

BOSTON WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, November 22, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Boston Water and Sewer Commission was called to order at 10:03 A.M. on Wednesday, November 22, 2023, at the executive offices of the Commission, 980 Harrison Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts in its large executive conference room. Under the provisions of Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023, signed into law by the Governor on March 29, 2023, further extending certain provisions of the Open Meeting law until March 31, 2025, this meeting was also conducted remotely. The dial in and meeting identification were publicly noticed.

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

Upon opening the meeting Mr. Vitale asked Chairman Woodall to give an overview of the format of the meeting. Chairman Woodall informed participants that the meeting was being held was being held virtually and that at the conclusion of the open session the Board would not be meeting in Executive Session.

Administration

Approval of Minutes

Consideration was given to a draft of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Commission held on Wednesday, October 25, 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 Wednesday, October 25, 2023, be, and they hereby are, approved.

Informational Reports

1. Miscellaneous Disbursements (Schedules A, B, & D) in the amount of \$374,723.56.

II. GENERAL MANAGEMENT REPORTS

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

III. PROPOSALS AND CONTRACTS

Engineering

1. Request for Authorization to Advertise Contract No. 19-308-002, for Replacement and Rehabilitation of Water, Sewer and Drain Pipes in Charlestown. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Cook and seconded by and Commissioner Woodall, Chairman Woodall voted yea, and Commissioner Cook voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to advertise Contract No. 19-308-002, for replacement and rehabilitation of water, sewer and drain pipes in Charlestown.

2. Request for Authorization to Advertise Contract No. 24-309-007, Roadway Restoration of Boston Water and Sewer Commission Excavations. 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. 23-309-007, roadway restoration of Boston Water and Sewer Commission excavations.

Administration

1. Request for Authorization to Extend Contract No. 20-201-001, for HVAC Maintenance and Service Repairs. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Cook and seconded by Commissioner Woodall, Chairman Woodall voted yea, and Commissioner Cook voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to extend Contract No. 20-201-001 for HVAC maintenance and service repairs with Trane U.S. Inc. for an additional twelve (12) months until December 31, 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$175,000.00; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

2. Request for Authorization to Utilize Commonwealth of Massachusetts State Contract OFF47 for Office supplies, Recycled Paper, and Envelopes. 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 Commonwealth of Massachusetts State Contract OFF47 for office supplies, recycled paper, and envelopes in 2024, in an amount not to exceed \$85,000.00; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

3. Request for Authorization to Utilize Commonwealth of Massachusetts State Contract FAC116 for the Purchase of One (1) PRINOTH Model SW50 Sidewalk Snow Vehicle and Attachments. 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 utilize a Commonwealth of Massachusetts State Contract FAC116, for the Purchase of One

(1) PRINOTH Model SW50 Sidewalk Snow Vehicle and Attachments, in an amount not to exceed \$216,807,00; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

4. Request for Authorization to Utilize the United States Postal Service in 2024. 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 the United States Postal Service for mail related services in 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$265,000.00; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

5. Request for authorization to Waive Public Advertisement and Enter into Agreements for Water/Sewer, Natural Gas and Electrical Utility Services in 2024. 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 waive public advertisement and enter into the following agreements in 2024: Boston Water and Sewer Commission (water/sewer services), \$135,000.00; National Grid (natural gas), \$319,000.00; Eversource (electrical delivery/transmission services), \$395,000.00; and Constellation NewEnergy, Inc. (electrical generation/supply services), \$490,000.00; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

Operations

1. Request for Authorization to Award Contract No. 24-303-001, Emergency Repairs to Water Services in the City of Boston. Upon Motion duly made by Commissioner 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. 24-303-001, Emergency Repairs to Water Services in the City of Boston to Metro Equipment Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$2,397,716.96; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

2. Request for Authorization to Award Contract No. 24-303-002, Emergency Repairs to Sewers and Drains in the City of Boston. Upon Motion duly made by Commissioner 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. 24-303-002, Emergency Repairs to Sewers and Drains in the City of Boston to C. Naughton Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$1,425,092.54; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

3. Request for Authorization to Award Contract No. 24-303-003, Reconstruction of Drainage and Sewerage Works in the City of Boston. Upon Motion duly made by Commissioner 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. 24-303-003, reconstruction of drainage and sewerage works in the City of Boston to Stevens Companies in an amount not to exceed \$1,552,782.57; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

