



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

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Wednesday, November 14, 2018

6:00 PM

Second Ebenezer Church
14601 Dequindre St.
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BOWC Meeting - Location and Time Change

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Einheuser called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Linda Forte

Bishop Edgar Vann thanked the Board of Water Commissioners and the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department for the opportunity to join with the community and interface for a productive meeting with the citizens of Detroit.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Einheuser requested approval of the agenda

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

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Einheuser requested approval of the minutes of October 17, 2018.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jonathan Kinloch, seconded by Commissioner Lane Coleman that the minutes be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (2 minutes per speaker)

1. Joyce Moore of 2044/2050 Taylor came before the Board regarding: a) drainage fee issue; b) fire hydrant repairs.

2. William Davis of 8557 Appoline Street came asking the Board to seek a proactive

Public Relations process. Director Brown explained that DWSD recently launched a marketing campaign.

3. Russ Bellant of 19619 Helen came before the Board on behalf of the 11th Precinct regarding: a) invitation for the department to speak on drainage at its January 8, 2019 meeting; b) missing stormwater drains; and c) policy statement study.

4. James Parker of 181 E. Margaret came before the Board regarding a drainage fee. He was provided with the information on the department's appeal process.

5. Terry Catchings on behalf of Councilman Scott Benson came to thank the department for hosting its meeting and for the partnership with the bill payment assistance program.

6. Timothy McKay of 10000 Mark Twain came before the Board seeking a greener resolution for drainage costs without increased costs.

7. Darrell Stewart of 2494 Chicago Boulevard asked why his sewage bill is more than the water bill. He also asked how hard surface is measured.

8. Percy Johnson of 1625 Fleetwood Drive came before the Board to inquire about the 51% Detroit residency requirement and Detroit-Based Business. Deputy Director Palencia Mobley responded to Mr. Johnson's inquiry and would provide him with the department's direct link for procurement.

9. Councilman Scott Benson came to welcome and thank the Board of Water Commissioners for hosting its meeting in the third District.

Commissioner Forte arrived at 6:24 p.m.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

A. [18-0263](#) Receipt of Correspondence

Sponsors: Mobley

Attachments: [Jennifer Fussbender-Customer Response](#)
[9619 Heyden Customer Response](#)
[189 E. Margaret - Customer Response](#)
[2494 Chicago Blvd - Customer Response](#)

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

7. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS

There was none.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

9. NEW BUSINESS**A. [18-0004](#)**

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department **approval to adopt the amended Capital Improvement Program and Operations Committee Charter** and also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

Sponsors: Mobley

Attachments: [18-0004 Amended CIP and Operations Committee Charter](#)

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

B. [18-0247](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to enter into **Contract # 6001502 with Human Fliers, LLC, to deliver “Service Interruption” notices (door hangers) and provide services to support survey programs for DWSD customers for a period of four-years, at a cost not-to-exceed \$300,000.00 (\$75,000.00 per year)** and authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

Sponsors: Nouhan, Naughton and Burgi

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

C. [18-0254](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit Water and Sewerage Department **adopt resolution acknowledging its Duties Under Amendments to Michigan Department of Environmental Quality *Supplying Water to the Public* Administrative Rules Regarding Public Education and Consumer Notification of Lead in Drinking Water.**

Sponsors: Pospiech

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

10. DIRECTOR'S METRICS

A. [18-0264](#) Director's Metrics

Sponsors: Brown

Attachments: [Board Report - Metrics - 11142018](#)

This Communication or Report was received and filed.

11. COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS

There was none.

12. COMMENTS BY THE CHAIR

Chairman Einheuser announced that the BOWC will hold a special meeting on November 27, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. The Chair also thanked Bishop Edgar Vann and Second Ebenezer Church for their hospitality.

13. OTHER MATTERS

There was none.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Einheuser requested a motion to adjourn.

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.