

## Meeting Minutes of July 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 28<sup>th</sup>, 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 July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

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

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

On motion by Ms. Burgess, seconded by Mr. Ramos, the minutes of the last meeting were adopted. On motion all in favor, nays, none. Abstention; Ms. Holman.

On motion by Ms. Fox, seconded by Ms. Burgess, the Treasurer's Report having been mailed to the Board members was received and ordered printed. On motion all in favor, 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 Auditing Services (R-070/21), Resolution Authorization to Bid Various Services, Equipment & Materials (R-078/21), Resolution Authorization to Bid Providing and Delivering Aqueous Control Solutions for Struvite Removal (R-071/21), Resolution Authorization to Bid Providing and Delivering Aqueous Control Solutions for Struvite Control (R-072/21), Resolution Authorization to Bid Furnishing, Delivering and Installation of the Cogen Outdoor Air Condenser Chiller System (R-073/21), Resolution Authorizing a Purchase Order for Furnishing and Delivering Davit Arm Parts (R-074/21), Resolution Authorizing a Purchase Order for Furnishing and Delivering Spare Parts for Cog Rake Bar Screens (R-075/21), Resolution Authorizing a Purchase

Order for Wastewater Pipe Repair (R-079/21), Resolution Authorizing Executive of Consent to Assignment of Customer Contracts (R-076/21).

Director Johnson recommends Samuel Klein and Company to provide auditing services to the Joint Meeting of Essex & Union Counties, citing best management practices and rotating auditors. All other auditing firms were qualified.

Mr. Florio suggested to keep current auditing services (Suplee Clooney & Co.) and recommends rotate auditors within the firm.

Mr. Ramos and Ms. Holman both agreed to base their vote on the Director and her team's reviews and research of the qualified auditing services.

Mr. DeAugustine did not see a need to change to a new auditing services, as there was no reason, if every potential firm is the same. In addition, he voiced concerns about the Joint Meetings use of professional agency within Union County.

Mr. Webster and Mr. Berkeley briefly explained how the process and recommendation for a professional service is done to the Board.

Mr. DeLuca expressed that he too agrees with Mr. Florio in keeping Suplee Clooney, as the auditor and balancing contracts as Chairman DeAugustine recommended.

On motion by Mr. Florio, seconded by Mr. Petrosky, Resolution (R-070/21) Awarding Contract to Suplee Clooney & Co. for Auditing Services was not adopted. On roll call: ayes, Messrs. DeLuca, Florio, Petrosky and DeAugustine; nays, Ms. Holman, Ms. Fox, Messrs. Ramos and Rutherford; Abstain, Ms. Burgess.

