



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

735 Randolph  
Detroit, Michigan 48226

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Wednesday, June 10, 2015

2:00 PM

5th Floor Board Room, Water Board Building

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**Special Meeting No. 6**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 7 - Commissioner James Fausone, Commissioner Fred Barnes, Commissioner Mary Blackmon, Commissioner Linda Forte, Commissioner J. Bryan Williams, Commissioner John Henry Davis and Commissioner Michael Einheuser

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chairman Fausone requested approval of the agenda.

Item No.15-1054 - Resolution Establishing Public Hearing for Water Charge Schedules for the City of Highland Park and the Genesee County Drain Commission was added to the agenda.

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

**approved as amended**

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

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

None

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 minutes per speaker)

Erma Leaphart, Sierra Club, commented upon the DWSD Equity Analysis Update presented at the June 10, 2015 Finance Committee meeting, specifically the three asset write offs that were terminated due to cost and concerns around affordability (\$224 million). Ms. Leaphart asked for the BOWC leadership and vigilance in identifying ways to obtain relief for Detroit customers especially those struggling to pay their bills. In addition she asked for support in advancing a citywide Green Infrastructure Plan that will keep CSO control costs lower going forward while also addressing water quality.

Martin Weinstock, Stucco Properties LLC in Southfield MI, came before the Board to dispute water bills for rental properties.

6. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS

None

7. OLD BUSINESS

None

8. NEW BUSINESS

[15-1050](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorize **funding up to \$4,950,000.00 to support the creation of the Great Lakes Water Authority and the City of Detroit Retail System**, and also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

Sponsors: Bateson

Attachments: [Funding Request - GLWA\\_DWSD-R Attachments for 6.10.2015](#)

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

**approved**

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

**Abstain:** 1 - Commissioner Williams

[15-1051](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorize the Director **to enter into a contract with Experis Finance US, LLC for 14 months for a total amount not to exceed \$1,200,000.00**, and also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

**Sponsors:** Bateson

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

**approved**

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

[15-1053](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **exercise a one-year renewal option and renew Contract No. CS-1558, "Strategic Financial Management and Rate Consulting Services" with The Foster Group, at a fixed cost of \$750,000.00 for a term of twelve months ending June 30, 2016**, and also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

**Sponsors:** Bateson

**Attachments:** [Foster Group LLC One Year Contract Renewal Attachments](#)

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

**approved**

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

[15-1054](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department, **approves the scheduling of a Public Hearing on Proposed Water Charge Schedules for Fiscal Year 2015/16 for the City Of Highland Park and the Genesee County Drain Commission on Wednesday June 24, 2015, at 1:15 pm, in Board Room, 5th Floor, 735 Randolph, Detroit, Michigan;** 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 Davis, seconded by Commissioner Blackmon that this Resolution, Finance be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**approved**

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

**9. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**None.**

**10. COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Einheuser stated he is aware that staff are serving multiple constituencies, but would appreciate receiving board materials, in a timely manner.

Commissioner Blackmon requested that the Board be kept apprised of major main breaks.

**11. COMMENTS BY THE CHAIR**

Public Hearings: 1:00 P.M. Proposed Sewerage Rates for FY 2015/16 City of Highland Park and Genesee County Drain Commission, 1:15 P.M.-WWTP State Revolving Fund (SRF) Project Plan Rehabilitation and Aeration System Improvements for FY16, and Board's regular meeting at 2:00 P.M. all on June 24, 2015.

**12. OTHER MATTERS**

**None**

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Fausone requested approval to adjourn.

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

**approved**

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:35 P.M.