



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

735 Randolph
Detroit, Michigan 48226

Wednesday, May 27, 2015

2:00 PM

5th Floor Board Room, Water Board Building

Regular Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

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

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Linda Forte

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Fausone requested approval of the agenda.

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

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

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Forte

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Fausone requested approval of the minutes from the meeting of April 22, 2015.

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

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

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Forte

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 minutes per speaker)

Commissioner Forte arrived at 2:07 P.M.

Creighton L Rippi, Greater Detroit Community Outreach Center 20062 John R, requested a review of the Department's decision to shut the water off at the center.

James Perkinson, Ecumenical Theological Seminary 2930 Woodward, came before the Board to oppose the Homrich contract and ask the Board to reconsider affordability as a way to keep afloat a system as well as hold people of diverse backgrounds together.

Bill Wiley-Kellerman, St Peter Episcopal 1950 Trumbull, came to oppose the Homrich contract and water shut offs and ask the Board to reconsider approval.

Luke Mattson, 4963 Larkins Street, expressed concern on the voted to extend Homrich's million Dollar contract.

Debbie Latits, 709 West Lantz, stated her water is shut off. Ms. Latrita was referred to a customer care representative.

Donna K Briaones, 19390 Hershey, stated she is getting extremely high water bills, which she argues there is no reason. Ms. Briones was referred to a customer care representative.

Melissa Damaschke, Sierra Club, opposed increase to Homrich contract.

Priscilla Dzinbek, East Michigan Environmental Action Council (EMEAC) 4605 Cass, to express concern of the Council's opposition of water shut offs and the increase of the shut-off policy. The EMEAC supports an affordability plan. She also submitted statements from the Michigan Coalition of Human Rights and Sisters of Immaculate Heart of Mary who opposes the water shut-offs and the Homrich contract.

Lila Cabbil, 18435 Wildemere, opposed Homrich contract. She stated the million dollar increase should be utilized to access water affordability.

Lindsay Airey, We the People of Detroit 4910 Cecil Avenue, recommended to the Board to implement a water affordability program versus funding the Homrich contract. She argued assistance plans have not worked in Cleveland and Portland.

6. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS

Wendy Barrott, General Manager of the Wastewater Treatment Plant provided a monthly update of the biosolids.

Commissioner Barnes reported that the ORCAP committee met on May 14, 2015 and received briefing on the following: DWS-889 and DWS-890 Sewer Rehabilitation, GLWA-CIP/ORCAP joint discussion, northeast pump station, SRF clarifier funding, and the water master plan.

Commissioner Williams reported that the Finance committee submitted its report at the BOWC's special meeting of May 13, 2015.

Commissioner Blackmon reported that the Organizational Development and Human Resources committee met on May 12, 2015, with GLWA's board member Gary Brown who shared the City's concerns related to water affordability. Commissioner Blackmon reported that there are water assistance plans administered through THAW and United Way and that Detroit resident's can also contribute \$.50 cents to the Water Assistance Program. There was also discussion on the placement eligibility process update; stand-up of DWSD-R/GLWA update; and the City's search for a public face to help on the water assistance program and customer service concerns.

7. OLD BUSINESS

This was None.

8. NEW BUSINESS**[15-1037](#)**

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **grant an increase of \$350,000.00 in the contract amount for Contract No. LS-1545 "Legal Services", to Dykema Gossett PLLC**, and also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

Sponsors: Wolfson

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

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

[15-1038](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **enter into RFQ No. 50223 “Hydrofluorosilicic Acid” with Key Chemical, Inc. (Vendor), in the amount not to exceed \$1,242,389.98 for a duration of one (1) year, with one (1) - one (1) year renewal option at a cost not to exceed \$1,242,389.98,** and also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

Sponsors: Porter and Daniel

Attachments: [RFQ 50223 No Bid Statement - Univar USA](#)
[RFQ 50223 Bid Tabulation](#)
[RFQ 50223 MITN VENDORS](#)

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

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

[15-1039](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **grant an increase in contract price not to exceed \$472,943.00 and a time extension of 577 calendar days to DWSD Contract No. CS-1528 “Water Master Plan Update” with CDM Smith, Inc. (Consultant),** and also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

Sponsors: Porter and Daniel

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

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

[15-1040](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **grant an increase in the amount of \$580,000.00 to DWSD Contract No. PC-789 “Pumping Station No. 1 Rack & Grit and MPI 1 & Jefferson Sampling Stations Improvements” with Weiss Construction Co., LLC,** 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

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

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

[15-1041](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **enter into Contract No. WS-696 “Repair of Water Main Systems: Various Pipe Sizes at Various Locations Throughout the City of Detroit” with Imperial Construction Company (Contractor), at a cost not to exceed \$4,746,070.00 for a duration of 540 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

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

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

[15-1043](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **grant an increase in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 to DWSD Contract No. DWS-894 “Water Shut-Off/Turn-On Project” with Homrich Wrecking, Inc.**, 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 Davis, seconded by Commissioner Barnes that this Contract, Change Order be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

[15-1044](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water & Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **enter into RFP 49412 “HVAC Building & Mechanical Equipment Maintenance & On-Demand Repair Services” with McKenna-Conti Corporation in the amount of \$1,781,000.00 and Dunbar Mechanical, Inc. in the amount of \$2,166,000.00, for a duration of two (2) years, with two (2) - one (1) year renewal options which includes a 3% maximum increase, at a cost of \$917,215.00 for renewal option 1 and \$944,731.45 for renewal option 2 with McKenna-Conti Corporation, and \$1,115,490.00 for renewal option 1 and \$1,148,954.70 for renewal option 2 with Dunbar Mechanical, Inc.,** 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: [RFP 49412 Bid Tabulation](#)
[RFQ 49412 Bid Evaluation Summary](#)
[49412 MITN Supplier List](#)

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

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

[15-1045](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **grant an increase of \$69,600.00 in the contract amount for Contract No. CS-1672, “Customer Outreach Technical Support and Collaborative Design Facilitation” with Greeley and Hansen, LLC (Consultant),** and also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

Sponsors: Porter and Daniel

Attachments: [CS-1672Exhibit B Table 1.Amendment](#)
[Greeley & Hansen CS-1672 Am 1](#)

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

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

9. DIRECTOR’S REPORT

[15-1049](#)

Director's Report

Sponsors: McCormick**Attachments:** [Director's Report - May 27, 2015](#)**10. COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Blackmon congratulated Daniel Edwards and Syed Ali both DWSD employees on their promotions. She also commended Curtrise Garner on her media report ensuring the public on the safety of the water during the tanker explosion.

Commissioner Barnes stated that he met with Dr. Nancy Long, of the University of Michigan Engineering Division who has produced a model of the Wastewater Treatment Plant to follow the chemical biological reactions that occur in the treatment system. Ms. Long also has two other initiatives that has been discussed with the Director that the Department may move forward.

11. COMMENTS BY THE CHAIR

Chairman Fausone reported that the Finance Committee special meeting is May 28, 2015 at 7:30 A.M; Lease signing deadline is June 14, 2015; BOWC workshop is June 10, 2015 and BOWC regular meeting/annual meeting is June 24, 2015.

12. OTHER MATTERS

This was None.

13. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

There be no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:38 P.M.