



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

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Wednesday, May 18, 2022

2:00 PM

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## BOWC Meeting and Public Rate Hearing

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

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Einheuser called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m.

### 2. ROLL CALL

**Present:** 7 - Chairperson Michael Einheuser, Vice Chairperson Mary Blackmon, Commissioner Jonathan Kinloch, Commissioner Lane Coleman, Commissioner John Henry Davis, Commissioner Linda Forte and Commissioner Jane Garcia

The Chair called for recess at 2:09 p.m.

The Chair returned from recess at 2:34 p.m.

### 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairperson Einheuser requested approval of the amended agenda.

The Public Hearing was adjourned to the call of the Chair.

**A motion was made by Vice Chairperson Mary Blackmon, seconded by Commissioner Linda Forte that the agenda be approved as amended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

### 4. PUBLIC HEARING - RATES

### 5. PUBLIC HEARING COMMENTS (3 minutes per speaker)

### 6. PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNMENT

The public hearing was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

## 7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairperson Einheuser requested approval of the minutes of April 20, 2022.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Jonathan Kinloch, seconded by Commissioner Jane Garcia that the minutes be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

## 8. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 minutes per speaker)

a. Jermaine Paynes came before the Board to talk about a property he purchased from the land bank that does not have a water line connection. He also complained about a \$1000 water bill. Director Brown replied that his bill may have accumulated service charges and drainage charges.

Commissioner Kinloch asked if staff could bring closure to Mr. Paynes matter that has been ongoing for months. Director Brown replied that no one is living at the property, but he is on the list. There are homes with women and kids that are of high priority.

b. Marilyn Jones came before the Board about her water bill. Ms. Jones was referred to a customer service representative.

c. Pastor Gina Newsome came before the Board about flooding at the church at 4719 Cadieux during the June rain event. She said the church was denied by FEMA.

d. Pastor Mable Allen came to speak about flooding at church during the June 26, 2021 rain event. She said that they mailed in the claim form and was here for the status of the claim. Attorney Pospiech replied that all claims are on hold until the investigation has been completed.

e. Demeeko Williams came before the Board to ask if the rate study had been completed. He also asked when would the Board return to in-person community meetings, as well as hold rate hearings.

f. Malcolm and Delores Cotton came before the Board about their astronomical water usage.

## 9. COMMUNICATIONS

### A. [22-0808](#) Receipt of Correspondence

**Sponsors:** Pospiech

**Attachments:** [Damage Claims -.Untitled \(002\).1](#)

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

### B. [22-0809](#) Receipt of Correspondence

**Sponsors:** Pospiech

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

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

## 10. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Kinloch asked if there was any relief for businesses where public contractual work is being done and patrons do not have access? Director Brown replied that business owners should contact the agency and request work be done during off hours or try to find other means of remediation.

Commissioner Garcia asked for an update on a sinkhole at North Campbell and Michigan Avenue.

## 11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

## 12. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA (12A-G)

- A.** [22-0792](#) The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to approve **DWSD Contract 6004358 with Major Contracting Group, Inc. for Water System Improvements - Evergreen, Grand River, Warrendale and Franklin Park (Project WS-720), for a total contract amount not-to-exceed \$13,446,362 and a term of two (2) years.** This also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

**Sponsors:** Welch

**Attachments:** [WS-720 Appendix Attachment kf](#)

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

- B.** [22-0793](#) The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **approve DWSD Contract 6004391 with Randcom Inc. for On-Call Emergency Basement Cleaning, Sanitizing & Related Services for DWSD Residential Customers for a total contract amount not-to-exceed \$275,000 and a term of three (3) 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 Jane Garcia that this Contract be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

