

Meeting Minutes of February 18th, 2021

A telephone/zoom conference meeting of the Joint Meeting of Essex and Union Counties was held on the above date. Chairperson DeAugustine was in the Chair.

The Executive Director read the following statement:

Pursuant to Section #5, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, notice of this meeting has been provided to the public by posting and maintaining the annual notice of the regular meetings of the Joint Meeting on the bulletin board of the Maplewood Municipal Building, by mailing the annual notice of the regular meetings for 2021 to the Star Ledger, The Home News Tribune and to the offices of the Municipal Clerks of the 11 member municipalities of the Joint Meeting and to the City Clerk of the City of Elizabeth and to the County Clerks of the Counties of Essex and Union all on December 28th, 2020 and provided special notice of the virtual meeting to the Star Ledger, The Home News Tribune and the offices of the Municipal Clerks of the 11 member municipalities of the Joint Meeting and to the City Clerk of the City of Elizabeth and to the County Clerks of the Counties of Essex and Union as published on February 11th, 2021.

On roll call the following board members were present: Messrs. DeLuca, Petrosky, Florio, Ramos, Clark, Wasserman, Rutherford and DeAugustine; Ms. Fox Ms. Holman, and Ms. Burgess.

Also, in attendance were Director Johnson, Ms. DeFrancis; Messrs. Dowhan, Barry, Phillips, Gonzalez and Berkeley Esq. of Joint Meeting; E. Webster and J. Noble, Esq. of Inglesino, Webster, Wyciskala & Taylor, LLC, R. Rivera, Esq. of Scarinci Hollenbeck, H. Johnsen, N. Towers and J. Bonaccorso of CME Associates, and R. LaMendola of AVA Consulting LLC.

On motion by Ms. Burgess, seconded by Mr. Wasserman, the minutes of the last meeting were adopted. Ms. Holman, Ms. Burgess and Ms. Fox; Messrs. DeLuca, Petrosky, Florio, Ramos, Clark, Wasserman, Rutherford and DeAugustine; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Holman, seconded by Mr. Florio, the Treasurer's Report having been mailed to the Board members was received and ordered printed. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Holman, seconded by Ms. Burgess, Resolution (R-016/21) Authorizing the Designation of 2021 Committee Appointments was adopted. On roll call: ayes, Ms. Holman, Ms. Burgess and Ms. Fox; Messrs. DeLuca, Petrosky, Florio, Ramos, Clark, Wasserman, Rutherford and DeAugustine; nays, none.

The following verbal report was given:

Personnel & Procurement Committee: Chair Mr. Ramos stated that the Committee met, discussed and recommends authorization of the following: Resolution Authorizing Contract to ACOE Storm Water Pumping Station (R-017/21), Resolution Authorizing the Main Plant Site Wall Phase II (R-018/21), Resolution Authorizing P&L Building Roof Replacement Project (R-019/21), Resolution Authorization to Bid Various Services, Equipment & Materials (R-020/21), Resolution Authorizing a Purchase Order Furnishing & Delivering Two (2) Traveling Bridge Control Panel Replacement (R-021/21), Resolution Authorizing a Purchase Order Furnishing & Delivering Twelve (12) Primary Weir Plates (R-022/21), Resolution Authorizing a Purchase

Order Furnishing & Delivering Screen House Grit Screw Trough Liners (R-023/21), Resolution Authorizing a Purchase Order Furnishing & Delivering Three (3) Screen House Shaftless Screws (R-024/21).

On Motion by Mr. Ramos, seconded by Ms. Holman, Resolution (R-017/21) Awarding a Contract to CME Associates for Professional Engineering Services Related to ACOE Storm water Pumping Station was adopted. On roll call: ayes, Ms. Holman, Ms. Burgess and Ms. Fox; Messrs. DeLuca, Petrosky, Florio, Ramos, Clark, Wasserman, Rutherford and DeAugustine; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Holman, seconded by Mr. DeLuca, Resolution (R-018/21) Awarding a Contract to CME Associates for Professional Engineering Services Related to Main Plant Wall Phase II was adopted. On roll call: ayes, Ms. Holman, Ms. Burgess and Ms. Fox; Messrs. DeLuca, Petrosky, Florio, Ramos, Clark, Wasserman, Rutherford and DeAugustine; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Holman, seconded by Ramos, Resolution (R-019/21) Awarding a Contract to CME Associates for Professional Engineering Services Related to the P&L Roof Replacement was adopted. On roll call: ayes, Ms. Holman, Ms. Burgess and Ms. Fox; Messrs. DeLuca, Petrosky, Florio, Ramos, Clark, Wasserman, Rutherford and DeAugustine; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Holman, seconded by Mr. Clarke, Resolution (R-020/21) Authorization to Bid Various Services, Equipment & Materials: Screenings Compactor, Thickener Facilities Upgrades, and Demand Response Services was adopted. On roll call: ayes, Ms. Holman, Ms. Burgess and Ms. Fox; Messrs. DeLuca, Petrosky, Florio, Ramos, Clark, Wasserman, Rutherford and DeAugustine; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Holman, seconded by Mr. Ramos, Resolution (R-021/21) Authorizing a Purchase Order to Pumping Services, Inc. for Furnishing & Delivering Two (2) Traveling Bridge Control Panel Replacements was adopted. On roll call: ayes, Ms. Holman, Ms. Burgess and Ms. Fox; Messrs. DeLuca, Petrosky, Florio, Ramos, Clark, Wasserman, Rutherford and DeAugustine; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Holman, seconded by Mr. Clarke, Resolution (R-022/21) Authorizing a Purchase Order to Technology International, Inc. for Furnishing & Delivering Twelve (12) Primary Weir Plates was adopted. On roll call: ayes, Ms. Holman, Ms. Burgess and Ms. Fox; Messrs. DeLuca, Petrosky, Florio, Ramos, Clark, Wasserman, Rutherford and DeAugustine; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Burgess, seconded Mr. Florio, Resolution (R-023/21) Authorizing a Purchase Order to Drycake LTD Liability Co. for Screen House Grit Screw Trough Liners was adopted. On roll call: ayes, Ms. Holman, Ms. Burgess and Ms. Fox; Messrs. DeLuca, Petrosky, Florio, Ramos, Clark, Wasserman, Rutherford and DeAugustine; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Ramos, seconded Mr. DeLuca, Resolution (R-024/21) Authorizing a Purchase Order to Eastern Industrial Automation for Furnishing & Delivering Three (3) Screen House Shaftless Screws was adopted. On roll call: ayes, Ms. Holman, Ms. Burgess and Ms. Fox;

