

## **BOSTON WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION**

### **REGULAR MEETING**

**Wednesday, March 22, 2017**

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

A Regular Meeting of the Boston Water and Sewer Commission was called to order at 8:55 A.M. on Wednesday, March 22, 2017, at the office of the Commission, 980 Harrison Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts.

Present at the meeting were Commissioner Michael J. Woodall, and Commissioner Muhammad Ali-Salaam constituting a quorum for the transaction of business; Messrs. Canavan, Dayib, Dwyer, Hunt, Piacenza, Porras, Sullivan, Vitale, and Mses. Gottschalk, Hanson, and Kieser of the Commission Staff. Commissioner Woodall acted as Chairman and Mr. Vitale acted as Secretary.

#### **Administration**

##### **Approval of Minutes**

Consideration was given to a draft of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Commission held on Thursday, February 16, 2017. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Ali-Salaam, Chairman Woodall voted yea, and Commissioner Ali-Salaam voted yea.

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Commission held on Thursday, February 16, 2017, be, and they hereby are, approved.

Peter Hunt, Director of MIS, conducted a presentation on the implementation of the proposed Customer Information System (CIS) and the Replacement Payback Period Analysis.

##### **Information Reports**

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

Ratification of Disbursements for February 8, 2017 – March 15, 2017. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Ali-Salaam, Chairman Woodall voted yea, and Commissioner Ali-Salaam voted yea.

**RESOLVED:** That the actions of those persons authorized by the Commission in executing checks for a total of \$893,376.72 are ratified and approved.

###### **2. February 2017 Change Orders Report.**

#### **II. GENERAL MANAGEMENT ISSUES**

###### **1. February 2017 Capital Improvement Program Budget Variance Report.**

###### **2. February 2017 Monthly Management Report.**

###### **3. February 2017 Revenue and Expense Analysis Report.**

### **III. PROPOSALS AND CONTRACTS**

#### **A. Engineering**

1. Project Performance Tracking and Reporting.

2. Update of Inflow and Infiltration Reduction Mitigation Account for years 2005-2017.

3. Authorization to Amend Contract No. 10-309-001 for additional seventeen payment items and five change orders associated with the sewer and drain relay/rehabilitation contract work. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Ali-Salaam, Chairman Woodall voted yea, and Commissioner Ali-Salaam voted yea.

**RESOLVED:** That appropriate members of Staff are authorized to Amend Contract No. 10-309-001 in an amount not to exceed \$268,378.76; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

4. Authorization to Advertise for Bids for Contract No. 15-308-001 for Replacement of Water Mains and Rehabilitation of Sewers and Drain Pipes in Fenway/Kenmore. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Ali-Salaam, Chairman Woodall voted yea, and Commissioner Ali-Salaam voted yea.

**RESOLVED:** That appropriate members of Staff are authorized to advertise bids for Contract No. 15-308-001

5. Authorization to Amend Contract No. 15-308-003 for additional funds to replace a failing sewer and drain in Westmore Road in Mattapan. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Ali-Salaam, Chairman Woodall voted yea, and Commissioner Ali-Salaam voted yea.

**RESOLVED:** That appropriate members of Staff are authorized to Amend Contract No. 15-308-003 in an amount not to exceed \$427,162.85; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

6. Authorization to Advertise for Bids for Contract No. 15-308-005 for Water, Sewer and Drain Pipe Improvements in Dorchester, Hyde Park, Roslindale, South End, Roxbury and South Boston. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Ali-Salaam, Chairman Woodall voted yea, and Commissioner Ali-Salaam voted yea.

**RESOLVED:** That appropriate members of Staff are authorized to advertise bids for Contract No. 15-308-005.

7. Authorization to Advertise for Bids for Contract No. 15-308-007 for Water, Sewer and Drain Pipe Improvements in Hyde Park, Roslindale, and West Roxbury. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Ali-Salaam, Chairman Woodall voted yea, and Commissioner Ali-Salaam voted yea.

**RESOLVED:** That appropriate members of Staff are authorized to advertise bids for Contract No. 15-308-007.

8. Authorization to Award Contract No. 15-309-001 for Rehabilitation and Replacement of Water, Sewer, and Drain Pipes in Allston/Brighton, Charlestown, Dorchester, East Boston, Hyde Park, Jamaica Plain, Mattapan, Roslindale, South End and West Roxbury. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Ali-Salaam, Chairman Woodall voted yea, and Commissioner Ali-Salaam voted yea.

**RESOLVED:** That the Commission award Contract No. 15-309-001 to Fed Corp. in an amount not to exceed \$5,634,477.21; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

9. Authorization to Advertise for Bids for Contract No. 16-308-001 for Water, Sewer and Drain Pipe Improvements in East Boston. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Ali-Salaam, Chairman Woodall voted yea, and Commissioner Ali-Salaam voted yea.

**RESOLVED:** That appropriate members of Staff are authorized to advertise bids for Contract No. 16-308-001.

10. Authorization to Advertise for Bids for Contract No. 16-308-007 for Sewer and Water Works Improvements in Boston Proper. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Ali-Salaam, Chairman Woodall voted yea, and Commissioner Ali-Salaam voted yea.

**RESOLVED:** That appropriate members of Staff are authorized to advertise bids for Contract No. 16-308-007.

11. Authorization to Advertise for Bids for Contract No. 16-309-011 for Sewer and Water Works Improvements in Roxbury. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Ali-Salaam, Chairman Woodall voted yea, and Commissioner Ali-Salaam voted yea.

