



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

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Wednesday, April 19, 2017

2:00 PM

5th Floor Board Room, Water Board Building

Regular Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

The Chair called a recess at 2:01 p.m until a quorum is present.

Present: 3 - Commissioner John Henry Davis, Commissioner Michael Einheuser and Commissioner Jane Garcia

Excused: 2 - Commissioner Lane Coleman and Commissioner Pamela Rodgers

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Mary Blackmon and Commissioner Linda Forte

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Chair returned from recess at 2:06 p.m.

Commissioner Rodgers joined the meeting at 2:06 p.m. and Commissioner Coleman joined the meeting at 2:07 p.m.

Chairman Einheuser requested approval of the agenda.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jane Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Pamela Rodgers that the agenda be approved. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Einheuser requested approval of the minutes of March 15, 2017.

A motion was made by Commissioner John Henry Davis, seconded by Commissioner Jane Garcia that the minutes be approved. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 minutes per speaker)

Don Johnson, 20501 Mark Twain and 19301 Wyoming president of 12th Precinct Community Relations, complained that bills mailed three to seven days prior to due date, using the United States postal service are recorded as late.

Michelle George, National Action Network, came before the board to thank the department for resolving the Channel 4 story about the running water issue. She

mentioned that on March 22, 2017 the Michigan Nurses Association marched in Lansing concerning the Patient Care Act and while there attended a forum on Blocks of Water and shut offs. Henry Ford Hospital did a study and found a correlation between water-related illnesses and water shut offs. Wants to know if the BOWC were aware of the study.

Fredia Butler, 8286 Normile, community activist, came before the board regarding late fees. She also came on behalf of Ms. Poles who received a \$600 water bill due to late fees.

Sallie Booker, 4305 W Euclid, came before the board regarding payment plan arrangements (PPA); she asked why the department does not allow a grace period.

Carman Booker, 19205 Orleans, came before the board regarding a water shut off.

Irina Puiu, 5881 Central Street, came before the board regarding water damage and \$9,000 water bill.

Robert Goodlet, 4571 Montclair, came before the board regarding continuous flooding after every rainfall and why it takes so long for the department to vector the drains.

Russell Bellant, former DWSD employee, came before the board to provide a copy of the DWSD wastewater collection system map. He said the sanitary overflow into the Rouge and Detroit River is not only from Detroiters.

[17-0080](#)

Public Comment - Russ Bellant

Attachments: [Map](#)

6. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS

There were none.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

This was none

8. NEW BUSINESS

[17-0069](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **enter into Contract No. CS-1830, "Engineering and Design Services for Storm Water Management Practices" with OHM Advisors (Consultant), at a cost not to exceed \$1,259,620.00 for a duration of three (3) years**, and also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

Sponsors: Field Services

A motion was made by Commissioner John Henry Davis, seconded by Commissioner Jane Garcia that this Contract be approved. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

[17-0070](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **enter into Contract No. DWS-902 "Repair of Pavement, Sidewalks, Driveways, and Curb Cuts in Various Locations Throughout the City of Detroit" with Gorgi Concrete LLC/Major Cement Company, Joint Venture (Contractor) at a cost not to exceed \$23,681,475.00 for a duration of 1095 calendar days, contingent upon extension of contract by one-year with no additional dollars**, and also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

Sponsors: Field Services

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

[17-0071](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **grant an increase in the amount of \$4,000,000.00 and a time extension of 365 calendar days to the final completion date to DWSD Contract No. DWS-900 Inspection and In-Place Rehabilitation/Repair of Existing Sewers with Inland Waters Pollution Control, Inc.**, and also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

Sponsors: Field Services

A motion was made by Commissioner Jane Garcia, seconded by Commissioner John Henry Davis that this Contract be approved. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

[17-0074](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department recommends **first, that the committee or meeting designated as "Workshop" be abolished, second, that all standing committees of DWSD Commissioners be scheduled as needed one after the other on the first Wednesday of each month between 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m., and third, that a new Executive Committee be established consisting of all Commissioners. The Executive Committee shall consider all matters appropriate for non-public meetings as defined by the Michigan Open Meetings Act**, and also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

Sponsors: Board of Water Commissioners

A motion was made by Commissioner John Henry Davis, seconded by Commissioner Jane Garcia that this Resolution, BOWC, be adopted. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

[17-0075](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **implement a five (5) year drainage fee policy**, and also authorizes the Director to take such other

actions as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

Sponsors: Brown

Attachments: [Board Policy for Drainage Charge - 5 Year Plan](#)
[Drainage PPT](#)
[DWSD Policy - PropertyClassification for Drainage Billing v1 EPR](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Jane Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Pamela Rodgers that this Resolution, Drainage Charge Policy, be approved. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

9. DIRECTOR'S METRICS

[17-0073](#)

Director's Metrics

Sponsors: Brown

Attachments: [Board Report - Metrics - 04192017](#)

This Communication or Report was received and filed.

10. COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Garcia inquired about the opening of the Southwest Service Center. Director Brown replied that the contract with the Detroit Building Authority (DBA) will come before the board at its next scheduled meeting.

11. COMMENTS BY THE CHAIR

Chairman Einheuser on behalf of the board extended their condolences to Commissioner Blackmon over the loss of her husband George Blackmon.

12. OTHER MATTERS

There were none.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Einhueser requested a motion to adjourn.

A motion was made by Commissioner John Henry Davis, seconded by Commissioner Pamela Rodgers that this meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.