



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

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Wednesday, December 14, 2016

10:00 AM

5th Floor Board Room, Water Board Building

BOWC Special Meeting No. 9 rescheduled from December 12, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Forte called the meeting to order at 10:17 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: 4 - Commissioner Linda Forte, Commissioner Lane Coleman, Commissioner Pamela Rodgers and Commissioner Jane Garcia

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Mary Blackmon

Absent: 2 - Commissioner John Henry Davis and Commissioner Michael Einheuser

ENTER RECESS

A motion was made by Commissioner Lane Coleman, seconded by Commissioner Jane Garcia that the Board enter into recess at 10:18 a.m., be approved. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Commissioner Rodgers departed the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

RETURN FROM RECESS

Vice Chair Blackmon joined the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

The Board returned from recess at 10:40 a.m.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice Chair Blackmon requested approval of the agenda as amended.

A motion was made by Commissioner Linda Forte, seconded by Commissioner Lane Coleman that the agenda be approved as amended. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were none.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 minutes per speaker)

There were none.

6. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS

There were none.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were none.

8. NEW BUSINESS

[16-0193](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit Water and Sewerage Department **approves the proposed budget amendments of the FY 2016-17 budget to increase funding for the water system's Water Residential Assistance Program (WRAP) budget by \$810,000.00 and the sewage disposal system's Water Residential Assistance Program (WRAP) budget by \$1,215,000.00 for the City of Detroit Water and Sewerage Department,** and also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

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Mia Kupp and Jerone Drain with Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency came before the Board to provide an update on the Water Residential Assistance Program (WRAP). Ms. Kupp reported that since the launch of the program in March 2016 Wayne Metro has over 11,000 appointments scheduled, 5,300 enrolled, 85 percent Detroit residents. To date \$5 million has been committed to WRAP funding. This exceeds the allocations from the GLWA, which was \$1.3 million for the City of Detroit. Thanks to Director Brown and Wayne Metro for an additional \$1 million and also funding from the Michigan Health Endowment Fund to raise another \$2.2 million to support the WRAP fund. There is a 90 percent retention rate. Of the 4,500, 10 percent has been unsuccessful. There will be an opportunity for Detroiters and all WRAP participants to re-enroll in year two if they have arrears. We are also considering in March during enrollment, to extend the assistance of the \$25 monthly stipend along with the \$750 payment for arrears. Due to the funding and volume remaining, we've had to severely reduce the number of residents we can enroll on a daily basis. We were setting appointments for about 80 individuals per day and had to cut to about 20 per day. Worked with Mr. Brown and team to create a waiting list of about 350. If an individual is on the waiting list, they will not be shut off until we have made contact with them. Over 900 Detroiters are above average usage and after repairs almost 500 residents had decreased their bills and were taught ways to conserve water. Detroiters are also attending two-session smart class at one of the nine locations throughout Wayne County. Smart classes provide energy, water and financial coaching.

A motion was made by Commissioner Linda Forte, seconded by Commissioner Lane Coleman that this Contract Amendment be approved. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

[16-0194](#)

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

Department authorizes the Director to grant **an increase of \$200,000.00 in the contract price for Contract No. CS-1820 “Drainage Charge Program Consulting Services” with Galardi Rothstein Group, LLC (Consultant)**, and also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

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A motion was made by Commissioner Lane Coleman, seconded by Commissioner Linda Forte that this Contract be approved. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

[16-0198](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department **recommends adoption of an amendment to the DWSD Investment Policy** and also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

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Attachments: [Investment Policy](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Linda Forte, seconded by Commissioner Jane Garcia that this Contract Amendment be approved. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

[16-0196](#)

Emergency PO No. 264 Weiss-Hale Joint Venture

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Attachments: [16-0196 Magnetic Water Meters](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Lane Coleman, seconded by Commissioner Jane Garcia that this Procurement, Goods be approved. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

[16-0199](#)

BPO Purchase Order No. 6000488 Seasonal Rock Salt

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Attachments: [16-0199 Rock Salt](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Linda Forte, seconded by Commissioner Lane Coleman that this Procurement be approved. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

9. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Director Brown stated a news article reports the Mayor's signing of an Executive Order for the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department and all City agencies require 51 percent of employees on contractual jobs are Detroiters.

10. COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Forte commends the Mayor's effort to hire Detroiters, but is concerned about the possibility that this requirement might impact vendor progress on projects due to the ability to attract and retain skilled talent. A result could ultimately be a negative impact on costs and rates.

11. COMMENTS BY THE CHAIR

There were none.

12. OTHER MATTERS

The BOWC's December 21, 2016 meeting has been cancelled.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Blackmon requested a motion to adjourn.

A motion was made by Commissioner Linda Forte, seconded by Commissioner Lane Coleman that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:31 a.m.