

**JERSEY CITY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
DECEMBER 29, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER - 5:05 PM**

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In compliance with the Sunshine Laws, Chairman Balmir ordered and directed that a Public Notice of a Public Meeting of the Jersey City Municipal Utilities Authority be posted in the main lobby of the Jersey City Municipal Utilities Authority Administration Building and that a copy of the notice be sent to The Jersey Journal, The Star Ledger and the City Clerk.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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Chairman, Gerard M. Balmir, Jr.  
Commissioner, Lewis W. Matthias  
Commissioner, Marie Tauro

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Commissioner, William A. Macchi  
Commissioner, John H. Thieroff  
First Alternate Commissioner, Nicholas I. Economou  
Second Alternate Commissioner, Thomas M. Gibbons

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Daniel Becht, Esquire, Executive Director  
Judy Rybka, Recording Secretary  
Frank J. Borin, Esquire, DeCotiis, FitzPatrick & Cole, LLP  
Richard Haytas, P.E., Senior Engineer/Infrastructure Maintenance Supervisor  
Barbara Gordon, Director of Administration  
Kevin Carr, Purchasing Agent  
John Folk, CPA, Director of Finance  
Rajiv Prakash, Engineering Department  
Jerome A. Harris, P.E., P.P., CME Associates  
Michael McClelland, P.E., P.P., C.M.E., CME Associates  
William Katchen, CPA

**FLAG SALUTE**

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – No public comment

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of minutes of the November 25, 2014 Commissioners meeting

Motioned to approve by Commissioner Matthias

Seconded by Commissioner Tauro

Roll call vote: Commissioner Tauro	Aye
Commissioner Matthias	Aye
Chairman Balmir	Aye

**RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA**

**Resolution 12/14/1** authorizing transfer of funds for sewer operations

Motioned to approve by Commissioner Matthias

Seconded by Commissioner Tauro

Roll call vote: Commissioner Tauro	Aye
Commissioner Matthias	Aye
Chairman Balmir	Aye

**Resolution 12/14/2** authorizing transfer of funds and payments of audited claims for water operations

Motioned to approve by Commissioner Matthias

Seconded by Commissioner Tauro

Roll call vote: Commissioner Tauro	Aye
Commissioner Matthias	Aye
Chairman Balmir	Abstention

**Resolution 12/14/3** authorizing transfer of funds and payments of audited claims for water operations

Motioned to approve by Commissioner Matthias

Seconded by Commissioner Tauro

Roll call vote: Commissioner Tauro	Aye
Commissioner Matthias	Aye
Chairman Balmir	Aye

**Resolution 12/14/4** authorizing cash disbursements

Motioned to approve by Commissioner Matthias

Seconded by Commissioner Tauro

Roll call vote: Commissioner Tauro           Aye  
                  Commissioner Matthias        Aye  
                  Chairman Balmir                    Abstention

**Resolution 12/14/5** authorizing payments from the capital improvement, project and note funds

**Resolution 12/14/6** resolution of the Jersey City Municipal Utilities Authority concerning review of the findings of the Local Finance Board made at a meeting of said Board on October 8, 2014 in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A.40A:5A-7

**Resolution 12/14/7** resolution of the Jersey City Municipal Utilities Authority determining the form and other details of its "Note(s) relating to the Interim Financing Trust Loan Program of the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust," to be issued in aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$15,000,000.00 and providing for the issuance and sale of such note(s) to the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust, and authorizing the execution and delivery of such notes(s) by the Jersey City Municipal Utilities Authority in favor of the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust, all pursuant to the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust Interim Financing Loan Program

**Resolution 12/14/8** authorizing change order number 2 for contract for Newark Avenue sewer replacement project; JCMUA contract number NA-2013-47

**Resolution 12/14/9** authorizing interagency services agreement by and between the Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission and Jersey City Municipal Utilities Authority relative to the provision of services related to green infrastructure planning

Motioned to approve by Commissioner Matthias  
Seconded by Commissioner Tauro

Roll call vote: Commissioner Tauro        Aye  
                  Commissioner Matthias        Aye  
                  Chairman Balmir                Aye

**Resolution 12/14/10** authorizing the declaration of an emergency condition on 54 inch PCCP force main and awarding contract to J. Fletcher Creamer & Son for repair of sewer main

Motioned to approve by Commissioner Matthias  
Seconded by Commissioner Tauro

Roll call vote: Commissioner Tauro        Aye  
                  Commissioner Matthias        Aye  
                  Chairman Balmir                Abstention

**Resolution 12/14/11** authorizing change order number 2 for emergency condition on Fourth Street between Coles Street and Brunswick Street, and on Monmouth Street between Fourth and Fifth Streets

**Resolution 12/14/12** authorizing the appointment of a Public Agency Compliance Officer

Motioned to approve by Commissioner Matthias

Seconded by Commissioner Tauro

Roll call vote: Commissioner Tauro	Aye
Commissioner Matthias	Aye
Chairman Balmir	Aye

