



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

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Wednesday, December 6, 2017

2:30 PM

5th Floor Board Room, Water Board Building

Special Meeting No. 4

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Einheuser called the meeting to order at 3:56 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Commissioner John Henry Davis, Commissioner Michael Einheuser, Commissioner Lane Coleman, Commissioner Pamela Rodgers and Commissioner Mary Blackmon

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Linda Forte and Commissioner Jane Garcia

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Einheuser requested approval of the agenda.

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

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were none.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 minutes per speaker)

None

6. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS

There were none.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were none.

8. NEW BUSINESS

[17-0193](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **enter into Contract No. PS-1876,**

“Individual Personal Services Contract” with Jon White (Consultant), at a cost not to exceed \$145,000.00 for a duration of Eight (8) months, and also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

Sponsors: Office of the Director

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

9. DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Director Brown invited the BOWC to DWSD's Winter Wonderland Gala on Friday, December 15, 2017, 6 p.m. at Bert's Jazz Market Place, 2735 Russell, Detroit, MI.

10. COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS

There were none.

11. COMMENTS BY THE CHAIR

There were none.

12. OTHER MATTERS

Debra N. Pospiech, Chief Administrative Officer/Chief General Counsel introduced Jacob Bahri and Nikkiya Branch the law department's Associate General Counsel. Ms. Pospiech announced that Choi Portis, was sworn-in by the United States Supreme Court in Washington, D.C on November 27, 2017. Ms. Portis will assume her new role as the department's Deputy Chief Counsel.

13. CLOSED SESSION

[17-0192](#)

Upon the request of Chief General Counsel Debra N. Pospiech, Esq., the Board of Water Commissioners vote to: 1) **Approve a meeting with legal counsel in closed session pursuant to Sections 8(e) and (h) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act to discuss settlement strategy in pending litigation; and 2) Authorize the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of the Board's vote.**

Sponsors: Pospiech

A motion was made by Commissioner Mary Blackmon, seconded by Commissioner John Henry Davis that this Request, to enter into Closed Session at 4:00 p.m., be approved. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Einheuser, Commissioner Coleman, Commissioner Rodgers and Commissioner Blackmon

ROLL CALL VOTE

A motion was made that this be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Davis , Commissioner Einheuser, Commissioner Coleman, Commissioner Rodgers and Commissioner Blackmon

Also Present: Debra N. Pospiech, CAO/Chief General Counsel; Gary Brown, Director; Palencia Mobley, Deputy Director/Chief Engineer; Thomas Naughton, CFO; Nikkiya Branch and Jacob Bahri, Associate General Counsel.

RETURN FROM CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Commissioner Mary Blackmon, seconded by Commissioner Pamela Rodgers that this return from Closed Session at 4:34 p.m., be approved. The motion carried by an unanimous vote.

The only matter discussed was litigation.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Einheuser requested a motion to adjourn.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mary Blackmon, 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 4:34 p.m.