



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

735 Randolph
Detroit, Michigan 48226
(313) 224-4704 Office
dwsd.legistar.com

Wednesday, April 20, 2022

2:00 PM

To attend by phone call one of these numbers:
+1 301 715 8592, +1 312 626 6799, +1 267 831 0333
Use Meeting ID: 815 7263 5118
Use Passcode: 482262021

To attend online: <https://cityofdetroit.zoom.us/j/81572635118>
Use Passcode: 482262021

BOWC Meeting and Public Hearing - DWSD Water Systems Improvement Water main Replacement and Designating an Authorized Project Representative FY 2023 Drinking Water Revolving Fund (DWRF)

**To attend In Person:
735 Randolph, Detroit, MI 48226, 5th Floor**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Einheuser called the public hearing to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Commissioner John Henry Davis, Commissioner Jonathan Kinloch,
Commissioner Lane Coleman, Vice Chairperson Mary Blackmon and
Chairperson Michael Einheuser

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Linda Forte

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Jane Garcia

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Einheuser requested approval of the agenda.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Mary Blackmon, seconded by
Commissioner John Henry Davis that the agenda be approved. The motion
carried by a unanimous vote.**

Commissioner Linda Forte joined the meeting at 2:02 p.m.

4. PUBLIC HEARING - FY 2023 Drinking Water Revolving Fund (DWRF)

A. [22-0780](#) Public Hearing-Project Plan DWRF

Sponsors: Daniels

Attachments: [Project Plan-Public Hearing DWRF](#)

This Communication or Report was received and filed.

5. PUBLIC HEARING COMMENTS (3 minutes per speaker)

- a. Commissioner Forte asked what was the interest rate on the loan program. Monica Daniels, Finance Asset Manager replied 2.5%.
- b. Commissioner Kinloch stated that at a Virginia Park Community meeting, it was asked why were there so many water main breaks, and if they were due to the aged infrastructure. Director Brown replied, breaks occur in the cold and hot temperature. The real issue is the decades of deferred maintenance.
- c. Michelle Broughton of the Councilman's Office asked if there would be any cost to the homeowners for the Water main replacement. Director Brown replied, there is no direct cost to homeowners. The bonds will be paid out of rate dollars. The \$50 million we receive from GLWA, a portion of that funding comes from the suburban partners to help service the debt.
- d. Beulah Walker stated that Hydrate Detroit would continue to advocate for customers who need service line replaced. She also said that she heard that some areas would be excluded from receiving the lead service line replacement. Director Brown replied that there will be additional contracts for the Districts to receive relief for service lines, water mains, and sewer main replacements.
- e. Phillip Shane asked if both Project Plans A and B are being replaced. He also asked how is the Brightmoor area insured that they are included in the lead service line replacement. Director Brown replied, the project includes both A and B plans. The intent is to put a contractor in every District of the City.
- f. Valerie Brannas asked if the plan A and B for water main replacement or service line replacement. Director Brown replied that when the water main is replaced it will also replace the lead service line, if needed.
- g. Jermaine Paynes stated that he resides in the 15119 District area. He asked what part of the Greenfield District will be covered. Director Brown replied that he was not sure but someone would follow up to his inquiry.

6. PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Einheuser requested a motion to adjourn.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jonathan Kinloch, seconded by Commissioner Linda Forte that the hearing be adjourned. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

There being no further business, the hearing adjourned at 2:41 p.m.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Einheuser requested approval of the minutes of March 16, 2022.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lane Coleman, seconded by

Commissioner Linda Forte that the minutes be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 minutes per speaker)

- a. Michael Shame came before the Board requesting a response to his concerns about the lead levels due to the lead service line replacement program.
- b. Kareem Ortiz came before the Board about a foot of water in his basement and a stop box replacement.
- c. Jermaine Paynes came about his service line connection.
- d. Valerie Brannas came before the Board about the dispute of her drainage bill.
- e. Elaina Herrada came to rally for constituents who had no service line connection from properties they purchased through the Land bank.
- f. Akilah Redmond said her area has flooding issues, but was not included in the pilot program. She asked what kind of assistance is available for constituents.

A. [22-0815](#) Public Hearing Transcript

Attachments: [Detroit Water Sewerage Public Hearing 4-20-22 MINI.Transcript](#)

9. COMMUNICATIONS

A. [22-0781](#) Receipt of Correspondence

Sponsors: Pospiech

Attachments: [FOIA REQUESTS - MONTHLY REPORT MARCH 2022](#)

This Communication or Report was received and filed.

10. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS

There were none.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

12. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA (Items 12A-H)

- A. [22-0766](#)** The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **approve DWSD Contract No. 6004352 to piggyback City of Detroit Contract 6002088 with Bluepoint International, LLC for as-needed digital imaging and scanning services for a total contract amount not-to-exceed \$160,000 and a term of four years.** This also authorizes

the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

Sponsors: Welch

A motion was made by Commissioner Jonathan Kinloch, seconded by Commissioner Mary Blackmon that this Contract be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

B. [22-0767](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to approve **DWSD Contract 6004356 with Inland Waters Pollution Control, Inc. for Sewer Condition Assessments in Various Locations Throughout the City of Detroit (Project DWS-938) for a total contract amount not-to-exceed \$5,994,234.08 and a term of one year.** This also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

Sponsors: Welch

A motion was made by Commissioner Jonathan Kinloch, seconded by Commissioner Mary Blackmon that this Contract be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

