

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE
JERSEY CITY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
HELD JANUARY 26, 2012**

PRESENT: Commissioner, Donald Brown
Commissioner, William Macchi
Commissioner, Lewis Matthias
First Alternate Commissioner, Nicholas Economou

ABSENT: Chairwoman, Eileen Gaughan
Commissioner, William Chopek

ALSO PRESENT: Daniel Becht, Esquire, Executive Director
Judy Rybka, Recording Secretary
Drake C. Stinson, P.E., LEED, AP, Mayo Lynch & Associates
Joni N. McDonnell, Esquire, Trent, DePasquale et al
Seamus Cunningham, P.E., Mayo, Lynch & Associates
John Folk, CPA, Director of Finance
Kevin Carr, Purchasing Agent
Barbara Gordon, Director of Administration
Richard Haytas, P.E., Senior Engineer/Infrastructure Maintenance
Supervisor
Matthew Donohue, CPA, Donohue, Girona and Doria
Dominick Cinelli, Brown and Brown Metro
John Hroncich, P.E., United Water
Mr. Bob Tucker, 163 ½ York Street, Jersey City, NJ

In compliance with the Sunshine Laws, Chairwoman Gaughan 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.

In Chairwoman Gaughan's absence, Vice Chairman Brown convened the meeting at 5:02 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Resolution 1/12/1 authorizing transfer of funds for sewer operations
Motioned to approve by Commissioner Matthias
Seconded by Commissioner Economou
Unanimously approved by all remaining Commissioners present.

Resolution 1/12/2 authorizing payments of audited claims for sewer operations
Motioned to approve by Commissioner Matthias
Seconded by Commissioner Economou
Unanimously approved by all remaining Commissioners present.

Resolution 1/12/3 authorizing transfer of funds and payments of audited claims for water operations
Motioned to approve by Commissioner Matthias
Seconded by Commissioner Economou
Unanimously approved by all remaining Commissioners present.

Resolution 1/12/4 authorizing cash disbursements
Motioned to approve by Commissioner Matthias
Seconded by Commissioner Economou
Unanimously approved by all remaining Commissioners present.

Resolution 1/12/5 authorizing payments from the capital improvement, project, construction and note funds
Motioned to approve by Commissioner Brown
Seconded by Commissioner Economou
Unanimously approved by all Commissioners present.

Resolution 1/12/6 resolution of the Jersey City Municipal Utilities Authority concerning review of findings and recommendations of the Local Finance Board made at a meeting of said Board on January 11, 2012 in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:5A-6 and N.J.S.A. 58:11B-9(a)

Mr. Folk advised that a copy of these findings will be distributed to Commissioners at the end of this evening's meeting.

Motioned to approve by Commissioner Matthias
Seconded by Commissioner Economou
Unanimously approved by all remaining Commissioners present.

Resolution 1/12/7 supplemental resolution authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$3,100,000 project notes (Series 2012) of the Jersey City Municipal Utilities Authority
Motioned to approve by Commissioner Economou
Seconded by Commissioner Brown
Unanimously approved by all remaining Commissioners present.

Resolution 1/12/8 supplemental bond resolution authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$3,100,000 sewer revenue bonds, Series 2012 of the Jersey City Municipal Utilities Authority

Commissioner Macchi asked about \$52 million in interest.

Mr. Becht explained per the consent order, the MUA agreed to spend \$52 million over 10 years. "This is part of the master capital plan to be spent anyway. There is no grant money available and all Federal and State mandates pay nothing."

Commissioner Macchi asked, "What is the total CSO cost?"

Mr. Haytas replied, "The nets are expensive and it depends on how much rain we get."

Mr. Becht added the MUA is now building its own nets, which significantly reduces their cost, and nets are being replaced more often.

Motioned to approve by Commissioner Matthias
Seconded by Commissioner Brown
Unanimously approved by all remaining Commissioners present.

Resolution 1/12/9 approving health benefits for JCMUA
Motioned to approve by Commissioner Economou
Seconded by Commissioner Brown
Unanimously approved by all remaining Commissioners present.

Resolution 1/12/10 awarding contract for professional engineering services to Malcolm Pirnie, Inc. to develop and prepare a combined sewer capacity condition assessment study, Phase V
Motioned to approve by Commissioner Matthias
Seconded by Commissioner Economou
Unanimously approved by all remaining Commissioners present.

