

BOSTON WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, April 4, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Boston Water and Sewer Commission was called to order at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, April 4, 2024, 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, Commissioner Armindo Goncalves and Commissioner Christopher Cook constituting a quorum for the transaction of business; Messrs. Dayib, Flaherty, Hoglund, Hunt, Petruzzello, Rossi, J. Sullivan, P. Sullivan, Vitale, and Mses. Mahoney, McSweeney, Randolph and Theodat of the Commission Staff. Commissioner Woodall acted as Chairman and Mr. Vitale acted as Secretary. Also present were Special Counsel Luthin and members of the public (online).

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 in person and virtually and that the Commission would be meeting in Executive Session at the conclusion of the regular meeting.

Administration

Approval of Minutes

Consideration was given to a draft of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Commission held on Wednesday, February 28, 2024. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Cook and Commissioner Goncalves, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Goncalves voted yea and Commissioner Cook voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Commission held on Wednesday, February 28, 2024, be, and they hereby are, approved.

I. Informational Reports

The Commission accepted the following informational reports:

1. Miscellaneous Disbursements (Schedules A, B, & D) in the amount of \$499,123.93.
2. Annual Construction Contracts and Change Order Summary.

II. GENERAL MANAGEMENT REPORTS

The Commission accepted the following general management reports:

1. February 2024 Capital Improvement Program Budget Variance Report.
2. February 2024 Monthly Management Report.
3. February 2024 Revenue and Expense Analysis Report.

III. PROPOSALS AND CONTRACTS

Engineering

1. Request for Authorization to Amend the Engineer's Estimate for 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 Goncalves and Commissioner Cook, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Goncalves voted yea and Commissioner Cook voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to amend the Engineer's Estimate for Contract No. 18-309-001, for the replacement and rehabilitation of water, sewer and drain pipes in Fenway/Kenmore from \$7,447,000.00 to \$8,825,000.00.

2. Request for Authorization to Amend Contract No. 21-206-004, for Professional Services for Water System Model Update and Asset Evaluation. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Goncalves and Commissioner Cook, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Goncalves voted yea and Commissioner Cook voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to amend Contract No. 21-206-004, with CDM Smith, Inc. for professional services for water system model update and asset evaluation and approve additional funds in the amount of \$62,189.00 to cover the cost of additional work for a new contract value of \$562,189.00; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

3. Request for Authorization to Negotiate and Execute Contract No. 23-206-005, Sewer System Evaluation Survey in West Roxbury and Hyde Park. Upon Motion duly made by Commissioner Goncalves and seconded by Chairman Woodall and Commissioner Cook, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Goncalves voted yea and Commissioner Cook voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to negotiate Contract No. 23-206-005, sewer system evaluation survey in West Roxbury and Hyde Park with Weston & Sampson in an amount not to exceed \$2,911,139.29; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

4. Request for Authorization to Advertise Contract No. 24-309-015, for Sewer Lateral Testing and CCTV Inspection of Sewers and Drains. Upon Motion duly made by Commissioner Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Goncalves and Commissioner Cook, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Goncalves voted yea and Commissioner Cook voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to advertise Contract No. 24-309-015, for sewer lateral testing and CCTV inspection of sewers and drains.

5. Request for Authorization to Negotiate and Award a Service Agreement for the Monitoring of Flow and Pressure Data from the MWRA Water Meters. Upon Motion duly made by Commissioner Goncalves and seconded by Chairman Woodall and Commissioner Cook, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Goncalves voted yea and Commissioner Cook voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to negotiate and award a service agreement for the monitoring of flow and pressure data from the MWRA water meters in an amount not to exceed \$164,740.00; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

6. Request for Authorization to Negotiate and Execute a Contract for a Lead Program for Schools and Childcare Facilities. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Cook and Commissioner Goncalves, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Goncalves voted yea and Commissioner Cook voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to negotiate a Contract for a Lead Program for Schools and Childcare Facilities, with Kleinfelder in an amount not to exceed \$1,225,230.00; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

Administration

1. Request for Authorization to Utilize a Commonwealth of Massachusetts State Contract for the Purchase of ESRI Maintenance and Technical Support. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Cook and Commissioner Goncalves, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Goncalves voted yea and Commissioner Cook voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to utilize a Commonwealth of Massachusetts State Contract for licensing, maintenance, and technical support services for the Commission's Geographical Information System for one year from ESRI Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$65,000.00; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

