



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

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Wednesday, August 15, 2018

2:00 PM

5th Floor Board Room, Water Board Building

BOWC Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Einheuser called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Commissioner Linda Forte, Commissioner Michael Einheuser, Commissioner Mary Blackmon, Commissioner Jane Garcia, Commissioner John Henry Davis and Commissioner Jonathan Kinloch

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Lane Coleman

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Einheuser requested approval of the agenda.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mary Blackmon, seconded by Commissioner Jane Garcia that the agenda be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Einheuser requested approval of the minutes of July 18, 2018.

A motion was made by Commissioner John Henry Davis, seconded by Commissioner Jonathan Kinloch that the minutes be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 minutes per speaker)

There was none.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

[18-0192](#)

Monthly FOIA Requests

Sponsors: Pospiech

Attachments: [JULY 2018 FOIAs RECD_Redacted](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner John Henry Davis, seconded by Commissioner Jonathan Kinloch that this Communication or Report be

received and filed. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

7. **ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Garcia asked had the department responded to the Mexican town developers. Director Brown replied that the department will follow-up.

8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was none.

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Coleman joined the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

A. [18-0171](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit's Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **enter into a cooperative agreement no 6001574, based on the City of Detroit's (CoD) existing contract 6000788, with Otis Elevator for elevator maintenance and repair services for the remaining two-years, for a total contract amount, not to exceed, \$161,625.00.** It further authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

Sponsors: Mobley

A motion was made by Commissioner Linda Forte, seconded by Commissioner Mary Blackmon that this Contract be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

B. [18-0172](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit's Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) authorizes the Director to **secure Change Order No. 1, to add \$375,000.00 for fiscal year 19 to the current DWSD general office supplies contract (no. 6000936) with Arrow Office Supply. The total contract amount not to exceed \$504,496.84** and also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

Sponsors: Naughton

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

C. [18-0173](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit's Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **secure Change Order No. 2 to exercise the second and final, one year renewal for Contract No. 2911300 with EJ USA Inc., for various hydrant parts at a cost of \$818,463.63 for the total contract amount not to exceed \$2,455,390.89** and also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

Sponsors: Naughton

A motion was made by Commissioner Linda Forte, seconded by Commissioner John Henry Davis that this Contract be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

D. [18-0174](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **implement a New Stormwater Management Plan Review fee schedule, effective upon City Council adoption of the Post Construction Stormwater Management Ordinance**, and also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

Sponsors: Mobley

Attachments: [2018-07-26 PCSWMO Stormwater Management Plan Review Fee BOWC](#)
[2018-07-26 Stormwater Management Design Manual](#)

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

E. [18-0175](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to take necessary and appropriate actions to effectuate the introduction and passage by Detroit City Council of the **New Post-Construction Stormwater Management Ordinance**, and also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

Sponsors: Mobley

Attachments: [2018-07-26 Section 56 Detroit SW Ordinance BOWC](#)
[2018-07-26 Stormwater Management Design Manual](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner John Henry Davis, seconded by Commissioner Mary Blackmon that this Resolution, BOWC be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

F. [18-0177](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD), authorizes the Director to **execute on behalf of the DWSD the Development Agreement between City of Detroit Housing & Revitalization Department (HRD), DWSD, and Douglass Acquisition Company LLC (DAC), regarding an Affordable Housing Agreement between HRD and Bedrock Management Services LLC, of which DAC is an affiliate, to provide for the construction of affordable housing units at the former Frederick Douglass public housing site (Douglass Site), on the following conditions outlined in the motion**, and also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

Sponsors: Pospiech

Attachments: [Council Letter & Resolution Dev Agreement with Douglass Acquisition Co.](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Mary Blackmon, seconded by Commissioner Linda Forte that this Resolution be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

G. [18-0193](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department **recommends adoption of the “Resolution Relating To Issuance By The Great Lakes Water Authority Of Sewage Disposal System Revenue Bonds For The Benefit Of The Detroit Local Sewage Supply System,”** and also authorizes the Chief Financial Officer and the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

Sponsors: Naughton

Attachments: [18-0193 FINAL Resolution- FY19 Sewer Bonds - with Amended Exhibit A-signed](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner John Henry Davis, seconded by Commissioner Mary Blackmon that this Resolution, BOWC be approved as amended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

H. [18-0197](#)

Small Purchases

Sponsors: Burgi

Attachments: [18-0197 Small Purchases](#)

This Communication or Report was received and filed.

10. COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Kinloch inquired about the status of a restoration issue at 19531 Bretton Drive; and a recurring water main repair at University Cleaners at 4704 Cass Ave. Deputy Director Palencia Mobley replied that staff would investigate and provide an update.

Commissioner Blackmon announced Julianne Gabon the new Chief Customer Service Officer, began on August 6, 2018. She will attend the next customer service committee meeting to discuss its calendar and the policy for unauthorized use of customers' water.

11. COMMENTS BY THE CHAIR

There was none.

12. OTHER MATTERS

A glitch in the Automated Telephone System affected approximately 400 of the department's 200,000 customer base. Adjustments will be made to those affected.

Director Brown spoke on Water Affordability at the American Water Works Association (AWWA) in Washington, DC.

Mayor Duggan held a community meeting on Monday, August 13, 2018 at Unity Baptist Church. DWSD staff was on-hand to address water matters.

[18-0198](#)

**U of M Study of Water Affordability
Measuring the Affordability Gap**

Sponsors: Brown

Attachments: [U of M Study on Water Affordability](#)
[Measuring the Affordability Gap](#)

13. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Einheuser requested a motion to adjourn.

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:03 p.m.