**Resolution 12/14/13** authorizing a change order to contract addressing an emergency condition at 188 Nelson Avenue for repair of sewer main

Motioned to approve by Commissioner Matthias

Seconded by Commissioner Tauro

Roll call vote: Commissioner Tauro	Aye
Commissioner Matthias	Aye
Chairman Balmir	Abstention

**Resolution 12/14/14** authorizing MMREF expenditure for emergency replacement and cleaning and lining of 6 inch water mains in Ocean Avenue and Woodlawn Avenue

Motioned to approve by Commissioner Matthias

Seconded by Commissioner Tauro

Roll call vote: Commissioner Tauro	Aye
Commissioner Matthias	Aye
Chairman Balmir	Abstention

**Resolution 12/14/15** authorizing change order 1 for MMREF expenditure for gantry and hoist inspections, hoisting equipment improvements and new davit crane installations

Motioned to approve by Commissioner Matthias

Seconded by Commissioner Tauro

Roll call vote: Commissioner Tauro	Aye
Commissioner Matthias	Aye
Chairman Balmir	Aye

**Resolution 12/14/16** authorizing MMREF expenditure for emergency repair of blow off valve in 72 inch aqueduct located near River Road and Route 21 in Nutley, New Jersey

Motioned to approve by Commissioner Matthias

Seconded by Commissioner Tauro

Roll call vote: Commissioner Tauro	Aye
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Commissioner Matthias      Aye  
Chairman Balmir              Abstention

**Resolution 12/14/17** authorizing employee benefits for health, dental, life and prescription insurance

**Resolution 12/14/18** authorizing amendment to professional engineering services contract with Hatch Mott MacDonald, Inc. for construction administration and resident engineering observation services for 84 inch Duncan Avenue outfall project

**Resolution 12/14/19** authorizing change order number 7 for the rehabilitation of Split Rock Reservoir Dam; JCMUA contract number SRD-2013-14-W

**Resolution 12/14/20** authorizing amendment number 5 to professional engineering services contract with French & Parrello Associates for design and construction administration services for the rehabilitation of Split Rock Dam

**Resolution 12/14/21** amending Resolution 2/13/25 authorizing professional engineering services contract with Hatch Mott MacDonald, Inc. for design of sodium permanganate storage and feed system at the lower gate house at Boonton Dam

Motioned to approve by Commissioner Matthias

Seconded by Commissioner Tauro

Roll call vote: Commissioner Tauro      Aye  
                         Commissioner Matthias      Aye  
                         Chairman Balmir              Aye

**Resolution 12/14/22** authorizing the award of a contract for auditing services

Motioned to approve by Commissioner Matthias

Seconded by Commissioner Tauro

Roll call vote: Commissioner Tauro      Aye  
                         Commissioner Matthias      Aye  
                         Chairman Balmir              Abstention

**Resolution 12/14/23** authorizing the award of a contract for accounting services

**Resolution 12/14/24** authorizing the award of a contract for insurance broker/risk manager services

**Resolution 12/14/25** authorizing MMREF expenditure for emergency repair of the 36 inch transmission main in Belleville Turnpike

Motioned to approve by Commissioner Matthias

Seconded by Commissioner Tauro

Roll call vote: Commissioner Tauro           Aye  
                  Commissioner Matthias        Aye  
                  Chairman Balmir                 Aye

**Resolution 12/14/26** granting 80 percent sewerage abatement

Motioned to approve by Commissioner Matthias  
Seconded by Commissioner Tauro  
Roll call vote: Commissioner Tauro        Aye  
                  Commissioner Matthias        Aye  
                  Chairman Balmir                 Abstention

**Resolution 12/14/27** approving property, casualty, auto, excess liability, public officials liability

Motioned to approve by Commissioner Matthias  
Seconded by Commissioner Tauro  
Roll call vote: Commissioner Tauro        Aye  
                  Commissioner Matthias        Aye  
                  Chairman Balmir                 Aye

**Resolution 12/14/28** Resolution pulled

**Resolution 12/14/29** authorizing the award of a contract for consulting engineering services

Motioned to approve by Commissioner Matthias  
Seconded by Commissioner Tauro  
Roll call vote: Commissioner Tauro        Aye  
                  Commissioner Matthias        Aye  
                  Chairman Balmir                 Aye

**COMMUNICATIONS** – No

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** – Mr. Becht reported repair work is underway on the sewer main break near New Jersey Transit. It is hoped that the light rail will be back in service by mid January. Several contracts have been awarded to upgrade and maintain the sewer system, and approximately \$350,000 has been saved in electrical costs due to the gravity fed system at Boonton. Mr. Becht suggested looking back on the year to determine where other cost savings were realized over the previous year. "We're doing what we should be doing. The weather has been good; no problems."

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** – No reports

**COUNSEL REPORT** – Mr. Borin advised this month he submitted a written report