2. Request for Authorization to Utilize a Commonwealth of Massachusetts State Contract for Managed Detection and Response. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Cook and Commissioner Goncalves, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Goncalves voted yea and Commissioner Cook voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to utilize a Commonwealth of Massachusetts State Contract for managed detection and response services for one year from SHI in an amount not to

exceed \$110,380.00; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

3. Request for Authorization to Utilize a Commonwealth of Massachusetts State Contract for Datacenter Virtualization Renewal. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Cook and Commissioner Goncalves, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Goncalves voted yea and Commissioner Cook voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to utilize a Commonwealth of Massachusetts State Contract for datacenter virtualization systems support for three years from SHI in an amount not to exceed \$431,253.56; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

Operations

1. Request for Authorization to Amend Contract No. 21-308-002, Excavation for Identification of Water Services. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Goncalves and Commissioner Cook, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Goncalves voted yea and Commissioner Cook voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to amend Contract No. 21-308-002, excavation for identification of water services and approve additional funds in the amount of \$7,556.27 to cover the cost of additional work for a new contract value of \$1,356,698.37; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

2. Request for Authorization to Advertise Contract No. 22-309-014, Emergency Sewerage Works Improvements Citywide. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Cook and Commissioner Goncalves, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Goncalves voted yea and Commissioner Cook voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to advertise Contract no. 22-309-014, for emergency sewerage works improvements Citywide.

3. Request for Authorization to Award Contract No. 24-103-005, for the Purchase of Lead-Free Ford Brass Fittings and Parts. Upon Motion duly made by Commissioner Goncalves and seconded by Chairman Woodall and Commissioner Cook, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Goncalves voted yea and Commissioner Cook voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to award Contract No. 24-103-005, for the purchase of lead-free ford brass fittings and parts to Stiles Co., Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$129,320.95; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

4. Request for Authorization to Advertise Contract No. 24-308-004, Replacement of Lead Services on Public and Private Property. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and

seconded by Commissioner Goncalves and Commissioner Cook, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Goncalves voted yea and Commissioner Cook voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to advertise Contract No. 24-308-004, replacement of lead services on public and private property.

5. Request for Authorization to Advertise Contract No. 24-308-005, Excavation for Identification of Water Services. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Goncalves and Commissioner Cook, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Goncalves voted yea and Commissioner Cook voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to advertise Contract No. 24-308-005, excavation for identification of water services.

Finance

1. Request for Authorization to Waive Public Advertisement and Award Sole Source Contracts for Fleet Specialized Parts and Services in 2024. Upon Motion duly made by Commissioner Goncalves and seconded by Chairman Woodall and Commissioner Cook, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Goncalves voted yea and Commissioner Cook voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to waive public advertisement and award sole source contracts for fleet specialized parts in 2024: C.N. Wood (vactor parts and service), \$70,000.00; Chadwick-Baross (sewer jet parts and service), \$50,000.00; Stetco (derrick truck and catch basin truck parts and service), \$25,000.00; and Milton CAT (CAT parts and service) \$20,000.00; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

2. Request for Authorization to Utilize the New England Water Works Association to Provide Safety Training to Commission Employees in 2024. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Goncalves and Commissioner Cook, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Goncalves voted yea and Commissioner Cook voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to utilize the New England Water Works Association to provide safety training to Commission employees in 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

Organizational Diversity

1. Request for Authorization to Hold a Public Hearing Concerning the Sheltered Market Program. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded Commissioner Cook and Commissioner Goncalves, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Goncalves voted yea and Commissioner Cook voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission be and hereby is authorized to hold a Public Hearing concerning the Sheltered Market Program.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There being no further business to come before this meeting, Chairman Woodall advised the Commissioners that it would be appropriate to go into Executive Session to approve the Executive Session Minutes and discuss certain other matters. Upon Motion duly by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Goncalves and Commissioner Cook, Chairman Woodall voted yea, and Commissioner Goncalves voted yea and Commissioner Cook voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission go into Executive Session to approve the Executive Session Minutes and discuss certain other matters, the Commission having determined that conducting such business in open meeting would not be in the best interest of the Commission; and further

RESOLVED: To recess this meeting and meet in Executive Session

Upon completion of the Executive Session, the Commission reconvened.

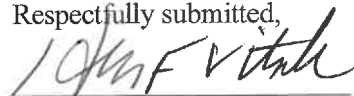
ADJOURNMENT

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 and Commissioner Goncalves, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Goncalves voted yea and Commissioner Cook voted yea.

RESOLVED: To adjourn.

Adjourned, accordingly, at 10:15 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Henry F. Vitale
Secretary