4. Request for Authorization to Award Contract No. 24-303-004, Cleaning and Television Inspection of Sewers and Storm Drains in the City of Boston. Upon Motion duly made by Commissioner 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. 24-303-004, cleaning and television inspection of sewers and storm drains in the City of Boston to National Water Main Cleaning Co. in an amount not to exceed \$582,904.58; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

5. Request for Authorization to Award Contract No. 24-303-005, for Disposal/Reuse of Waste Trench Excavate. Upon Motion duly made by Commissioner 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. 24-303-005, disposal/reuse of waste trench excavate to Mario Susi and Sons, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$152,820.00; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

6. Request for Authorization to Award Contract No. 24-303-006, for Disposal/Reuse of Waste Sewer Cleanings. Upon Motion duly made by Commissioner 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. 24-303-006, disposal/reuse of waste sewer cleanings to W.L. French Excavating Company in an amount not to exceed \$511,830.00; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

7. Request for Authorization to Award Contract No. 24-303-008, Restoration of Water and Sewer Permanent Paving of Excavations in the City of Boston. Upon Motion duly made by Commissioner 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. 24-303-008, restoration of water and sewer permanent paving of excavations in the City of Boston to Mario Susi & Sons in an

amount not to exceed \$1,907,433.00; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

8. Request for Authorization to Award Contract No. 24-303-010, Catch Basin cleaning I in the City of Boston. Upon Motion duly made by Commissioner 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. 24-303-010, Catch Basin Cleaning I in the City of Boston in an amount not to exceed \$765,400.00; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

9. Request for Authorization to Award Contract No. 24-303-011, Catch Basin Cleaning II in the City of Boston. Upon Motion duly made by Commissioner 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. 24-303-011, Catch Basin Cleaning II in the City of Boston to Rapid Flow in an amount not to exceed \$765,400.00; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

10. Request to Utilize Commonwealth of Massachusetts State Contract CLT08 for Miscellaneous Clothing, Footwear and Accessories. 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 Commonwealth of Massachusetts State Contract CLT08 for the purchase of miscellaneous clothing, footwear, and accessories in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00 in 2024; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary documents.

10. Request to Utilize Commonwealth of Massachusetts State Contract FAC100 for Industrial, Construction and Safety Equipment and Supplies. 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 Massachusetts State Contract FAC100 for the purchase of industrial, construction and safety equipment and supplies in an amount not to exceed \$175,000.00 in 2024; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary documents.

Administration/IT

1. Request for Authorization to Utilize Commonwealth of Massachusetts State Contracts and/or General Services Agreements for the purchase of Verizon Wireless and Telecommunication 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 Commonwealth of Massachusetts State Contracts and/or General Services Agreements for the purchase of wireless and telecommunication services from Verizon Wireless/Verizon New England, Inc. for 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$366,000.00; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

2. Request for Authorization to Utilize currently approved Commonwealth of Massachusetts State Contracts, General Services Agreements and Authorized Consortia/Collaborative Agreements for the purchase of IT Hardware and Miscellaneous Supplies. 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 currently approved Commonwealth of Massachusetts State Contracts, General Services Agreements and Authorized Consortia/Collaborative Agreements for the purchase of IT hardware and miscellaneous supplies in 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$550,000.00; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

3. Request for Authorization to Negotiate and Execute a Customer Information/Billing System Contract and Waive Sole Source Procurement. 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 a contract with Itineris for development and support services for the UMAX Customer Information/Billing System in an amount not to exceed \$950,000.00; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to waive the advertisement requirement and purchase these goods and services from the sole source provider.

Finance

1. Request for Authorization to Exercise the Option to Extend the Contract of Withum, Smith & Brown, P.C. as the Commission's Independent Auditors. 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 and execute the option to extend the Contract of O'Connor and Drew P.C., now d/b/a Withum, Smith & Brown P.C. for independent auditor services for an additional three-year period in an amount not to exceed \$94,000.00 per year; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

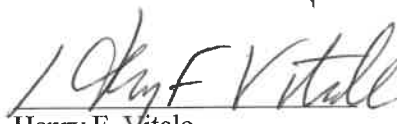
ADJOURNMENT

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 yea.

RESOLVED: To adjourn.

Adjourned, accordingly, at 10:23 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Henry F. Vitale". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Henry F. Vitale
Secretary