



Detroit Water and Sewerage Department Meeting Minutes - Final Board of Water Commissioners

735 Randolph
Detroit, Michigan 48226

Wednesday, February 25, 2015

2:00 PM

5th Floor Board Room, Water Board Building

Regular Meeting and Public Hearing

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Fausone called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Commissioner James Fausone, Commissioner Bradley Kenoyer, Commissioner Fred Barnes, Commissioner Mary Blackmon, Commissioner J. Bryan Williams and Commissioner John Henry Davis

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Linda Forte

Also Present: Sue F. McCormick Director, William M. Wolfson, Chief Administrative and Compliance Officer/General Counsel, and Darryl A. Latimer, Chief Customer Service Officer/Deputy Director

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Fausone requested approval of the agenda.

A motion was made by Commissioner Blackmon, seconded by Commissioner Kenoyer, that the agenda be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:
approved

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Fausone, Commissioner Kenoyer, Commissioner Barnes, Commissioner Blackmon, Commissioner Williams and Commissioner Davis

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Forte

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Fausone requested approval of the minutes from the meetings of January 14, 2015 Special Meeting No. 1 and January 28, 2015.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Kenoyer, that the minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:
approved

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Fausone, Commissioner Kenoyer, Commissioner Barnes, Commissioner Blackmon, Commissioner Williams and Commissioner Davis

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Forte

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 minutes per speaker)

Mr. Mike Jackson, Manager of Kristel Group Janitorial Company, requested the Board postpone and reconsider his company to run out their current janitorial service contract.

Mr. Jim Cappizzo, former DWSD Senior Program Analyst came before the Board to complain about his layoff from the Department.

Ms. Cindy Darrah, citizen, came before the Board to question the \$7 million extension contract - construction, and the bankruptcy plan of adjustment.

6. PUBLIC HEARING-PROPOSED RATES

Chairman Fausone called the public hearing to order at 2:16 P.M.

Director McCormick presented the proposed budget, CIP, financial plan and the proposed schedule of charges.

Mr. William Davis, former employee and representative of the Detroit Active and Retired Employees Association (DAREA) came before the Board with concern about containing and reducing costs for low income citizens and retirees.

Commissioner Forte joined in the meeting at 2:25 P.M.

Ms. Irene Welch of the Great Lakes Water Protection Committee came before the Board to oppose and the rate hike. She also provided a handout dated February 18, 2015 entitle "Waste in Water/Wastewater Treatment at DWSD".

Mr. Meeko Williams, Chief Coordinator and advocator of the Detroit Water Brigade, brought before the Board a petition that opposes the rate hike and the Great Lakes Water Authority.

Reverend Tom Airey of St. Peter's Episcopal came before the Board to speak on behalf of the citizens living below the poverty level and to oppose the water rate increase.

Ms. Cindy Darrah, citizen, came before the Board to oppose the water rate increases.

Ms. Lorna Mason a former employee came before the Board concerning her water bill. Ms. Mason was referred to a customer service representative.

Ms. Towana Morris, retired Police Officer and member of the Michigan Welfare Rights Organization, came before the Board to express concern about the rate increase.

Mr. Justin Wedes member of the Detroit Water Brigade came to oppose the water rate hike. He also asked if the honorary body plan to seek refinancing or debt forgiveness through the bondholders to alleviate the high water rates.

Chairman Fausone adjourned the public hearing at 2:45 P.M. until March 4, 2015.

7. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS

Ms. Wendy Barrott, General Manager of the Wastewater Treatment Plant provided an update of the biosolids.

Commissioner Kenoyer reported the highlights of the Finance Committee meeting held on February 17, 2015 to include the first draft of the five-year forecast.

8. OLD BUSINESS

None.

9. NEW BUSINESS**[15-0955](#)**

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **enter into RFQ No. 49657 “Repair service, parts, and labor for combination mobile loader and jet rodder and other sewer cleaning equipment” with Jack Doheny Companies (Vendor), in the amount of \$700,000.00 for a duration of two (2) years, with two (2) - one (1) year renewal options at a cost of \$350,000.00 for each renewal year**, and also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

Sponsors: Porter and Olson

Attachments: [RFQ 49657 Bid Tabulation & Evaluation Summary](#)
[RFQ 49657 Revised Bid Tabulation](#)
[RFQ 49657 Statements of No Bid](#)
[RFQ 49657 Doheny Contract Supplier Viewed List](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Barnes, seconded by Commissioner Blackmon, that this Contract be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:
approved

