Board Meeting of November 14th, 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. Petrosky, Rutherford, Ramos, Vartan, Rios and Florio; Ms. Adams, Ms. Romano, Ms. Frederic and Ms. Collum. Absent: Mr. Leneus.

Also, in attendance were Director Johnson; Messrs. Bonaccorso, Akinokun, Kairu, Kelly, Barry, Volpe, Phillips and Berkeley Esq. of the Joint Meeting; E. Webster, Esq., 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 and Bob Butvilla of Suplee Clooney..

On motion by Ms. Romano, seconded by Ms. Frederic, the minutes of the last meeting were adopted. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

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

The following verbal report was given:

Personnel & Procurement Committee: Chairman Ramos stated that the Committee met, discussed, and recommends authorization of the following: Resolution Authorization for RFQs/RFPs for Professional Services (R-098/24), Resolution Authorizing GLEC – 2024-2025 NJHDG (R-099/24)

On motion by Mr. Ramos, seconded by Ms. Romano, Resolution (R-098/24) RFQs/RFPs for Professional Services was adopted. On Roll Call: ayes, Messrs. Petrosky, Rutherford, Ramos, Vartan, Rios and Florio; Ms. Adams, Ms. Collum, Ms. Frederic and Ms. Romano; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Petrosky, seconded by Mr. Ramos, Resolution (R-099/24) Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with Great Lakes Environmental Center through the New Jersey Habor Dischargers Group for 2024-2025 was adopted. On Roll Call: ayes, Messrs. Petrosky, Rutherford, Ramos, Vartan, Rios and Florio; Ms. Adams, Ms. Collum, Ms. Frederic and Ms.

Romano; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Frederic, seconded by Ms. Romano and Mr. Petrosky, Resolution (R-097/24) Payment of Bills was adopted. On Roll Call: ayes, Messrs. Petrosky, Rutherford, Ramos, Vartan, Rios and Florio; Ms. Adams, Ms. Collum, Ms. Frederic and Ms. Romano; nays, none.

Under Finance and Budget, Director Johnson presented the 2025 Draft Budget to the Board.

On motion by Mr. Ramos, seconded by Ms. Romano & Mr. Petrosky, the Treatment Plant Report, the Industrial Pretreatment Report, the Financial Report, and the 2023 Audit Report having been mailed to the Board members were received and ordered printed. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Ramos, seconded by Ms. Collum, 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 no correspondence.

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 Ms. Frederic, 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. Romano, seconded by Mr. Ramos. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

There was no closed session.

There was no unfinished business.

Under new business, the next meeting date will be on December 19, 2024.

In addition, Ms. Adams expresses gratitude to Director Johnson and her team for a great plant tour.

There being no further business, on motion by, Ms. Frederic, seconded by Mr. Ramos, the meeting then adjourned at 4:28 pm to meet again on December 19, 2024, unless called earlier by the Chair. On motion all in favor, nays, none.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary
Anibal Ramos Jr.