Resolution 1/12/11 awarding contract for professional engineering services to Malcolm Pirnie, Inc. to prepare plans and specifications for the replacement of Duncan Avenue outfall sewer system in conjunction with USEPA consent decree

Motioned to approve by Commissioner Economou
Seconded by Commissioner Brown
Unanimously approved by all remaining Commissioners present.

Resolution 1/12/12 introducing the proposed year 2012 annual sewer budget *(to be delivered prior to the Commissioners meeting)*

Mr. Becht advised this is the introduction only. The vote will take place at next month's Commissioners meeting. Any questions will be addressed prior to that meeting.

Motioned to approve by Commissioner Brown
Seconded by Commissioner Economou
Unanimously approved by all remaining Commissioners present.

Resolution 1/12/13 introducing the proposed year 2012 annual water budget *(to be delivered prior to the Commissioners meeting)*

Mr. Becht reiterated this is the introduction only.

Motioned to approve by Commissioner Brown
Seconded by Commissioner Economou
Unanimously approved by all remaining Commissioners present.

Resolution 1/12/14 authorizing late submission of 2012 water and sewer budgets
Motioned to approve by Commissioner Economou
Seconded by Commissioner Matthias
Unanimously approved by all remaining Commissioners present.

Resolution 1/12/15 rejecting bid for providing PVC gravity sewer pipe and associated fittings, contract number PVC-2011-22

Commissioner Macchi asked how a bid could be submitted without a bid bond.

Mr. Carr replied, "They did the same thing the last time. I don't understand how this could happen."

Commissioner Macchi asked if there is another company that could provide these items.

Mr. Carr explained that he reached out to several other companies but Campbell's price is the best.

Motioned to approve by Commissioner Economou
Seconded by Commissioner Matthias
Unanimously approved by all remaining Commissioners present.

Resolution 1/12/16 awarding contract for professional services to Malcolm Pirnie, Inc. to investigate downtown flooding and provide a feasibility study proposal

Mr. Becht explained the Authority hopes the study will provide a solution to alleviate flooding downtown. He discussed reactivation of the East side plant to hold/store run off and the possibility of discharging water into the Hudson River once treated. The East side plant has not been in use for approximately 20 years and the cost of reactivation must be considered. He noted that State permit requirements must be met. "Our number one priority is a solution to the flooding downtown."

Mr. Haytas explained installing pumps along the water way should help alleviate the problem.

Motioned to approve by Commissioner Economou

Seconded by Commissioner Brown

Unanimously approved by all remaining Commissioners present.

At this time, Mr. Bob Tucker, Jersey City resident, was invited to address the Board. He introduced himself and provided his address. Mr. Tucker explained that he's been experiencing flooding for approximately 5 years and said, "Something must be done. I'm encouraged by the proposed feasibility study but these are all mid to long term solutions. The problem is now. Flooding season is here again. We need pumping capacity at York Street. This would solve the immediate problem until a long term plan comes into effect. We can't wait."

Mr. Becht explained pumps are being purchased and the Authority is looking for installation locations so they can be placed for immediate use.

Mr. Haytas continued to explain where several 12 inch pumps will be installed. He added, "When we see storms, rain and high tide, we can get there before the rain. Flash floods can be a problem because they're not on radar."

Mr. Tucker asked, "Are we a priority and are we getting a commitment from the MUA."

Mr. Becht replied, "We are committed to buying equipment and being proactive for storms. A temporary solution will always be available for the York Street area."

Mr. Tucker thanked the Authority and members of the Board and said he is "very encouraged."

Approval of Minutes

Approval of minutes of the December 29, 2011 Commissioners meeting

Motioned to approve by Commissioner Matthias

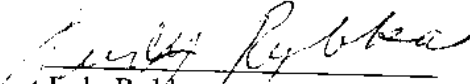
Seconded by Commissioner Economou

Unanimously approved by all remaining Commissioners present.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:21 p.m.
Moteded by Commissioner Matthias
Secoded by Commissioner Brown
Unanimously approved by all remaining Commissioners present.

Respectfully submitted,



Judy Rybka
Recording Secretary