the Council
- Meet with the Commissioner(s)-in-Charge of BES and PWB on a regular basis; and

WHEREAS, the City will:

- Make bureau Directors and staff, as well as Commissioners' bureau liaisons, available for routine, ongoing meetings with CUB
- Schedule meetings with the Commissioners-in-Charge of BES and PWB for updates from CUB
- Provide ongoing, timely information regarding the schedule for the budget development and adoption process for BES and PWB
- Provide CUB information on the development of bureau budgets and rates; and

WHEREAS, this partnership has provided a voice for ratepayers, ensuring that residential customers have an outside, independent advocate at the table; and

WHEREAS, this partnership has brought greater transparency and accountability to the operations and budgeting of the City's two utility bureaus; and

WHEREAS, this partnership has leveraged over 35 years of results for ratepayers to the benefit of Portland utility customers.

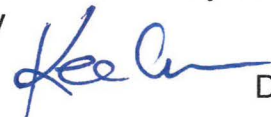
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council authorizes the Commissioners-in-Charge of BES and PWB to enter into an agreement with the CUB substantially in accordance with Exhibit A.

Adopted by the Council: AUG 28 2019

Commissioners Nick Fish and Amanda Fritz
Prepared by: Jamie Dunphy
Date Prepared: 07/30/2019

Mary Hull Caballero
Auditor of the City of Portland

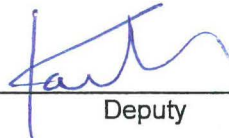
By

 Deputy

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<p style="text-align: center;">INTRODUCED BY Commissioner/Auditor: Commissioners Fish and Fritz</p>	<p>CLERK USE: DATE FILED <u>AUG 20 2019</u></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">COMMISSIONER APPROVAL</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mary Hull Caballero Auditor of the City of Portland</p> <p>By: <u></u> Deputy</p> <p>ACTION TAKEN:</p>
<p>Mayor—Finance & Administration – Wheeler</p>	
<p>Position 1/Utilities - Fritz <u>YU</u></p>	
<p>Position 2/Works - Fish <u>SMG</u></p>	
<p>Position 3/Affairs - Hardesty</p>	
<p>Position 4/Safety - Eudaly</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">BUREAU APPROVAL</p>	
<p>Bureaus: Environmental Services and Water Bureau Bureau Heads: Mike Jordan and Mike Stuhr</p>	
<p>Prepared by: Jamie Dunphy Date Prepared: 07/30/2019</p>	
<p>Impact Statement Completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amends Budget <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>Portland Policy Document If "Yes" requires City Policy paragraph stated in document. Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>City Auditor Office Approval: required for Code Ordinances</p>	
<p>City Attorney Approval: required for contract, code, easement, franchise, charter, Comp Plan <u>JRB</u></p>	
<p>Council Meeting Date: 08/28/2019</p>	

AGENDA
<p>TIME CERTAIN <input type="checkbox"/> Start time: _____ Total amount of time needed: _____ (for presentation, testimony and discussion)</p>
<p>CONSENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>REGULAR <input type="checkbox"/> Total amount of time needed: _____ (for presentation, testimony and discussion)</p>

FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA	COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:		
		YEAS	NAYS
1. Fritz	1. Fritz	✓	
2. Fish	2. Fish	✓	
3. Hardesty	3. Hardesty	✓	
4. Eudaly	4. Eudaly	✓	
Wheeler	Wheeler	✓	