Board Meeting of June 20th, 2024

A telephone/zoom conference meeting of the Joint Meeting of Essex and Union Counties was held on the above date. Chairperson Florio 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 2024 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 January 4th, 2024.

On roll call the following board members were present: Messrs. Leneus, Petrosky, Vartan, Rios, Ramos, Rutherford and Florio; Ms. Adams, Ms. Frederic, and Ms. Collum. Absent: Ms. Romano.

Also, in attendance were Director Johnson; Messrs. Bonaccorso, Phillips, Akinokun, Kairu, Barry, Kelly, and Berkeley Esq. of the Joint Meeting; J. Noble, Esq. of Connell Foley LLP; J. Burke, Esq. of Antonelli Kantor Rivera; H. Johnsen, N. Towers and J. Bonaccorso of CME Associates; R. LaMendola of AVA Consulting; Julie Needham of Echo Valley Advisors, David Leun of CDM Smith.

On motion by Ms. Collum, seconded by Mr. Petrosky, the minutes of the last meeting were adopted. On motion all in favor, nays, none. Abstention: Mr. Rutherford.

On motion by Ms. Frederic, seconded by Ms. Collum, the Treasurer's report was adopted. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

The following verbal report was given:

Personnel & Procurement Committee: Chairman Florio stated that the Committee met, discussed, and recommends authorization of the following: Resolution Authorization to Award Providing Certified Laboratory Services (R-062/24), Resolution Authorization to Award Furnishing and Delivering P&O Building Elevator Modernization (R-063/24), Resolution Authorization to Award Repairing and Delivering of Philadelphia Mixer Gearboxes or Approved Equivalent (R-064/24), Resolution Authorization to Award Furnishing and Installing (2) 18-Inch Line Stops (R-065/24), Resolution Authorization to Reject all Bids Furnishing and Delivering Dewatering Facility Elevator Replacement Project (R-066/24), Resolution Authorization to Award a Purchase Order for Dewatering Facility Permeate System - Carbon Changeout (R-067/24), Resolution Authorization to Award a Purchase Order Providing Cogen Gas Skid Blower (R-068/24), Resolution Authorizing Negotiation of Contract for Certification of Lightning Protection (R-069/24), Resolution Authorizing the Disposal of Said Surplus Property (R-070/24).

Chairman Florio requested to vote the following Resolutions as a group: Resolution (R-062/24) Awarding a Contract to Pace Analytical Services, LLC for Providing Certified Laboratory Services, Resolution (R-063/24) Awarding a Contract to Current Elevator Technology Inc. for Furnishing and Delivering P&O Building Elevator Modernization, Resolution (R-064/24) Awarding a Contract to Process Equipment Sales and Service, Inc. for Repairing and Delivering of Philadelphia Mixer Gearboxes or Approved Equipment, Resolution (R-065/24) Awarding a Contract to B&W Construction Co. of NJ Inc. for Furnishing and Installing (2) 18-Inch Line Stop, Resolution (R-066/24) Rejecting All Bids Submitted for Furnishing and Delivering Dewatering Facility Elevator Replacement Project, Resolution (R-067/24) Authorizing a Purchase Order to Carbon Activated Corporation for Providing Dewatering Facility Permeate System (Carbon Changeout), Resolution (R-068/24) Authorizing a Purchase Order to Excelsior Blower System for Providing Cogen Gas Skid Blower, Resolution (R-069/24) Authorizing Negotiation of Contract for Certification of Lightning Protection, Resolution (R-070/24) Authorizing the Issuance of a Purchase Order to Max Studios LLC for the Disposal of Said Surplus Property. On motion by Mr. Ramos, seconded by Ms. Adams, Resolutions (R-062/24), (R-063/24), (R-064/24), (R-065/24), (R-066/24), (R-067/24), (R-068/24), (R-069/24), (R-070/24) were adopted. On Roll Call: ayes, Messrs. Leneus, Petrosky, Vartan, Rios, Ramos, Rutherford and Florio; Ms. Adams, Ms. Collum and Ms. Frederic; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Petrosky, seconded by Ms. Frederic, Budget and Finance was adopted. On Roll Call: ayes, Messrs. Leneus, Petrosky, Vartan, Rios, Ramos, Rutherford and Florio; Ms. Adams, Ms. Collum and Ms. Frederic; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Collum, seconded by Ms. Adams & Mr. Petrosky, 2023 Annual User Charge Apportionment Report, 2023 Surplus (Schedules 5 & 6), the Treatment Plant Report, the Industrial Pretreatment Report, the 403 Annual Report and the 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. Rios, seconded by Ms. Frederic, the General Counsel Report, (Connell Foley, LLP), the Labor and Employment Counsel Report (Antonelli Kantor Rivera), the Special Conflict and Pretreatment Violations Counsel Report(s) (Antonelli Kantor Rivera), the Engineering Report (CME Associates), and the CSO Report (CDM Smith) having been mailed to the Board members were received and ordered printed. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

There was correspondence in the form of a Board Member Appointment Letter from South Orange.

On motion by Ms. Frederic, seconded by Mr. Rutherford, Board Member Appointment Letter from South Orange was adopted. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

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 Mr. Ramos, seconded by Mr. Vartan, the public comment portion of the meeting was opened. Hearing no one, the Public Comment Session was declared closed. On motion to close public comment by Ms.

Collum, seconded by Ms. Frederic. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

There was no closed session.

On motion by Ms. Collum, seconded by Ms. Frederic, Resolution (R-060/24) Payment of Bills was adopted. On Roll Call: ayes, Messrs. Leneus, Petrosky, Vartan, Rios, Ramos, Rutherford and Florio; Ms. Adams, Ms. Collum and Ms. Frederic; nays, none.

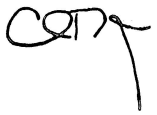
On motion by Ms. Collum, seconded by Mr. Rios, Resolution (R-061/24) Third Quarter Assessment was adopted. On Roll Call: ayes, Messrs. Leneus, Petrosky, Vartan, Rios, Ramos, Rutherford and Florio; Ms. Adams, Ms. Collum and Ms. Frederic; nays, none.

There was no unfinished business.

Under new business, the next meeting date will be on July 18, 2024

There being no further business, on motion by, Ms. Collum, seconded by Ms. Adams, the meeting then adjourned at 4:36 pm to meet again on July 18, 2024, unless called earlier by the Chair. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary
Anibal Ramos Jr.