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Kenoyer, Commissioner Barnes, Commissioner Blackmon, Commissioner Williams and Commissioner Davis

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Forte

Abstain: 1 - Commissioner Fausone

[15-0983](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director **to enter into RFQ NO. 49852 “Furnish Conversion and Breakable Fire Hydrants” with East Jordan USA, (vendor) in the amount of 1,366,855.04 for a duration of two (2) years, with two (2) - one (1) year renewal options at a cost of \$717,598.38 for renewal year one, and \$753,478.84 for renewal year two**, and also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

Attachments: [BID TABULATION & EVALUATION SUMMARY](#)
 [RFQ 49852 DWSD BID TAB](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Kenoyer, seconded by Commissioner Blackmon, that this Procurement, Goods be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

approved

Aye: 7 - Commissioner Fausone, Commissioner Kenoyer, Commissioner Barnes, Commissioner Blackmon, Commissioner Forte, Commissioner Williams and Commissioner Davis

[15-0988](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **enter into Amendment No. 1 to Lease Agreement No. LA-86-15, “Pewabic Society Lease Agreement for 9900 East Jefferson-Water Works Park (WWP) Fire Station” with Pewabic Society, Inc. (Lessee) for a revenue amount of \$38,124.00 and a duration of five (5) years**, and also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

Sponsors: Wolfson

Attachments: [Lease Agreement.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Blackmon, seconded by Commissioner Kenoyer, that this Contract Amendment be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

approved

Aye: 7 - Commissioner Fausone, Commissioner Kenoyer, Commissioner Barnes, Commissioner Blackmon, Commissioner Forte, Commissioner Williams and Commissioner Davis

[15-0989](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **enter into Contract No. DWS-891 “Pressure Regulating Valve Vault Improvements” with Lakeshore Global Corporation (Contractor), at a cost not to exceed \$1,849,500.00 for a duration of 450 calendar days**, and also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

Sponsors: Porter and Olson

Commissioner Forte exited the call at 3:00 PM.

A motion was made by Commissioner Blackmon, seconded by Commissioner Barnes, that this Contract be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:
approved

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Fausone, Commissioner Kenoyer, Commissioner Barnes, Commissioner Blackmon, Commissioner Williams and Commissioner Davis

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Forte

[15-0991](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **enter into contract CS-1709, Geographic Information System - Oracle Work and Asset Management integration software and implementation services with GeoNexus Technologies, LLC for a duration of two (2) years in an amount not to exceed \$697,095.00**, and also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

Sponsors: Rainey

Commissioner Forte entered the Board Room at 3:02 PM.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kenoyer, seconded by Commissioner Blackmon, that this Contract be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:
approved

Aye: 7 - Commissioner Fausone, Commissioner Kenoyer, Commissioner Barnes, Commissioner Blackmon, Commissioner Forte, Commissioner Williams and Commissioner Davis

[15-0992](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **enter into contract CS-1708, “Zipwire Automated Call Distribution (ACD) Call Center Management Solution” with Waterfield Technologies for a duration of two (2) years and in an amount not to exceed \$450,000.00**, and also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

Sponsors: Latimer and Rainey

A motion was made by Commissioner Barnes, seconded by Commissioner Kenoyer, that this Contract be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:
approved

Aye: 7 - Commissioner Fausone, Commissioner Kenoyer, Commissioner Barnes, Commissioner Blackmon, Commissioner Forte, Commissioner Williams and Commissioner Davis

[15-0993](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director, **upon approval and execution by the wholesale water customer, to execute Amendment No. 2 to the 30-year water service contract with the City of Ecorse**. This Amendment will amend the terms of the existing water service contract between the parties, and also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

Sponsors: Wolfson

Attachments: [Ecorse Ex B 2014.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Blackmon, seconded by Commissioner Barnes, that this Contract, Service - Water be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:
approved

Aye: 7 - Commissioner Fausone, Commissioner Kenoyer, Commissioner Barnes, Commissioner Blackmon, Commissioner Forte, Commissioner Williams and Commissioner Davis

[15-0994](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **enter into Lease Agreement No. LA-1519, “DWSD Analytical Lab at Block At Cass Park,” with the New Technology Development Limited Partnership (Lessor) at a cost not-to-exceed \$433,200.00 for a duration of one (1) year**, and also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

