

BOSTON WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, April 26, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Boston Water and Sewer Commission was called to order at 10:05 A.M. on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at the office of the Commission, 980 Harrison Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts. Under the provisions of G.L. c. 30A, and per an Act Extending Certain State of Emergency Accommodations, which was signed into law by the Governor of Massachusetts, which suspends certain provisions of the open meeting law, this meeting was conducted remotely. The dial in and meeting identification were publicly noticed.

Present at the meeting were Commissioner Michael J. Woodall, and Commissioner Cook constituting a quorum for the transaction of business; Messrs. Dayib, Hunt, LaMarca, Petruzzello, Piacenza, Sullivan, Vitale, and Mses. Ma, McSweeney, and Randolph of the Commission Staff. Commissioner Woodall acted as Chairman and Mr. Vitale acted as Secretary. Also present were additional Commission employees and members of the public.

Administration

Approval of Minutes

Consideration was given to a draft of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Commission held on Friday, March 24, 2023. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Cook, Chairman Woodall voted yea, and Commissioner Cook voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Commission held on Friday, March 24, 2023, be, and they hereby are, approved.

Information Reports

1. Disbursement Ratification (Schedules A, B & D)

Ratification of Disbursements for the period March 13, 2023 to April 14, 2023. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Cook, Chairman Woodall voted yea, and Commissioner Cook voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the actions of those persons authorized by the Commission to execute checks for a total of \$376,292.25 are ratified and approved.

2. First Quarter Report: Affirmative Action Plan.

3. 4:1 Inflow and Infiltration Reduction Mitigation Report.

II. GENERAL MANAGEMENT REPORTS

1. March 2023 Capital Improvement Program Budget Variance Report.
2. March 2023 Monthly Management Report.
3. March 2023 Revenue and Expense Analysis

The Chairman inquired about the number of vacant positions at the Commission and the response was that there were less than 75 vacant positions, probably about 60.

The Chairman inquired about receiving an updated plan on the utilization of electronic vehicles.

III. PROPOSALS AND CONTRACTS

Engineering

1. Request for Authorization to Amend the Scope of the Charlestown Sewer System Evaluation Survey to include Design Services and utilize the MWRA's Infiltration/Inflow Financial Assistance Program Phase 10/11 grant/loans. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Cook, Chairman Woodall voted yea, and Commissioner Cook voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to amend the scope of the Charlestown Sewer System Evaluation Survey to include design services and utilize the MWRA's Infiltration/Inflow Financial Assistance Program Phase 10/11 grant/loans; and the Executive Director is authorized execute the necessary contract documents.

2. Request for Authorization to Advertise Contract No. 18-309-001, Replacement and Rehabilitation of Water, Sewer and Drain Pipes in Fenway/Kenmore. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Cook, Chairman Woodall voted yea, and Commissioner Cook voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to advertise Contract No 18-309-001, replacement and rehabilitation of water, sewer and drain pipes in Fenway/Kenmore.

3. Request for Authorization to Amend Contract No. 20-309-002, Replacement and Rehabilitation of Water, Sewer and Drain Pipes in Charlestown. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Cook, Chairman Woodall voted yea, and Commissioner Cook voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to amend Contract No. 20-309-002, replacement and rehabilitation of water, drain and sewer pipes in Charlestown and approve additional funds in the amount of \$4,281.20 for a new total of \$7,680,237.50; and the Executive Director is authorized execute the necessary contract documents.

Administration

1. Request for Authorization to Utilize an Option to Extend Contract No. 21-201-001 by One-Year for Security Services. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Cook, Chairman Woodall voted yea, and Commissioner Cook voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to utilize an option to extend Contract No. 21-201-001, for security services with Hub Security Systems for a one-year period; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

2. Request for Authorization to Award Contract No. 23-201-004, for Window Cleaning Services. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Cook, Chairman Woodall voted yea, and Commissioner Cook voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to award Contract No. 23-201-004, for window cleaning services to Sky Safety, Inc for a three-year period in an amount not to exceed \$69,000.00; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

Operations

1. Request for Authorization to Amend Contract No. 16-206-003, for Professional Services for the Design of Water and Sewerage Works. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Cook, Chairman Woodall voted yea, and Commissioner Cook voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to amend Contract No. 16-206-003, with Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. for professional design of water and sewerage works and approve additional funds in the amount of \$423,652.00 for a new contract total of \$8,711,279.00; and the Executive Director is authorized execute the necessary contract documents.

2. Request for Authorization to Conditionally Award Contract No. 22-308-006, for Excavation for Identification of Water Services. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Cook, Chairman Woodall voted yea, and Commissioner Cook voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to conditionally award Contract No. 22-308-006, excavation for identification of water services to C. Naughton Corp. in an amount not to exceed \$1,930,093.67; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

3. Request for Authorization to Advertise a Request for Proposals to Maintain the Commission's Safe Drinking Water Act – Total Coliform Rule Water Sampling Program. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Cook, Chairman Woodall voted yea, and Commissioner Cook voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to advertise a Request for Proposals to maintain the Commission's Safe Drinking Water Act – Total Coliform Rule Water Sampling Program.

II

1. Request for Authorization to Utilize the MHEC and Award a Contract for Managed Detection and Response Services. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Cook, Chairman Woodall voted yea, and Commissioner Cook voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to utilize MHEC and award a Contract for managed detection and response services to SHI for a one-year period in an amount not to exceed \$104,410; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

Finance

1. Request for Authorization to Extend a Contract with Raftelis Financial Consultants to Study the Feasibility for Development and Implementation of a Stormwater Management Fee.

After this request was made, the Chairman requested a presentation on the Stormwater project and the Executive Director responded that one would be forthcoming. A request was then made and Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Cook, Chairman Woodall voted yea, and Commissioner Cook voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to negotiate an extension to the Contract with Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc. to continue the development and implementation of a stormwater management fee in an amount not to exceed \$899,475.00 for a new contract total of \$2,914,129.00; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, after further discussion upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Cook, Chairman Woodall voted yea, and Commissioner Cook voted yea.

RESOLVED: To adjourn.

Adjourned, accordingly, at 10:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Henry F. Vitale
Secretary