

**JERSEY CITY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JULY 27, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER – 5:01 PM

In compliance with the Sunshine Laws, Chairwoman Hulings 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, Maureen C. Hulings
Commissioner, Thomas M. Gibbons
Commissioner, Vincent Mastria
Commissioner, Marcos D. Vigil
First Alternate Commissioner, Maureen Nally
Second Alternate Commissioner, Kathleen Hartye

ABSENT

Commissioner, Jeannine Zampella

ALSO PRESENT:

Jeremy Farrell, 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
Joseph Coviello, Director of Public Affairs
Jerome A. Harris, PE, PP, CME Associates
Michael McClelland, PE, PP, CME Associates
Edward Traina, PE, CME Associates
John Hroncich, Suez
Steve Dioslaki, Metra Industries
Mary Ellen Scalera, Spinallo Co.

FLAG SALUTE

Following flag salute, two new Commissioners were sworn in by General Counsel. Commissioner Maureen Nally is First Alternate Commissioner and Commissioner Kathleen Hartye is Second Alternate Commissioner. Executive Director Farrell welcomed the new Commissioners.

PUBLIC COMMENT – No Public Comment

Public Comment portion of the meeting closed at 5:03 p.m.

Motioned by Commissioner Gibbons

Seconded by Commissioner Vigil

Roll call vote: Commissioner Mastria	Aye
Commissioner Vigil	Aye
Commissioner Gibbons	Aye
Commissioner Nally	Aye
Chairwoman Hulings	Aye

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of minutes of the June 22, 2017 Commissioners meeting

Motioned to approve by Commissioner Vigil

Seconded by Commissioner Gibbons

Roll call vote: Commissioner Mastria	Aye
Commissioner Vigil	Aye
Commissioner Gibbons	Aye
Commissioner Nally	Aye
Chairwoman Hulings	Aye

RESOLUTIONS – CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution 7/17/1 authorizing transfer of funds for sewer operations

Resolution 7/17/2 authorizing payments of audited claims for sewer operations

Resolution 7/17/3 authorizing transfer of funds and payments of audited claims for water operations

Resolution 7/17/4 authorizing cash disbursements

Resolution 7/17/5 authorizing payments from the capital improvement, project and note funds

Resolution 7/17/6 awarding contract for the provision of improvements to Mina Drive and Pine Street pump stations and related services; JCMUA contract number MPPS-2017-12

Resolution 7/17/7 awarding contract for the provision and installation of new emergency generating systems for the East Side and West Side pump stations and related services; JCMUA contract number EWEGP-2017-13

Resolution 7/17/8 amending resolution awarding contract for Public School No. 5 and green infrastructure projects; JCMUA contract number PS5GI-2016-23

Resolution 7/17/9 authorizing execution of project endorsement for a treatment works approval application for sewage flows up to 100,000 gallons per day

Resolution 7/17/10 authorizing the award of a contract for professional engineering consulting services to CME Associates to provide construction administration services for Hoboken meter project

Resolution 7/17/11 authorizing MMREF expenditure for replacement of six inch water main in South Street and Pierce Street

Resolution 7/17/12 granting partial abatement of sewerage charges

Resolution 7/17/13 authorizing change order number 1 for MMREF expenditure to re-point the face of Boonton Dam, and re-seal expansion joints on the Boonton Dam and water treatment facility

Resolution 7/17/14 authorizing MMREF expenditure for purchase of large valves for the Hoboken metering facility

Resolution 7/17/15 authorizing change order numbers 4 and 5 for construction services for 30 inch and 24 inch water main installation – Phase 1 of the City of Jersey City Water Infrastructure System Project; JCMUA contract number A130-2016-35-Phase 1

Resolution 7/17/17 extending contract for provision of repair services and parts for truck-mounted 0950T combination sewer cleaning machines and associated equipment for one year pursuant to and in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law; JCMUA contract number RSCSM-2016-20