C. [22-0768](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit Water Sewerage Department to **approve Amendment 1 to DWSD Contract No. 6003769 (LS-1906) with Bush Seyferth, PLLC, to add \$50,000 for a new total amended amount of \$550,000 for continued Legal Services for representation in litigation related to the Summer 2021 Rain Events.** This also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

Sponsors: Welch

A motion was made by Commissioner Jonathan Kinloch, seconded by Commissioner Mary Blackmon that this Contract be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

D. [22-0769](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **approve DWSD Contract No. 6004332 to piggyback City of Detroit Contract 6002427 with Michigan CAT, a division of MacAllister Machinery Co., Inc., for as-needed construction equipment rental services for all DWSD facilities for a duration of 2 years and 6 months and a total amount not-to-exceed \$320,000.** This also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

Sponsors: Welch

A motion was made by Commissioner John Henry Davis, seconded by Commissioner Mary Blackmon that this Contract be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- E. [22-0770](#) The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to approve **Amendment No. 8 to DWSD Contract No. 6001278 (LS-1773) to add \$300,000 in funding, for a total amended contract not-to-exceed amount of \$1,900,000 for Legal Services relating to All Drainage Charge Matters and Michigan Warehousing Group v City of Detroit with Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone, P.L.C.** This also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.
- Sponsors:** Welch
- A motion was made by Commissioner Jonathan Kinloch, seconded by Commissioner Mary Blackmon that this Contract be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**
- F. [22-0771](#) The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to approve **DWSD Contract 6004359 with Lakeshore Global Corporation for Full Lead Service Line Replacement at Various Locations Throughout the City (Project WS-721), for a total contract amount not-to-exceed \$10,000,000 which will utilize a Drink Water State Revolving Funds Grant from the State of Michigan and a term of two years.** This also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.
- Sponsors:** Welch
- A motion was made by Commissioner Jonathan Kinloch, seconded by Commissioner Mary Blackmon that this Contract be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**
- G. [22-0772](#) The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **enter into a Water Main Easement Agreement with Lexington Village and Henry Ford Health Systems**, and also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.
- Sponsors:** Bahri
- Attachments:** [Henry Ford.Lexington Village Easement](#)
- A motion was made by Commissioner Jonathan Kinloch, seconded by Commissioner Mary Blackmon that this Contract, Real Estate Easement be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**
- H. [22-0775](#) The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **retro approve the new DWSD Security Firearm Simulator Shared Services Agreement effective July 1, 2021**, and also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.
- Sponsors:** Daniels

Attachments: [Fire Arms Training](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Jonathan Kinloch, seconded by Commissioner Mary Blackmon that this Contract be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

13. NEW BUSINESS

A. [22-0774](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department **recommends adoption of the “A final project plan for the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department Water System Improvement, Watermain Replacement and Designating an Authorized Project Representative FY 2023 Drinking Water Revolving Fund (DWRP)”** and also authorizes the Chief Financial Officer and the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

Sponsors: Daniels

Attachments: [Public Notice - Water Main Replacement FY23 DWSRF - 3.14.2022](#)
[WS-732 and WS-733 Project Plan V3 17MAR2022](#)
[4.20.2022 Project Plan-Public Hearing DWRP 4.6.2022 CIPO md](#)
[Hearing DWRP WS-732 WS-733 Resolution 4.20.2022](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chairperson Blackmon, seconded by Commissioner Kinloch that this Resolution, BOWC be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Kinloch, Commissioner Coleman, Vice Chairperson Blackmon and Chairperson Einheuser

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Forte

B. [22-0784](#)

American Water Resources (AWR) Presentation

Sponsors: Branch and Pospiech

Attachments: [AWR - DWSD Board Presentation](#)

Presenters: Benjamin Brushman and Tiffany Nalley

This Communication or Report was received and filed.

C. [22-0782](#)

Opportunity & Inclusion Introduction

Sponsors: Jones

Attachments: [BOWC Presentation Opportunity and Inclusion Introduction](#)

This item was postponed until the next meeting.

D. [22-0783](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit Water and

Sewerage Department approves an Amendment to Article 10 of its By-Laws.

Sponsors: Pospiech

A motion was made by Commissioner Jonathan Kinloch, seconded by Commissioner Lane Coleman that this Resolution, BOWC be adopted. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

14. DIRECTOR'S METRICS

A. [22-0785](#) Director's Metrics

Sponsors: Brown

Attachments: [Board Report - Metrics - 04202022](#)

This item was postponed until the next meeting.

15. COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS

There were none.

16. COMMENTS BY THE CHAIR

Chairman Einheuser stated there were legitimate concerns during the public participation regarding the land bank. A lot of concerns which are not related to DWSD. Director Brown added we look forward to the land bank's visit and interested in hearing their plans moving forward.

17. OTHER MATTERS

There were none.

18. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Einheuser requested a motion to adjourn.

A motion was made by Vice Chairperson Mary Blackmon, seconded by Commissioner John Henry Davis that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

How to Make a Request for Public Comment

You may provide your public comment via Zoom link:

<http://cityofdetroit.zoom.us/j/81572635118>

During the public comment section for each committee meeting, raise your hand using the Zoom hand icon on your desktop or mobile device, or if calling into the meeting by phone, press *9 to raise your hand (press *6 to unmute when called upon)

We respectfully request that you maximize your three minutes by sharing all your comments/questions at one time. You will only be called upon once for public comment during the same committee meeting, full board meeting, or hearing.

Once the Chair closes public comment, there will be no other public comments accepted and all the attendees will remain muted for the duration of the meeting.