



Detroit Water and Sewerage Department Meeting Minutes - Final Finance Committee

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Finance Committee Meeting Location and Time Change

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Forte called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: 4 - Chairperson Linda Forte, Commissioner Michael Einheuser, Commissioner Jonathan Kinloch and Commissioner Lane Coleman

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairperson Forte requested approval of the agenda.

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

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairperson Forte requested approval of the minutes of February 5, 2020.

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

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Beulah Walker of Hydrate Detroit came before the committee with concern about the rate proposal and stated that Hydrate Detroit strongly opposes the rate increase.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

A. [20-0100](#) Receipt of Correspondence

Sponsors: Burgi

Attachments: [April 2020 BOWC - Procurement Reports Memo](#)
[April 2020 - Contracts and Purchase Orders \\$5,000 - \\$25,000](#)
[April 2020 - Exceptions to Competitive Solicitation](#)

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

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. [20-0105](#) Finance Committee Review

Attachments: [Finance Committee Presentation-April 2020](#)

This Communication or Report was received and filed.

B. [20-0086](#) Operating Budget FY 2021

Sponsors: Naughton

Attachments: [FY 21 Proposed Operating Budget - April 15 2020.pdf](#)
[Water and Sewer Operating Fund.pdf](#)

This Communication or Report was received and filed.

C. [20-0087](#) Preliminary Rate Structure

Sponsors: Naughton

Attachments: [FY Preliminary Rate Structure - Public Hearing - April 15 2020.pdf](#)

This Communication or Report was received and filed.

D. [20-0089](#) The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit Water and Sewerage Department **approves the proposed two-year operating budgets for Fiscal Years 2020-21 and 2021-22 for the Water Operating Fund in the amounts of \$122,314,100 and \$125,550,600, respectively, and for the Sewage Disposal Operating Fund in the amounts of \$354,887,600 and \$373,588,800, respectively;** and further authorizes the Director and Chief Financial Officer to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

Sponsors: Naughton

Attachments: [Water and Sewer Operating Fund.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Coleman, seconded by Commissioner Einheuser that this Resolution, BOWC be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Chairperson Forte, Commissioner Einheuser and Commissioner Coleman

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Kinloch

- E. [20-0106](#)** The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to approve **DWSD Contract 6002749 for Project WS-710 with Major Cement Co., for Water System Improvements for Various Streets in Detroit for a total amount not-to-exceed \$9,126,359.80 and a term of 2 years.** This also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

Sponsors: Burgi

Attachments: [WS-710 -DWRF A RESOLUTION TO TENTATIVELY AWARD.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Lane Coleman, seconded by Commissioner Michael Einheuser that this Contract be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- F. [20-0107](#)** The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to approve **DWSD Contract 6002750 for Project WS-711 with Major Cement Co., for Water System Improvements for various streets in Detroit for a total amount not-to-exceed \$12,978,108.00 and a term of 2 years.** This also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

Sponsors: Burgi

Attachments: [WS-711 -DWRF A RESOLUTION TO TENTATIVELY AWARD.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Commissioner Michael Einheuser, seconded by Commissioner Lane Coleman that this Contract be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- G. [20-0108](#)** The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to approve **DWSD to utilize a State of Michigan MiDeal cooperative contract #071B7700090 with AIS Construction Equipment for as-needed construction equipment rental services through DWSD Contract 6002724 for a total amount not-to-exceed \$1,600,000 and a term of up to 2.75 years (includes two 1-year renewal options exercisable by the DWSD Director).** This 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 Lane Coleman, seconded by Commissioner Michael Einheuser that this Contract be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

- H. [20-0109](#)** The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage

Department authorizes the Director to approve **Amendment No. 1 for DWSD's portion of the City of Detroit Contract 2654324 for the Fleet and Fuel Management Program software through AssetWorks, LLC. This amendment will add \$20,000, for a new total contract not-to-exceed amount of \$770,000 and extend the term through September 30, 2020.** This 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 Michael Einheuser, seconded by Commissioner Jonathan Kinloch that this Contract Amendment be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

I. Planning Calendar (17-0130)

The scheduled monthly topics were suspended.

9. OTHER MATTERS

Director Brown reported that Detroit City Council implemented a resolution urging DWSD and GLWA to waive all late fees for residential water, sewer, and shutoffs. He also said that DWSD submitted a resolution to Congress to seek funding for a sustainable Water Affordability Plan similar to the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program.

Chairman Einheuser stated that although the board has recommended approval of today's resolutions, between now and the beginning of the fiscal year, there will be a comprehensive review of the budget, revenue, and the rate increase. He said that the actions taken place today are not permanent. He also said he is appreciative of the department seeking available assistance with the impact on revenue in regards to restoring customers' water service. The department will review its finances prior to the new fiscal year.

10. NEXT MEETING

May 6, 2020

11. CLOSED SESSION

A. [20-0102](#)

Upon the request of Chief General Counsel Debra N. Pospiech, Esq., the Board of Water Commissioners votes to **approve a meeting with General Counsel in closed session pursuant to Section 8(h) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act to discuss a memorandum subject to attorney-client privilege.**

Sponsors: Pospiech

A motion was made by Commissioner Michael Einheuser, seconded by Commissioner Lane Coleman to enter into this Request, Closed Session at 3:30 p.m. be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Aye: 4 - Chairperson Forte, Commissioner Einheuser, Commissioner Kinloch and Commissioner Coleman

Also Present: Commissioners Mary Blackmon, John Henry Davis, Jane Garcia, and Choi Portis, Associate General Counsel

12. OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Commissioner Michael Einheuser, seconded by Commissioner Lane Coleman to return from Closed Session at 3:50 p.m. be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED

- J. [20-0110](#) The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **approve Contract 6002757 (CS-1925) with Itron, Inc. for the Water SaveSource Warranty Replacement Program - Openway Riva AMI Implementation, for a total contract not-to-exceed amount of \$13,500,000.00 and a term of twenty (20) years.** This also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

Sponsors: Cavitt

A motion was made by Commissioner Jonathan Kinloch, seconded by Commissioner Michael Einheuser that this Contract be recommended for approval. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Forte requested a motion to adjourn.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jonathan Kinloch, seconded by Commissioner Michael Einheuser that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.