



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

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Wednesday, July 20, 2022

2:00 PM

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BOWC Regular Meeting

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Einheuser called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Chairperson Michael Einheuser, Vice Chairperson Mary Blackmon, Commissioner Jonathan Kinloch, Commissioner Lane Coleman, Commissioner Linda Forte and Commissioner Jane Garcia

Absent: 1 - Commissioner John Henry Davis

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairperson Einheuser requested approval of the agenda.

A motion was made by Vice Chairperson Mary Blackmon, seconded by Commissioner Jonathan Kinloch that the agenda be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairperson Einheuser requested approval of the minutes of June 15, 2022.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jonathan Kinloch, seconded by Vice Chairperson Mary Blackmon that the minutes be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 minutes per speaker)

a. Marcellous Bankston of 11674 Pinehurst came before the Board regarding a property he purchased through the land bank that has no water line.

- b. Tom Airey came before the Board with the following Lifeline plan concerns: how is the plan being funded, is it sustainable, and why there was no community engagement.
- c. Demeeko Williams with Hydrate Detroit thanked Director Brown, Commissioners Einheuser and Kinloch, and Wayne Metro for their attendance at the "Share Water Campaign".
- d. Cecily McClellan with "We the People of Detroit" came to request a copy of the Lifeline plan. She said there is a need for transparency, wants a permanent water affordability plan with details, and establishment of an ombudsman to oversee the plan.
- e. Norrell Hemphill with "We the People of Detroit", asked where to find the listing of community meetings, and how to obtain email addresses and telephone contacts for the Board of Water Commissioners.
- f. Victoria Long stated that the Lifeline plan should have been published immediately after its June 28, 2022 adoption. She suggested that public feedback is published and publicly accessible.
- g. Deborah Taylor with "We the People of Detroit" also requested email addresses and telephone contacts of the BOWC and the Mayor's Office. She asked what were the five funding sources and the amounts. She said the reporting summary of the Lifeline plan should be publicly noted. Ms. Taylor requested a copy of the full plan and its operation. She said GLWA should be included since they are a part of the operation. She also asked for an explanation of the Lifeline plan versus the Inclining Block Rate.
- h. Ajai Meeks came before the Board about a restoration issue.
- i. Beulah Walker of Hydrate Detroit was grateful for DWSD attendance at the "Share Water Campaign."

6. COMMUNICATIONS

A. [22-0883](#) Receipt of Correspondence

Sponsors: Pospiech

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Linda Forte, seconded by Vice Chairperson Mary Blackmon that this Communication or Report be received and filed. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

B. [22-0884](#) Receipt of Correspondence

Sponsors: Pospiech

Attachments: [Paynes - 15119 Prest](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Linda Forte, seconded by Vice Chairperson Mary Blackmon that this Communication or Report be received and filed. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

C. [22-0885](#) Receipt of Correspondence

Attachments: [22-0885 April Claims](#)
[22-0885 May Claims](#)
[22-0885 June Claims](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Linda Forte, seconded by Vice Chairperson Mary Blackmon that this Communication or Report be received and filed. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

7 ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS

Vice Chair Blackmon thanked the Department for expediting a neighbor's issue.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**A. [22-0812](#) Amendments to the By-Laws of the Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit Water and Sewerage Department**

Sponsors: Pospiech

Attachments: [BOWC proposed By law amendments - with redline and committee corrections](#)
[BOWC proposed By law amendments - clean with committee corrections](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Jonathan Kinloch, seconded by Commissioner Jane Garcia that this Resolution, BOWC be placed on the table. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

9. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA (9A-H)**A. [22-0848](#) The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **approve Contract 6004600 with Bob Maxey Ford, Inc., for two 1.5-ton Utility Box Trucks for a total amount not to exceed \$277,188.00.** This also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.**

Sponsors: Welch

Attachments: [Bob Maxey - 1.5 Ton Utility Truck - Bid Tab](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chairperson Mary Blackmon, seconded by Commissioner Linda Forte that this Contract be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

B. [22-0852](#) The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **approve Contract 6004601 with Feldman Ford, LLC. to provide three 2022 Ford Transit Connect Cargo Vans, total purchase not-to-exceed amount of \$114,795.00. This also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.**

Sponsors: Welch

Attachments: [Feldman Ford - 3 Cargo Vans - Bid Tab 493925.1](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chairperson Mary Blackmon, seconded by Commissioner Linda Forte that this Contract be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

C. [22-0854](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **approve Contract 6004599 with Interstate Trucksource, Inc., for one (1) 2024 14-Yard boom/spoil dump truck, for a total amount not-to-exceed \$374,833.96.** This also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

Sponsors: Welch

Attachments: [Interstate Trucksource - Boom Spoil Dump Truck - Bid Tab](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chairperson Mary Blackmon, seconded by Commissioner Linda Forte that this Contract be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

D. [22-0855](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **approve DWSD Sole Source Contract 6004609 to provide parts and/or repair services for Industrial Combination Loaders, Jet Rodders, and other Sewer Cleaning Equipment for Vactor Equipment with Jack Doheny Companies, Inc., for a total contract amount not-to-exceed \$1,000,000.00 and a term of 4 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 Vice Chairperson Mary Blackmon, seconded by Commissioner Linda Forte that this Contract be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

E. [22-0861](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to approve **DWSD Contract 6004626 (CS-1941) with DLZ Michigan, Inc. to digitalize DWSD's capital asset as built drawings for geographic information systems (GIS) entry; with a contract amount not-to-exceed \$866,400 and a term of three 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 Vice Chairperson Mary Blackmon, seconded by Commissioner Linda Forte that this Contract be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- F. [22-0867](#) The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to approve **Amendment 1 to DWSD Emergency Sourced Contract No. 6004249 (WS-734) with Major Contracting Group, Inc. for On-Call Backup Emergency Water Main Repair Services - requesting to add \$500,000, for a new total amended contract amount of \$950,000; and extend term by 6 months, through 12/31/22.** 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 Vice Chairperson Mary Blackmon, seconded by Commissioner Linda Forte that this Contract Amendment be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**
- G. [22-0870](#) The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **approve Contract No. 6004659 with Phoenix Environmental, Inc. for inspections, parts and as needed maintenance and repairs of DWSD owned fuel lines, underground fuel storage tanks and related fuel system equipment for a duration of 5 years and a total contract amount not-to-exceed \$409,842.** 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 Vice Chairperson Mary Blackmon, seconded by Commissioner Linda Forte that this Contract be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**
- H. [22-0877](#) The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **approve Contract No. 6004660 (Project CS-1968) with Applications Software Technology (AST) LLC. for support for Oracle Supply Chain and Inventory Modules for a duration of 1 year and a total contract amount not-to-exceed \$109,220.** 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 Vice Chairperson Mary Blackmon, seconded by Commissioner Linda Forte that this Contract be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

There was none.

11. DIRECTOR'S METRICS**A. [22-0886](#) Director's Metrics**

Sponsors: Brown

Attachments: [Board Report - Metrics - 07202022](#)

Director Brown reported that he would present the Lifeline Plan and the Inclining Block Rate to City Council at its July 26, 2022 session.

12. COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Garcia asked for the status on the claims from the June 25 and 26 rain event. Director Brown replied that the Department are still reviewing those claims and anticipate a response by the end of August.

13. COMMENTS BY THE CHAIR

There was none.

14. OTHER MATTERS

There were none.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Einheuser requested a motion to adjourn.

A motion was made by Commissioner Linda Forte, seconded by Vice Chairperson Mary Blackmon that this be adjourned. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:36 p.m.

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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.