Messrs. DeLuca, Petrosky, Florio, Ramos, Clark, Wasserman, Rutherford and DeAugustine; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Ramos, seconded by Mr. DeLuca Authorizing Amending 1930 Agreement between the City of Elizabeth & the Joint Meeting was adopted. On roll call: ayes, Ms. Holman, Ms. Burgess and Ms. Fox; Messrs. DeLuca, Petrosky, Florio, Ramos, Clark, Wasserman, Rutherford and DeAugustine; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Burgess, seconded by Ms. Holman, the 2020 Water Enforcement Report, the Treatment Plant Report, Industrial Pretreatment Report and Financial Report having been mailed to the Board members were received and ordered printed. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

On motion by Mr. DeLuca, seconded by Mr. Florio, the General Counsel Report (Inglesino, Webster, Wyciskala & Taylor, LLC), having been mailed to the Board members was received and ordered printed. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Burgess, seconded by Mr. Florio, the Labor and Employment Counsel Report (Scarinci Hollenbeck, LLC), having been mailed to the Board members was received and ordered printed. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

On motion by Mr. DeLuca, seconded by Mr. Clarke, the Special Conflict and Pretreatment Violations Counsel Report (s) (Hamlin & Ridley, Antonelli Kantor, P.C. No Report), the Engineering Report, and the CSO Report (No Report) having been mailed to the Board members were received and ordered printed. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

There was Correspondence – a letter appointing Deputy Mayor Florio.

Director Johnson led the swearing in of returning officer, Vice Chairperson/Secretary Renee Burgess.

The Chairperson asked if there was anyone wishing to address the Board on any Joint Meeting matter with a five minute limit. On motion to open public comments by Ms. Holman, seconded by Mr. DeLuca. Hearing no one, the Public Session was declared closed. On motion to close public comment by Mr. DeLuca, seconded by Ms. Holman On motion all in favor, nays, none.

On motion by Mr. DeLuca, seconded by Mr. Florio, Resolution (R-015/21) Approving Payment of Bills was adopted. On roll call: ayes, Ms. Holman, Ms. Burgess and Ms. Fox; Messrs. DeLuca, Petrosky, Florio, Ramos, Clark, Wasserman, Rutherford and DeAugustine; nays, none.

There was no Unfinished Business.

Under New Business, Mr. Dowhan gave a brief summary of the US Department of Health & Human Services & the CDC COVID-19 testing being done to the wastewater at the Joint Meeting at no cost.

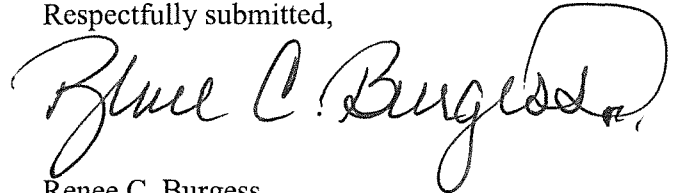
In addition, Direct Johnson also reassured the Board of the COVID-19 policies and protocols that were put in place for all employees' safety and protection.

Next Meeting is March 18th, 2021

In accordance with Section 7 of the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, the public is permitted to be excluded from a meeting in certain circumstances and the Joint Meeting is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist as the general nature of the subject matter in closed session was to discuss Elizabeth Pipe Break- Bayway Avenue & South Broad Street and it is anticipated at this time that this subject matter will be made public at a later date. On motion by Mr. Wasserman, seconded by Mr. DeLuca at 4:31pm, the Board entered into close session. On motion all in favor, nays, none. On motion by Mr. Florio, seconded by Ms. Burgess at 4.52pm, the Board exited closed session and opened the meeting back up to the public. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

There being no further business on motion by Mr. DeLuca, seconded by Mr. Clarke, the meeting then adjourned at 4:54pm to meet again on March 18th, 2021 unless called earlier by the Chair. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Renee C. Burgess". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping flourish at the end.

Renee C. Burgess
Secretary