**RESOLVED:** That appropriate members of Staff are authorized to advertise bids for Contract No. 16-309-011.

12. Authorization to Advertise for Bids for Contract No. 17-309-003 for Separation of Sanitary House Laterals Connected to Storm Drains, City Wide. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Ali-Salaam, Chairman Woodall voted yea, and Commissioner Ali-Salaam voted yea.

**RESOLVED:** That appropriate members of Staff are authorized to advertise bids for Contract No. 17-309-003.

13. Authorization to Negotiate and Execute a three-year Professional Services Contract No. 17-206-005 for Green Infrastructure/Low Impact Development Design and Construction Administration. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Ali-Salaam, Chairman Woodall voted yea, and Commissioner Ali-Salaam voted yea.

**RESOLVED:** That appropriate members of Staff are authorized to negotiate Contract No. 17-206-005 with Nitsch Engineering, at a cost not to exceed \$750,000.00; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

## **B. Administration**

1. Authorization to Reject all proposals received for Contract No. 17-207-007. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Ali-Salaam, Chairman Woodall voted yea, and Commissioner Ali-Salaam voted yea.

**RESOLVED:** The Executive Director is authorized to Reject all proposals received for Contract No. 17-207-007.

2. Authorization to use Massachusetts State Contract ITS65 to award a contract for annual maintenance and technical support services for the Commission's Geographical Information Systems for the period May 2017 to May 2018. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Ali-Salaam, Chairman Woodall voted yea, and Commissioner Ali-Salaam voted yea.

**RESOLVED:** The Executive Director is authorized to use Massachusetts State Contract ITS65 to purchase for annual maintenance and technical support services from ESRI Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$38,000.00; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

3. Authorization to use Massachusetts State Contract FIR04 to purchase AVL hardware, software, professional services, and training from Cyber Communications. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Ali-Salaam, Chairman Woodall voted yea, and Commissioner Ali-Salaam voted yea.

**RESOLVED:** The Executive Director is authorized to use Massachusetts State Contract FIR04 to purchase AVL hardware, software, professional services, and training from Cyber Communications at a cost not to exceed \$200,000.00; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

## **C. Operations**

1. Authorization to Award Contract No. 17-309-009 for Cleaning and Inspection of sewers and drains in Allston/Brighton, Hyde Park, Mattapan, Dorchester, Fenway/Kenmore and Roxbury. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Ali-Salaam, Chairman Woodall voted yea, and Commissioner Ali-Salaam voted yea.

**RESOLVED:** That the Commission award Contract No. 17-309-009 to National Water Main Cleaning in an amount not to exceed \$726,840.25; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

2. Authorization to Award Contract No. 17-309-010 for Cleaning and Inspection of sewers and drains in Fenway/Kenmore, Hyde Park, and Roxbury. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Ali-Salaam, Chairman Woodall voted yea, and Commissioner Ali-Salaam voted yea.

**RESOLVED:** That the Commission award Contract No. 17-309-010 to Rapid Flow Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$613,695.25; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

3. Authorization to Negotiate and Execute a change order on Contract No. 17-303-006 for the hauling and disposal of sewer cleanings classified as hazardous waste. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Ali-Salaam, Chairman Woodall voted yea, and Commissioner Ali-Salaam voted yea.

**RESOLVED:** That appropriate members of Staff are authorized to negotiate a change order on Contract No. 17-303-006 with W.L. French Excavating Corp., at a cost not to exceed \$85,500.00; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

#### **D. Finance**

1. Authorization to reduce the Pension Plan's global asset allocation and hedge fund exposure and invest in a dedicated TIPS index fund and initiate a search for a private equity manager. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Ali-Salaam, Chairman Woodall voted yea, and Commissioner Ali-Salaam voted yea.

**RESOLVED:** That appropriate members of Staff are authorized to reduce the Pension Plan's global asset allocation and hedge fund exposure and invest in a dedicated TIPS index fund and initiate a search for a private equity manager.

#### **E. Legal**

1. Authorization to Negotiate and Execute a three year contract for Risk Management Advisory Services. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Ali-Salaam, Chairman Woodall voted yea, and Commissioner Ali-Salaam voted yea.

**RESOLVED:** That appropriate members of Staff are authorized to negotiate a three year contract with Albert Risk Management Consultants for Risk Management Advisory Services at a cost not to exceed \$180,000.00; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

#### **V. 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 for discussion and approval of the Executive Session Minutes of the February 16, 2017 meeting and Consent Decree Compliance. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Ali-Salaam, Chairman Woodall voted yea, and Commissioner Ali-Salaam voted yea.

**RESOLVED:** That the Commission go into Executive Session to discuss and approve the Executive Session Minutes of the February 16, 2017 meeting and Consent Decree Compliance; the Commissioners

having determined that conducting such business in open meeting would not be in the best interest of the Commission; and further

**RESOLVED:** That the Commission will not reconvene in an open meeting session upon completion of the aforementioned Executive Session; and further

**RESOLVED:** To adjourn this open meeting and meet in Executive Session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

After further discussion, Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Ali-Salaam, Chairman Woodall voted yea, and Commissioner Ali-Salaam voted yea.

**RESOLVED:** To adjourn.

Adjourned, accordingly, at 9: 45 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Henry F. Vitale  
Secretary