

**JERSEY CITY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
OCTOBER 26, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER** – 5:03 PM

In compliance with the Sunshine Laws, Chairwoman Tauro 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:**

Chairwoman, Marie Tauro  
Commissioner Maureen C. Hulings (arrived 5:12 p.m.)  
Commissioner, Marcos D. Vigil  
Commissioner, Jeannine Zampella  
Second Alternate Commissioner, Thomas M. Gibbons

**ABSENT**

Commissioner, William A. Macchi  
First Alternate Commissioner, Nicholaos I. Economou

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Daniel Becht, Esquire, Executive Director  
Judy Rybka, Recording Secretary  
Francis J. Borin, Esquire, DeCotiis, FitzPatrick & Cole, LLP  
John D. Folk, CPA, Director of Finance  
Richard Haytas, PE, Senior Engineer/Infrastructure Maintenance Supervisor  
Jerome A. Harris, PE, PP, CME Associates  
Michael McClelland, PE, PP, CME Associates  
Kevin J. Carr, RPPO, QPA, Purchasing Agent  
Rajiv Prakash, Engineering Department  
John Hroncich, Suez/United Water

**FLAG SALUTE**

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – No Public Comment

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of the minutes of the September 28, 2016 Commissioners meeting

Motioned to approve by Commissioner Vigil

Seconded by Commissioner Gibbons

Roll call vote: Commissioner Vigil	Aye
Commissioner Gibbons	Aye
Commissioner Zampella	Aye
Chairwoman Tauro	Aye

**RESOLUTIONS - CONSENT AGENDA**

**Resolution 10/16/1** authorizing transfer of funds for sewer operations

**Resolution 10/16/2** authorizing payments of audited claims for sewer operations

**Resolution 10/16/3** authorizing transfer of funds and payments of audited claims for water operations

**Resolution 10/16/4** authorizing cash disbursements

**Resolution 10/16/5** authorizing payments from the capital improvement, project and note funds

**Resolution 10/16/6** awarding contract for the provision of repair services and parts for raw sewage motors, pumps and variable frequency drives, control panels and associated equipment; JCMUA contract number RSMPD-2016-21

**Resolution 10/16/7** awarding contract for providing replacement, repair and parts for package and storm water pump stations up to 60 HP motors, pumps, mixers, control panels and associated equipment; JCMUA contract number PSWMM-2016-28

**Resolution 10/16/8** authorizing change order number 1 for MMREF expenditure for Troy Street pump station electric vaults improvements

**Resolution 10/16/9** authorizing change order number 1 for MMREF expenditure for third river dechlorination project

**Resolution 10/16/10** authorizing change order number 5 for emergency condition on Fourth Street between Coles Street and Brunswick Street, and on Monmouth Street between Fourth and Fifth Streets

**Resolution 10/16/11** authorizing change order number 7 for MMREF expenditure for rehabilitation of the two (2) 48 inch lower level drain lines and valves and improvements to the gatehouse at the Boonton Dam

**Resolution 10/16/12** authorizing the declaration of an emergency combined sewer on East Bidwell Avenue and East View Court

**Resolution 10/16/13** authorizing the award of a contract for professional engineering services to MottMacDonald for Phase II of the large valve project for the Jersey City water system

**Resolution 10/16/14** authorizing amendment to professional engineering services contract with MottMacDonald, Inc. for improvements to the geographic information system (GIS) of the water transmission and distribution system of Jersey City

**Resolution 10/16/15** awarding contract for the provision of 30 inch class 56 ductile iron pipe, fittings and associated hardware for the City of Jersey City water infrastructure system project; JCMUA contract number DIP-2016-34

Motioned to approve by Commissioner Hulings

Seconded by Commissioner Gibbons

Roll call vote: Commissioner Vigil	Aye
Commissioner Gibbons	Aye
Commissioner Zampella	Aye
Commissioner Hulings	Aye
Chairwoman Tauro	Aye

**COMMUNICATIONS** – No Communications

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT** – No Report

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** – No Reports

**COUNSEL REPORT** – Will report in Executive Session.

Prior to the next agenda item, Commissioner Hulings discussed a meeting she recently attended and questions asked by attendees concerning the project on Liberty Island. Many attendees expressed the belief the MUA is working for Liberty Island and the government.

Mr. Borin explained the MUA is overseeing the project and receives a fee for this service.

Mr. Becht advised the project involves water and sewer line replacement, and it has been “very profitable” for the MUA.

Per Mr. Folk, to date the Authority has received \$786,000 (approximately) in fees; “pure profit for the MUA.”

**ITEMS OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – Unfinished Business Agenda/Action Item(s) for September 2016 Commissioners meeting:

1. Change Order Chart

**ITEMS OF NEW BUSINESS** - None

**WATER AND RESERVOIR REPORT** – Mr. Hroncich, Suez, reported he attended a public hearing of the NJDEP where representatives of environmental groups were present. Some complaints were voiced over lack of a master plan. The State issued a drought warning on October 21 for the northeast and middle sections of the State.

Mr. Hroncich distributed two charts/graphs (Precipitation in Inches at the Boonton Reservoir and Rule Curve Jersey City Reservoir). He explained the graphs and advised that rainfall in September was below average. There have been 29.8 inches of rain year to date; it should be 38.4. The Rule Curve was updated based on recommendations from the Board at last month’s meeting. The black line shows current conditions. Some rain fell last weekend and some water has been released from Split Rock (25 million gallons per day). Split Rock is 98% full and Jersey City is still in the normal range. The State will allow a reduction in pass and flow to retain more water in the reservoir. Jersey City may be requested to serve the water needs of Bayonne and Kearny but the State has not yet directed the City to do so.

Following the Water/Reservoir Report, Commissioner Gibbons recalled that at the last Commissioners meeting, there was a discussion about the audit report. It was recommended that the auditors be invited to the next Commissioners meeting and provide an executive summary of the audit.

Per Mr. Borin, the auditors will be invited to attend the November Commissioners meeting, following review of the audit by the MUA.

Chairwoman Tauro and Mr. Becht also briefly discussed the audit.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Entered Executive Session at 5:21 p.m.

Motioned by Commissioner Zampella

Seconded by Commissioner Hulings

Roll call vote: Commissioner Vigil           Aye

                  Commissioner Gibbons           Aye

                  Commissioner Zampella           Aye

                  Commissioner Hulings           Aye

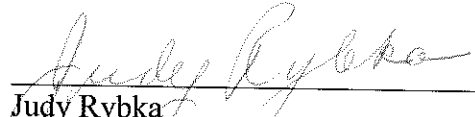
                  Chairwoman Tauro                Aye

**EXECUTIVE SESSION CLOSED/REGULAR SESSION REOPENED 5:35 P.M.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.  
Motioned b y Commissioner Gibbons  
Seconded b y Commissioner Hulings  
Unanimously approved by all Commissioners present.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Judy Rybka  
Recording Secretary