On motion to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director by Ms. Fox, seconded by Mr. Rutherford, Resolution (R-070/21) Awarding Contract to Samuel Klein and Company for Auditing Services was adopted. On roll call: ayes, Messrs. DeLuca, Florio, Petrosky, Ramos, Rutherford and DeAugustine; Ms. Holman, Ms. Burgees and Ms. Fox; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Ramos, seconded by Ms. Holman, Resolution (R-078/21) Authorization to Bid Various Services, Equipment & Materials Main Sewage Pump Electronic Control Components was adopted. On roll call: ayes, Messrs. DeLuca, Florio, Petrosky, Ramos, Rutherford and DeAugustine; Ms. Holman, Ms. Burgees and Ms. Fox; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. DeLuca, seconded by Ms. Fox, Resolution (R-071/21) Awarding a Contract to Grignard Company for the Providing and Delivering Aqueous Control Solutions for Struvite Removal was adopted. On roll call: ayes, Messrs. DeLuca, Florio, Petrosky, Ramos, Rutherford and DeAugustine; Ms. Holman, Ms. Burgees and Ms. Fox; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Holman, seconded by Ms. Burgess, Resolution (R-072/21) Awarding a Contract to George S. Coyne Chemical Company for the Providing and Delivering Aqueous Control Solutions for Struvite Control was adopted. On roll call: ayes, Messrs. DeLuca, Florio, Petrosky, Ramos, Rutherford and DeAugustine; Ms. Holman, Ms. Burgees and Ms. Fox; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. DeLuca, seconded by Mr. Ramos, Resolution (R-073/21) Awarding Contract to PDM Group for Furnishing, Delivering and Installation of the Cogen Outdoor Air Condenser Chiller System was adopted. On roll call: ayes, Messrs. DeLuca, Florio, Petrosky, Ramos, Rutherford and DeAugustine; Ms. Holman, Ms. Burgees and Ms. Fox; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Fox, seconded by Ms. Holman, Resolution (R-074/21) Authorizing a Purchase Order to Pendergast Safety Equipment Co. for Furnishing and Delivering Davit Arm Parts was adopted. On roll call: ayes, Messrs. DeLuca, Florio, Petrosky, Ramos, Rutherford and DeAugustine; Ms. Holman, Ms. Burgees and Ms. Fox; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Holman, seconded by Mr. Rutherford, Resolution (R-075/21) Authorizing a Purchase Order to WSG Solutions for Furnishing and Delivering Spare Parts for Cog Rake Bar Screens was adopted. On roll call: ayes, Messrs. DeLuca, Florio, Petrosky, Ramos, Rutherford and DeAugustine; Ms. Holman, Ms. Burgees and Ms. Fox; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Holman, seconded by Mr. Ramos, Resolution (R-079/21) Authorizing a Purchase Order to Commercial-Industrial Applications, LLC for Wastewater Pipe Repair was adopted. On roll call: ayes, Messrs. DeLuca, Florio, Petrosky, Ramos, Rutherford and DeAugustine; Ms. Holman, Ms. Burgees and Ms. Fox; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Ramos, seconded by Ms. Burgees, Resolution (R-076/21) Authorizing the Execution of Consent to Assignment of Customer Contracts was adopted. On roll call: ayes, Messrs. DeLuca, Florio, Petrosky, Ramos, Rutherford and DeAugustine; Ms. Holman, Ms. Burgees and Ms. Fox; nays, none.

Under Finance & Budget:

On motion by Ms. Fox, seconded by Ms. Holman, Resolution (R-077/21) Approving a Capital Improvement Plan and Authorizing the Issuance of Capital Assessments to the Member Municipalities and the City of Elizabeth was adopted. On roll call: ayes, Messrs. DeLuca, Florio, Petrosky, Ramos, Rutherford and DeAugustine; Ms. Holman, Ms. Burgees and Ms. Fox; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Florio, seconded by Mr. Rutherford, 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 Ms. Holman, seconded by Ms. Burgess, 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.

Addition to written report, Mr. Webster expressed to the Board that he will be requesting certifications from all municipalities for bonding for the FEMA Flood Mitigation Project.

On motion by Ms. Burgess, seconded by Ms. Holman, 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

Addition to written report, Mr. Rivera indicated to the Board that the Local 641 Union and IBT finally signed off on the Collective Bargain Agreement. Agreement term is from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

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

On motion by Ms. Fox, seconded by Mr. DeLuca, the CSO Report having been mailed to the Board members was received and ordered printed. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

There were Correspondence in regards to Elizabeth Second Quarter Adjustment and Affirmative Action Plan.

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. Rutherford. Hearing no one, the Public Session was declared closed. On motion to close public comment by Ms. Fox, seconded by Mr. DeLuca. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

There was No Closed Session.

On motion by Mr. DeLuca, seconded by Mr. Florio, Resolution (R-069/21) Payment of Bills was adopted. On roll call: ayes, Messrs. DeLuca, Florio, Petrosky, Ramos, Rutherford and DeAugustine; Ms. Holman, Ms. Burgees and Ms. Fox; nays, none.

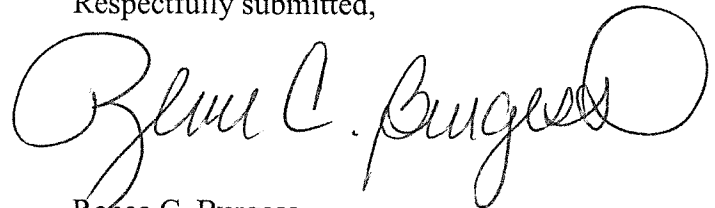
There was No Unfinished Business.

There was No New Business.

Next Meeting is August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

There being no further business on motion by Mr. DeLuca, seconded by Mr. Florio, the meeting then adjourned at 4:56pm to meet again on August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 unless called earlier by the Chair. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Renee C. Burgess  
Secretary