



TRAVIS COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT 17

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A Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of Travis County Water Control and Improvement District No. 17 was held at the District office located at 3812 Eck Lane on Thursday, June 30, 2011, at 1:00 p.m. This meeting was scheduled and conducted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

I. CALL TO ORDER.

President Steed called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

II. ESTABLISH A QUORUM.

A quorum was established with Directors Steed, Ward, Carruthers, Roberts and Decker present. General Manager Deborah Gernes and Office Manager Leslie Terrell were also present.

Director Carruthers announced that he would need to leave at 2:00 p.m. Therefore, Item V. was discussed first.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT, 1:10 P.M.

No public attended; therefore, Public Comment not held.

IV. DISCUSS/CONSIDER/TAKE ACTION REGARDING A REQUEST FROM THE LAKE TRAVIS COMMUNITY LIBRARY DISTRICT TO WAIVE ALL OR PORTIONS OF FEES ASSESSED FOR THE NEW LIBRARY BUILDING TO BE CONSTRUCTED.

Ms. Gernes stated that the Lake Travis Community Library District had been established when a nearby developer donated land for a permanent facility to be constructed. She went on to explain that she was in receipt of a letter dated June 20, 2011, from the President of the Library District requesting waiver of fees normally assessed for permits, connections, plan reviews, engineering reviews, and impact fees. Ms. Gernes explained to the Board that she does waive some fees to District taxing entities such as the Fire Department and Police Department but not any impact fees. She made recommendation to the Board to allow her to waive any service fees that exceeded the cost of service.

Motion: Director Ward to empower the General Manager to waive service fees for the Lake Travis Community Library District but not any impact fees or fees that were paid by WCID 17 to others.

Second: Directors Roberts.

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Unanimous, with Director Carruthers absent.

V. DISCUSS/CONSIDER/TAKE ACTION REGARDING TRAVIS COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 17 PERSONNEL POLICIES, SALARIES, HEALTH, HOSPITALIZATION, DENTAL AND LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS.

Ms. Gernes distributed a copy of the Health Insurance Re-Rate Review, June 2011, for the insurance period that would be effective July 2011 through June 2012. She reminded the Board that the notes of the June 22, 2011 Policy Committee meeting had been previously emailed to each for review. Ms. Gernes explained that, as discussed in the Policy Committee meeting and based on the history of shock claims over that past twelve months, no other health insurance company would bid on rates for the upcoming annual coverage. She said that WCID17 employee coverage would remain with United Healthcare (UHC), but that an additional UHC plan was part of the re-rate summary distributed for consideration. Ms. Terrell reviewed the plans and rates of the past few years.

Ms. Gernes said that after careful consideration, she would present four employee contribution scenarios for the Board to review, one being the employee/dependent contribution percentage remaining the same as in the past. She then reviewed the options regarding the District's contributions versus cost to the employee with various percentage changes for the employee contribution. Ms. Gernes then recommended using a flat percentage for all employees electing to enroll for coverage as presented in Option 2. She further stated that Option 2 would have an increased deductible of \$3,000, so each person would only be \$500 out-of-pocket for deductibles (up to three persons per family) because the District employees would still be enrolled in the Special Insurance Services (SIS) to defray the maximum allowable deductible of \$2,500 per enrollee.

Motion: Director Ward to accept Option 2, as presented, for employee health insurance coverage where WCID 17 will pay 93% of the premium if employee only is covered, and WCID 17 will pay 60% of the premium for an employee that has coverage of plus spouse, child or family. Furthermore recommending a policy change is made for employee health insurance coverage percentages.

Second: Directors Roberts.

Ayes: 5

Noes: 0

Unanimous.

Director Carruthers departed at 2:01 p.m.

VI. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion: Director Ward to adjourn the meeting.

Second: Director Roberts.

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Unanimous, with Director Carruthers absent.

Director Steed adjourned the meeting at 2:09 p.m.

Approved this 21st day of July 2011, with a motion

by Director Carruthers and a Second by Director Ward + Roberts.

Ayes 4 Noes 0 Abstained 0


Presiding Officer


Secretary