

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

CALL TO ORDER – 5:00 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, Marcos D. Vigil
Second Alternate Commissioner, Vincent Mastria

ABSENT

Commissioner, Jeannine Zampella
First Alternate Commissioner, Nicholas I. Economou

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
Jerome A. Harris, PE, PP, CME Associates
Ed Traina, , CME Associates
Kevin J. Carr, RPPO, QPA, Purchasing Agent
Krystyna Pawlowska, Administrative Assistant
Rajiv Prakash, Engineering Department

Resolution 4/17/4 authorizing cash disbursements

Resolution 4/17/5 authorizing payments from the capital improvement, project and note funds

Resolution 4/17/6 extending contract for rental, cleaning and maintenance of employee uniforms for one year pursuant to and in accordance with local public contracts law: JCMUA contract number EUS-2014-14

Resolution 4/17/7 authorizing a contract with Intrep Solutions to perform IT network consultant services as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play Law

Resolution 4/17/9 authorizing application for loan from the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust

Resolution 4/17/10 authorizing application for loan from the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust

Resolution 4/17/11 authorizing application for loan from the New Jersey Environmental Infrastructure Trust

Resolution 4/17/12 awarding a contract to Union Paving and Construction Co., Inc. for work associated with installation of netting chamber at pump station number two as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play Law

Resolution 4/17/13 authorizing major maintenance repair and equipment fund expenditure for emergency repairs to 20 inch water main on Garfield Avenue at Bramhall Avenue

Resolution 4/17/14 awarding a contract to J. Fletcher Creamer & Son, Inc. for removal and disposal of road millings at the East Side plant pursuant to a non-fair and open process in accordance with the New Jersey Local Unit Pay to Play Law

Resolution 4/17/15 authorizing an amendment to professional engineering services contract with Aecom for engineering inspection services for the rehabilitation of concrete pipe sections of the aqueduct

Resolution 4/17/16 extending contract for emergency and non-emergency rental, delivery, set up and return of various size trailer-mounted, self-priming discharge pumps, trailer-mounted diesel generators, submersible pumps and associated equipment for one year pursuant to and in accordance with the Local Public Contracts Law; JCMUA contract number RTMSP-2014-48

Resolution 4/17/18 authorizing an amendment to contract for General Counsel services

Resolution 4/17/20 authorizing MMREF expenditure for emergency repairs to six inch water main and replacement of six inch valve on Zabriskie Street at Summit Avenue

Resolution 4/17/21 authorizing execution of purchase and sale agreement with the Jersey City Redevelopment Agency for a portion of the East Side plant property

Motioned to approve by Commissioner Vigil

Seconded by Commissioner Gibbons

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

RESOLUTIONS – DEFERRED

Resolution 4/17/19 authorizing change order numbers 1 and 2 for Operations Building window replacement project; JCMUA contract number OBWR-2015-19

Commissioner Gibbons questioned the change orders for replacement windows in the Operations Building, explaining it is his understanding the building will be taken down.

Mr. Farrell advised the building will remain standing; it has “heavy infrastructure and pits.”

Motioned to approve by Commissioner Gibbons

Seconded by Commissioner Mastria

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

COMMUNICATIONS – None

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT – Mr. Farrell reported the transition has been going very well, and Mr. Becht has been most helpful. A full review of the Agency’s operations and personnel has been completed. Mr. Farrell will be meeting with senior staff, and the Agency will continue with the consent order.

Mr. Farrell recommended to Chairwoman Hulings that sometime in June the Board be divided into two groups and each group tour facilities in Jersey City and Boonton to observe the “very impressive” infrastructure work. Any questions that come up during tours will be answered by Suez and Engineering. He added that upgrades to the infrastructure along the light rail are underway and service may be disrupted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Environmental Committee (ad hoc committee) - Commissioner Gibbons met today with the Municipal Action Team for Jersey City. Long term control plan(s) were discussed. Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission (PVSC) offered to conduct a green infrastructure pilot project in Jersey City, and PVSC will provide funding. Commissioner Gibbons suggested coordinating

with the Municipal Action Team for site selection and with other infrastructure work so that a larger project can be undertaken.

GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT – No further report.

ITEMS OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS - Commissioner Gibbons recalled the discussion at last month's Commissioners meeting concerning the Green Infrastructure Feasibility Study. (A copy of the study was distributed to Commissioners during this evening's meeting.) Commissioner Gibbons discussed potential sites, including various parks, schools and the Hudson County Courthouse. Grant funding will be through PVSC.

Mr. Farrell advised of a potential site located in Montclair.

ITEMS OF NEW BUSINESS

1. Commissioner Gibbons reported that two people came to today's Municipal Action Team meeting by bicycle, and they asked if a bike rack could be installed.

Mr. Farrell replied, "Yes, we can get a bike rack."

2. Per Commissioner Gibbons, Rutgers is applying for a federal grant in the amount of \$400,000 to continue work Jersey City. Rutgers has asked if the MUA would provide letters of support. A sample support letter will be forwarded electronically to Mr. Farrell. The application is due May 3.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.
Motioned by Commissioner Gibbons
Seconded by Commissioner Vigil
Unanimously approved by all Commissioners present.

Respectfully submitted,


Judy Rybka
Recording Secretary