



Detroit Water and Sewerage Department Meeting Minutes - Final Finance Committee

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Wednesday, May 3, 2023

1:00 PM

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Finance Committee Meeting

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Forte called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: 3 - Chairperson Linda Forte, Commissioner Lane Coleman and Commissioner Michael Einheuser

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Jonathan Kinloch

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairperson Forte requested approval of the agenda.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lane Coleman, seconded by Commissioner Michael Einheuser that the agenda be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Kinloch arrived at 1:05 p.m.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairperson Forte requested approval of the minutes of April 5, 2023.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lane Coleman, seconded by Commissioner Michael Einheuser that the minutes be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (3 minutes per speaker)

a. Gabriel Guerrero with Christian Life Apostolic Ministries came before the Board

about the drainage bill.

b. Chris Robinson came before the Board with concern for public safety. Director Brown referred Mr. Robinson to the Board of Police Commission.

c. Demeeko Williams, Chief Executive Director of Hydrate Detroit commended the Department for their efforts and resources it provides to help customers with their water bills. His concern is the residential bad debt. He asked how much of the debt is owed and what efforts have been done to collect? What alternatives can offset the bad debt? Director Brown replied that the Department publicly reports a dashboard in regards to the Lifeline Program. It indicated that just under 20,000 households are enrolled in the program. Anyone in the City of Detroit, who has arrears, can apply for the lifeline to payoff the arrears. The best way to deal with the bad debt, is to have customers in need, apply to the plan. It will lessen the amount of bad debt and also have a positive effect on rates.

d. Louise Allen of Southwest Detroit is seeking assistance from the Department regarding squatters at a residence on her street.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

A. [2023-110](#) Receipt of Correspondence

Sponsors: Welch

Attachments: [BOWC Memo](#)
[Contracts & Purchase Orders \\$5,000-\\$25,000 May 2023](#)
[BOWC April 2023 ECS Report Approved by Director Brown Reported in May 2023](#)
[WS-736 Memo for BOWC](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Michael Einheuser, seconded by Commissioner Lane Coleman that this Communication or Report be received and filed. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. [2023-111](#) Finance Committee Presentation

Sponsors: Rahman

Attachments: [Finance Committee Presentation - May 3 2023 Meeting \(February Results\)](#)

This Communication or Report was received and filed.

B. [2023-107](#) The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **approve DWSD Contract No. 6005258 to**

piggyback City of Detroit Contract 6004973 with Decima, LLC for as-needed plumbing services for a total contract amount not-to-exceed \$639,000.00 and a term of 5 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 Lane Coleman, seconded by Commissioner Michael Einheuser that this Contract be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

C. [2023-108](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to approve **Amendment 3 to DWSD Contract No. 6001548 with the Detroit Building Authority (DBA) to continue managing the operations, maintenance and repairs of DWSD buildings and facilities by extending the term by three years (through 6/30/26).** 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 Michael Einheuser, seconded by Commissioner Lane Coleman that this Contract Amendment be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

D. [2023-109](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **approve Amendment No. 3 to DWSD Contract No. 6002038 with Selectron Technologies Inc. to continue providing for the Interactive Voice Response (IVR) Installation and Maintenance Services by adding \$30,000 for an amended total contract amount not to exceed \$817,928.00 and extending the term by 1 month (through 5/30/23) to pay forthcoming invoices,** and 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 Lane Coleman, seconded by Commissioner Michael Einheuser that this Contract Amendment be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

E. [2023-115](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **approve DWSD Contract 6005255 with EJ USA, Inc. (formally known as East Jordan), for Manhole Covers & Catch Basins for a total contract amount not-to-exceed \$172,879.22 and a term of 2 years.** The BOWC also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

Sponsors: Welch

Attachments: [bid tab for manhole covers](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Lane Coleman, seconded by Commissioner Michael Einheuser that this Contract be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

F. [2023-116](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **approve DWSD Contract 6005257 with Ferguson Waterworks for Coupling Transitions for a total contract amount not-to-exceed \$306,308.00 and a term of 2 years.** The BOWC also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

Sponsors: Welch

Attachments: [bid tab for transitions couplings](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Lane Coleman, seconded by Commissioner Michael Einheuser that this Contract be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

G. [2023-117](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **approve Contract 6005241 with AIS Construction Equipment Corporation to provide (1) John Deere 35P mini excavator with trailer and attachments for a total contract not-to-exceed amount of \$107,820.00.** 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 Michael Einheuser, seconded by Commissioner Lane Coleman that this Contract be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

H. [2023-118](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to approve **DWSD Contract 6005009, a piggyback of CoD Contract 6004893, for as-needed electrical services for a term of six months with Power Lighting & Technical Services and a total contract amount non-to-exceed \$500,000.** 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 Lane Coleman, seconded by Commissioner Michael Einheuser that this Contract be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

I. **Planning Calendar (17-0024)**

February 2023 YTD Financial Review

9. **OTHER MATTERS**

There were none.

10. NEXT MEETING

June 7, 2023

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Forte requested a motion to adjourn.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lane Coleman, seconded by Commissioner Michael Einheuser that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:51 p.m.

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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.