Sponsors: Porter and Barrott

Attachments: [LA-1519 Lease Agreement.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Kenoyer, seconded by Commissioner Williams, that this Contract, Lease Agreements be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

approved

Aye: 7 - Commissioner Fausone, Commissioner Kenoyer, Commissioner Barnes, Commissioner Blackmon, Commissioner Forte, Commissioner Williams and Commissioner Davis

[15-0995](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **enter into a contract with GDI Omni, Inc. in the amount of \$2,179,620.00 and Giant Janitorial, Inc. in the amount of \$3,138,000.00 for three (3) years with two (2) renewal options (\$726,540.00 & \$1,046,000.00 respectively)**, and also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

Sponsors: Johnson

Attachments: [RFP 48845 JANITORIAL - SUPPLIER SUMMARY](#)

[Pre-Proposal Invitation List.pdf](#)

[MITN Supplier Solicited List.pdf](#)

A motion was made that this Procurement, Services be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

approved

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Fausone, Commissioner Kenoyer, Commissioner Barnes, Commissioner Blackmon, Commissioner Forte and Commissioner Williams

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Davis

[15-0997](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **exercise the contract's option to renew and grant an increase in contract price not to exceed \$290,000.00 and a time extension of six (6) months, to DWSD Contract No. CS-1678 "Staffing Services" with Strategic Staffing Solutions (Consultant)**, and also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

Sponsors: Latimer

A motion was made by Commissioner Forte, seconded by Commissioner Kenoyer, that this Contract Amendment be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:
approved

Aye: 7 - Commissioner Fausone, Commissioner Kenoyer, Commissioner Barnes, Commissioner Blackmon, Commissioner Forte, Commissioner Williams and Commissioner Davis

[15-0999](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **receive and file the approved recommendations of the Damage Claim Appeals Committee for the resolution of damage claim appeals of more than \$5,000.00**, and also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

Sponsors: Wolfson

Attachments: Confidential Settlement Over 5000

A motion was made by Commissioner Williams, seconded by Commissioner Kenoyer, that this Case Settlement, Water be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:
approved

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Fausone, Commissioner Kenoyer, Commissioner Barnes, Commissioner Blackmon, Commissioner Williams and Commissioner Davis

Abstain: 1 - Commissioner Forte

10. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

[15-1012](#)

Director's Report

Sponsors: McCormick

Attachments: [Director's Report - February 25, 2015 w- attachment.pdf](#)

11. COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Williams requested an update on DWSD's contractual arrangement with Highland Park, Inkster and Melvindale on a continual basis. Chairman Fausone added an update on the shut off program payment plan arrangements.

Commissioner Blackmon requested an update of the storm water charges and the meter installation. Darryl A. Latimer, Chief Customer Service Officer replied that there are about 7 to 8 thousand customers in need of the meter upgrade. Commissioner Blackmon asked how does the Department communicate the meter upgrade to the customer. Mr. Latimer replied that there are a series of letters sent, a site visit, and a door hanger. Director McCormick responded about the storm water charges and replied that the City of Detroit is actively engaged in looking into green credits for storm water and rate design for sewer charges including cost of service allocation. Mr. Latimer also added that a stormwater committee kick-off is scheduled for March 11, 2015.

12. COMMENTS BY THE CHAIR

Chairman Fausone thanked the Ad Hoc Committee (Blackmon, Forte, Williams) for providing a performance evaluation on the Director. He also thanked the transition team for all there added work during this transitional process.

Chairman Fausone reported that there will be a continued public hearing on March 4, 2015; March 11, 2015 a continued public hearing and a special meeting to take action on related issue. He also noted that the Finance Committee meeting is March 3, 2015 at 7:30 A.M. and March 18, 2015 is the Board's regular meeting.

Chairman Fausone acknowledged that today is Commissioner Kenoyer's final physical in-house meeting. Commissioner Kenoyer will be traveling to China on assignment through his employer Ford Motor Company.

Chairman Fausone and on behalf of the Board of Water Commissioners presented Bradley Kenoyer with a testimonial resolution and thanked him for his commitment and efforts with the Department.

13. OTHER MATTERS

None.

14. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Blackmon, seconded by Commissioner Kenoyer, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:
adjourned

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Fausone, Commissioner Kenoyer, Commissioner Barnes, Commissioner Blackmon, Commissioner Williams and Commissioner Davis

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:15 PM.