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.

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)


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.


GENERAL MANAGEMENT ISSUES

1. February 2017 Capital Improvement Program Budget Variance Report.


III. PROPOSALS AND CONTRACTS

A. Engineering

1. Project Performance Tracking and Reporting.


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.


   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.


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


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

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.


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.


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


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


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


**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.

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 E. Vitale
Secretary