Resolution 7/17/18 authorizing award of a contract for Phases 3 and 4 sewer rehabilitation project; JCMUA contract number PH3-4-2017-06

Resolution 7/17/19 authorizing the declaration of an emergency for the replacement of a section of the 54 inch force gravity combined sewer that crosses beneath the Conrail tracks in the vicinity of Pine and Ash Streets

Motioned to approve by Commissioner Mastria
Seconded by Commissioner Gibbons

Roll call vote: Commissioner Mastria	Aye
Commissioner Vigil	Aye
Commissioner Gibbons	Aye
Commissioner Nally	Aye
Chairwoman Hulings	Aye

RESOLUTIONS – DEFERRED

Resolution 7/17/16 authorizing financing and public bidding for the replacement of a 96 inch combined sewer on Carteret Avenue between Garfield and Pacific Avenue

Commissioner Vigil noted two methods concerning the installation and location of the sewer were considered and requested further information on the recommendation of Method 2.

The Executive Director explained the project involves piping located in the PPG Industries' chromium site that must be upgraded.

A slide presentation was exhibited by consulting engineers, explaining both methods and location of the combined sewer project. Method 1 involves building a new eight foot diameter pipe that would extend approximately 40 feet into private property and would be too close to the building foundation. There are concerns regarding maintenance issues and odors associated with Method 1. For Method 2, a temporary bypass sewer would be constructed outside of Carteret Avenue. The MUA could then reinstall a permanent pipe, and possibly re-use the pipe used for the temporary sewer.

Motioned to approve by Commissioner Mastria

Seconded by Commissioner Gibbons

Roll call vote: Commissioner Mastria	Aye
Commissioner Vigil	Aye
Commissioner Gibbons	Aye
Commissioner Nally	Aye
Chairwoman Hulings	Aye

COMMUNICATIONS – No Communications

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT – Mr. Farrell reported the following:

1. Facility Tours have been conducted and the system is in “very good hands.” Full upgrades are being done.
2. BBQ for staff will be held Friday, July 28. It is important that everyone attend and “come together.” Group photos will be taken and there will be a few “surprises.”
3. Organizational Changes - some organizational changes will be reviewed by Committees, and will be formalized following review.

4. Weather Response Plan – a new weather response plan will be implemented. Some urgent projects will be underway in the coming autumn months, and street closures will take place. New communications tools will be in place to advise the public.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – No Reports

GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT – Mr. Borin will report on contract matters in Executive Session.

ITEMS OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

ITEMS OF NEW BUSINESS - Commissioner Gibbons discussed the following:

1. PS No. 5 – contract awarded for green infrastructure project at PS No. 5. It is anticipated the project will be completed in August. A ribbon cutting ceremony was suggested.
2. Green Roofs - New Jersey City University is evaluating the installation of a green roof for one of the university's buildings.

There was a brief discussion regarding the possibility of installing a green roof when the MUA's new administration building is constructed.

3. CSO Grants – Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission's program/model for predicting CSO events and notifying residents was discussed.

ENTERED EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 5:25 P.M. (to discuss contract matters and pending litigation)

Motioned by Commissioner Vigil

Seconded by Commissioner Gibbons

Roll call vote: Commissioner Mastria	Aye
Commissioner Vigil	Aye
Commissioner Gibbons	Aye
Commissioner Nally	Aye
Chairwoman Hulings	Aye

EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDED/REGULAR SESSION REOPENED AT 5:32 P.M.

Motioned by Commissioner Gibbons


Seconded by Commissioner Mastria

Roll call vote: Commissioner Mastria	Aye
Commissioner Vigil	Aye
Commissioner Gibbons	Aye
Commissioner Nally	Aye
Chairwoman Hulings	Aye

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m.
Motioned by Commissioner Gibbons
Seconded by Commissioner Mastria
Unanimously approved by all Commissioners present.

Respectfully submitted,



Judy Rybka
Recording Secretary