- C. [22-0794](#) The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **approve DWSD Contract 6004394 for two types of Magnetic Locators with MSC Industrial Supply, for a total contract amount not-to-exceed \$141,600 and a term of two (2) years.** This also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.
- Sponsors:** Welch
- Attachments:** [BOWC Letter Magnetic Locators Bid Tab kf](#)
- A motion was made by Commissioner Jonathan Kinloch, seconded by Commissioner Jane Garcia that this Contract be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**
- D. [22-0795](#) The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **approve DWSD Contract 6004388 to utilize Sourcewell-NJPA Cooperative Agreement #070121-JHN with Johnson Controls, Inc., for HVAC Equipment, Parts, Repairs and Preventative Maintenance Services for a total contract amount not-to-exceed \$4,461,508 and a term of three (3) 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 Jane Garcia that this Contract be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**
- E. [22-0797](#) The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **approve Amendment No. 1 to DWSD 6002926 (CS-1942) with Data Consulting for an IT Program Manager / Enterprise Architect for provide services related to the enQuestaLink and iTron upgrade; adding \$670,000 for a total amended not-to exceed amount of \$1,356,000 and to extend the term for two (2) years, through 6/30/24.** The BOWC 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 Jane Garcia that this Contract Amendment be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**
- F. [22-0798](#) The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to approve **Amendment No. 1 to DWSD Contract No. 6000777 (CS-1812) to add \$7,950,000 and exercise the first one-year renewal option (through 6/30/23) for AECOM Great Lakes, Inc. to continue providing Capital Improvement Program Management Organization (CIPMO) Services for DWSD.** This also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

**Sponsors:** Welch

**Attachments:** [22-0798 CS-1812 Attachment](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Jonathan Kinloch, seconded by Commissioner Jane Garcia that this Contract Amendment be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

**G.** [22-0799](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to approve **DWSD Contract 6004444 with Major Contracting Group, Inc. to provide Hard Surface Restoration & Related Services in Detroit (Project DWS-919), for a total contract amount not-to-exceed \$38,437,100 and a term of three (3) 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 Jane Garcia that this Contract be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

**13. NEW BUSINESS**

**A.** [22-0810](#)

**Opportunity and Inclusion Presentation**

**Sponsors:** Jones

**Attachments:** [BOWC Presentation Opportunity and Inclusion Intro v3 5.18.2022](#)

The BOWC commended Tiffany Jones on her new position as Opportunity and Inclusion Director.

**This Communication or Report was received and filed.**

**B.** [22-0811](#)

The City of Detroit Board of Water Commissioners authorizes the Director to amend the previously approved **Detroit Water and Sewerage Department Contract 6002757 with Itron, Inc. for the Water SaveSource Warranty Replacement Program - OpenWay Riva AMI Implementation Agreement to change the contract amount to \$18,240,000, change the communication platform from a DWSD-owned collector system to a third-party owned and operated cellular system, and to make related revisions to the previous Agreement terms and conditions..** This also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

**Sponsors:** Pospiech

**A motion was made by Commissioner Lane Coleman, seconded by Vice Chairperson Mary Blackmon that this Contract be approved. The motion**

carried by a unanimous vote.

C. [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:** [Memorandum Outlining Proposed Changes to By-Laws](#)  
[BOWC Proposed Bylaw amendments \(redlined\)](#)  
[Judge Cox's Order 12.15.2015](#)

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.

D. [22-0814](#) The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department **approves the Memorandum of Agreement between MDOT, GLWA and Detroit and also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote, including the execution of the Memorandum of Agreement.**

**Sponsors:** Mobley

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

14. **DIRECTOR'S METRICS**

A. [22-0813](#) **Director's Report**

**Sponsors:** Brown

**Attachments:** [Board Report - Metrics - 05182022](#)

This Communication or Report was received and filed.

15. **COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS**

Vice Chair Blackmon commended Deputy Director Palencia Mobley on her presentation at Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) that focus on collaboration with DWSD, the State, and various counties on funding and challenges on updating the infrastructure.

16. **COMMENTS BY THE CHAIR**

There were none.

17. **OTHER MATTERS**

There were none.

**18. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson Einheuser requested a motion to adjourn.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Jonathan Kinloch, seconded by Commissioner Jane Garcia that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

**There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:07 p.m.**

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