



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

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Wednesday, December 15, 2021

2:00 PM

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## **BOWC Meeting**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Einheuser called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

### **2. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 6 - Commissioner Jane Garcia, Commissioner John Henry Davis,  
Commissioner Jonathan Kinloch, Commissioner Lane Coleman,  
Commissioner Linda Forte and Commissioner Michael Einheuser  
**Excused:** 1 - Commissioner Mary Blackmon

### **3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chairman Einheuser requested approval of the agenda.

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

### **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Einheuser requested approval of the minutes of November 17, 2021.

**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)**

Demeeko Williams came before the Board to thank the customer service staff: Matthew Phillips, Kimberly Crowell, Keturah Maxwell, as well as Tiffany Jones of Public Affairs for working with Hydrate Detroit addressing customers water bills, property issues and clean water. He asked that the BOWC update the public on the water shut-off moratorium. He hopes to work together to find a permanent solution to water shut-offs. He also suggested Samuel Smalley, Chief Operations Officer, work with the community groups and churches to provide incentives for getting the lead

detection under control.

Attorney Pospiech submitted (for the record) communication from Hydrate Detroit.

## 6. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Kinloch asked whether the Department had followed up with Prince Hall Grand Chapter on the status of their claim. Attorney Pospiech replied that she had advised them on the status of their claim and explained to them about Michigan law with regard to water main breaks versus sewer defects. She also said that she would follow up with them at a later date to address their particular claim.

Vice Chair Blackmon joined the meeting at 2:14 p.m.

## 7. COMMUNICATIONS

### A. [21-0682](#) Receipt of Correspondence

Sponsors: Pospiech

Attachments: [FOIA REQUESTS - MONTHLY REPORT NOVEMBER 2021](#)

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

## 8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

## 9. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA (Items 9A-G)

### A. [21-0670](#) The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **approve the novation name reassignment from Veolia Water North America Operating Services, LLC to Veolia Water Municipal Services North America LLC for DWSD Contract No. 6003499 (formerly known as 6002928) for Openway Riva Advanced Meter Infrastructure (AMI) Project Planning, Implementation and Support and Project Management Services (CS-1926)**. 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 Mary Blackmon, seconded by Commissioner Jonathan Kinloch that this Contract be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

### B. [21-0671](#) The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage

Department authorizes the Director to **approve Contract 6003975 with Metron-Farnier, LLC for as needed 2-inch meters for a duration of one (1) year and an amount not-to-exceed \$147,875.** 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 Mary Blackmon, seconded by Commissioner Jonathan Kinloch that this Contract be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

**C. [21-0672](#)**

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **approve DWSD Contract 6004097 for various sizes of brass stop corporations with EJ USA, Inc. (formerly known as East Jordan Iron Works) for a total contract amount not-to-exceed \$252,539.28 and a term of one year.** This also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

**Sponsors:** Burgi

**Attachments:** [Corporation Stop Bid Tab Final KF 11-22](#)

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

**D. [21-0673](#)**

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **approve DWSD Contract 6004044 for various gate box parts, with T&N Services, Inc. for a total contract amount not-to-exceed \$767,433.28 and a term of two (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:** [Gate Box Bid Tab Final KF 11-22](#)

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

**E. [21-0674](#)**

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit, Water and Sewerage Department authorizes the Director to **approve DWSD Contract 6004065 with EJ USA, Inc (formerly known as East Jordan Iron Works) for various hydrant parts for a not-to-exceed amount of \$774,664.15 and duration of three (3) years.** The BOWC also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

**Sponsors:** Burgi

**Attachments:** [Hydrant Parts Bid Tab FINAL 11-22 KF](#)

**A motion was made by Commissioner Mary Blackmon, seconded by**

Commissioner Jonathan Kinloch that this Contract be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

F. [21-0680](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit Water and Sewerage Department **authorizes the Director to approve the accompanying Wayne County Department of Public Services (WCDPS) "Model Community Resolution Authorizing Execution of Wayne County Permits"** and also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

**Sponsors:** Mobley

**Attachments:** [Wayne County A-22005 Jan 2022 thru Dec 2022](#)

[Wayne County A-22029 Jan 2022 thru Dec 2022](#)

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

G. [21-0681](#)

The Board of Water Commissioners for the City of Detroit Water and Sewerage Department **authorizes the Director to approve the "Performance Resolution for Governmental Agencies" form to facilitate the acquisition of DWSD's 2022 MDOT Annual Permit**, and also authorizes the Director to take such other action as may be necessary to accomplish the intent of this vote.

**Sponsors:** Mobley

**Attachments:** [MDOT Resolution](#)

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

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. DIRECTOR'S METRICS

A. [21-0683](#)

**Director's Report**

**Sponsors:** Brown

**Attachments:** [Board Report - Metrics - 12152021](#)

Director Brown suggested for the January customer service committee meeting a discussion on the Basement Backup Subsidy program, and staff re-organizational changes for the Human Resources committee. He also attended the Water Conference in Miami to speak to the Wilson Foundation about a green infrastructure project.

**This Communication or Report was received and filed.**

**12. COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Kinloch asked whether the Department had responded to the news article on the study conducted, which talked about water affordability across the State of Michigan. Attorney Pospiech stated that she was interviewed by the State of Michigan regarding their finding on the water affordability study and provided her thoughts and insight on the matter. She stated that she reviewed a draft of the study and offered friendly amendments. She said that the Department will continue to fight to find a permanent solution.

**13. COMMENTS BY THE CHAIR**

There were none.

**14. OTHER MATTERS**

There were none.

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Einheuser requested a motion to adjourn.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Jonathan Kinloch, 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 2:48 p.m.**

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