



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

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6:00 PM

Hartford Memorial Baptist Church
18700 James Couzens Freeway
Detroit, MI 48235

BOWC Evening 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: 5 - Commissioner Linda Forte, Commissioner Michael Einheuser, Commissioner Lane Coleman, Commissioner Mary Blackmon and Commissioner Jane Garcia

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Jonathan Kinloch

Absent: 1 - Commissioner John Henry Davis

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Einheuser requested approval of the agenda as amended.
Items 6C and D were added.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mary Blackmon, seconded by Commissioner Lane Coleman that the agenda be approved as amended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Einheuser requested approval of the minutes of October 16, 2019.

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

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 minutes per speaker)

1. Demetria Grady came before the Board about high water consumption.
2. Carla McClure came to address her high water bill and service interruption.
3. Gerald Givens came before the Board because his water service has been off since October.
4. Eric Bridges came to complain about a high drainage bill.
5. Demeeke Williams with Hydrate Detroit came to advocate for clients with restoration issues.
6. Daynelle Barksdale came to discuss a high water bill.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Kinloch arrived at 6:06 p.m.

A. [19-00316](#) Receipt of Correspondence

Sponsors: Customer Service

Attachments: [Ruby Riley](#)
[Hilmer Kenty](#)
[Rogerieck Vanzant](#)
[Allene Baity-Wynn](#)
[Deborah Parks](#)
[Donna Davis](#)
[Paul Jones Jr](#)
[AFSCME Investigation](#)
[Hydrate Detroit Board Letter 11-20](#)
[Mac Farr](#)

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

B. [19-00318](#) Receipt of Correspondence

Sponsors: Pospiech

Attachments: [FOIA Requests-October](#)
[FOIA Requests-September](#)

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.

C. [19-00324](#) Receipt of Correspondence

Attachments: [Communication-Volume Credit Questions-Andre Brooks.msg](#)

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

D. [19-00325](#) Receipt of Correspondence

Attachments: [Communication-Requests from Commissioner Davis](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Lane Coleman, 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

Follow-up Items
Joshua Ronnebaum at 19410 Lucerne-pending
James D. Hedrick-Pending
Vaughn Tolliver-Pending
Brenda Lee-Pending
Valarie Glenn at 520 Trowbridge-Pending
Demetria Grady at 16652 Turner St.-Pending

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

9. NEW BUSINESS**A. [19-00322](#) Lead and Copper Rule Results**

Sponsors: Pospiech

Attachments: [Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy \(EGLE\)](#)
Lead Safe Presentation - 11192019

B. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA (Items 9B II-VI)

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

- I. [19-00299](#)** The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **approve utilizing a cooperative contract with AutoZone Parts, Inc. for the as-needed purchase of automotive parts and supplies for a total amount not-to-exceed \$3,100,000 and a term of up to 2.5 years**, and also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

Sponsors: Burgi

This Contract was pulled from the agenda.

- II. [19-00301](#)** The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **approve a contract with Pipetek Infrastructure Services for Sewer Condition Assessment Services in Various Locations Throughout the City of Detroit for a total amount not-to-exceed \$2,965,900.84 and a term of 1 year** and also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

Sponsors: Burgi

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

III. [19-00302](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **approve a contract with Pipetek Infrastructure Services for Sewer Condition Assessment Services in Hubbard Farms, Hubbard Richard, West Side Industrial, Midtown and North Corktown neighborhoods for a total amount not-to-exceed \$3,007,120.43 and a term of 1 year** and also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

Sponsors: Burgi

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

IV. [19-00303](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **approve Amendment No. 3 for Contract No. 6000988 (CS-1852) a proactive city-wide program for (FLSLR) Full Lead Service Line Replacements with Safewater Engineering LLC, to add \$53,000 in additional funding for a total amended not-to-exceed amount of \$473,000 and adding six (6) months to the term of the contract**, and also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

Sponsors: Burgi

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

V. [19-00304](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **approve Amendment No. 5 to PS-1801 for a personal services contract with Kenneth Gripper, adding \$30,000 in additional funding for a total amended not-to-exceed amount of \$118,680 and adding 1 year to the term of the contract**, and also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

Sponsors: Burgi

A motion was made by Commissioner Mary Blackmon, seconded by Commissioner Jane Garcia that this Contract Amendment be approved. The

motion carried by a unanimous vote.

VI. [19-00305](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **approve Amendment No. 4 to PS-1876 for a personal services Contract with Jon White II, adding \$90,000.00 in additional funding for a total amended not-to-exceed amount of \$235,000.00 and adding 1 year to the term of the contract**, and also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

Sponsors: Burgi

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

10. DIRECTOR'S METRICS

A. [19-00319](#) Director's Metrics

Sponsors: Office of the Director

Attachments: [Board Report - Metrics - 11202019](#)

This Communication or Report was received and filed.

11. COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Blackmon asked for an explanation of the restoration process during the service line replacement project. Director Brown replied that the weather dictates the Department's ability to restore constituents' properties. Temporary accommodations are provided until permanent restorations are addressed during the restoration period.

Commissioner Kinloch thanked the administration office for their assistance with a constituent's concern.

12. COMMENTS BY THE CHAIR

There were none.

13. OTHER MATTERS

There were none.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Einheuser requested a motion to adjourn.

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.