

BOSTON WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, April 28, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Boston Water and Sewer Commission was called to order at 1:58 P.M. on Wednesday, April 28, 2021. Under the provisions of G.L. c. 30A, and per the Order signed by the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on March 12, 2020, to suspend certain provisions of the open meeting law, this meeting was conducted remotely. The dial in and meeting identification were publicly noticed.

Present at the remote meeting were Commissioner Michael J. Woodall, Commissioner Cathleen Stone, and Commissioner Thomas Keady, constituting a quorum for the transaction of business; Messrs. Canavan, Dwyer, Hunt, Piacenza, Sullivan, Van Dam, Vitale, and Mses. Hickson, Ma, Mahoney, McSweeney, Randolph, DiLoreto Smith, and Theodat of the Commission Staff. Commissioner Woodall acted as Chairman and Mr. Vitale acted as Secretary.

Upon opening of the meeting, Mr. Vitale asked Mrs. DiLoreto Smith, General Counsel, to provide an overview of the format of the meeting. Mrs. DiLoreto Smith informed participants that the meeting was being held virtually and in compliance with March 12, 2020, Executive Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law. She further informed participants that the Board would not meet in Executive Session following the open session. She also asked if there were any members of the public who were on the call and who wished to be recognized. There were none.

Following this introduction, Mr. Vitale asked Mrs. DiLoreto Smith to provide an update on the Commission's efforts as they relate to the COVID-19 pandemic, including reopening plans and proposals for the future, and Mrs. DiLoreto Smith did so. Ms. Theodat, Director of Human Resources, provided information concerning ongoing vaccination efforts.

Approval of Minutes

Next, consideration was given to a draft of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Commission held on March 24, 2021. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Stone, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Stone voted yea and Commissioner Keady voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Commission held on March 24, 2021, be, and they hereby are, approved.

Informational Reports

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

Ratification of Disbursements for March 17, 2021 through April 19, 2021. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Stone, Chairman Woodall voted yea, and Commissioner Stone voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the actions of those persons authorized by the Commission to execute checks for a total of \$230,464.31 are ratified and approved.

II. GENERAL MANAGEMENT REPORTS

1. March 2021 Capital Improvement Program Budget Variance Report.

At this point in the meeting, Chief Financial Officer, Nelson Piacenza, provided an overview of the Commission's financial status and highlights contained in the report.

2. March 2021 Monthly Management Report.

Here, Deputy Director of Account Services, Kathleen Hickson, provided information concerning accounts receivable and aged receivables.

3. March 2021 Revenue and Expense Analysis.

Mr. Piacenza provided an update concerning Commission revenue and expenses.

III. PROPOSALS AND CONTRACTS

Engineering

1. Informational Report – Project Performance Tracking and Reporting.

Chief Engineer John P. Sullivan and Chief of Operations Irene McSweeney provided an overview of information contained in the report.

2. Request for Permission to Amend Contract CIP-18-24. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Stone, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Stone voted yea, and Commissioner Keady voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to approve additional funding in the amount of \$18,230.31 for BPWD Contract CIP 18-24, Highway Reconstruction.

Administration

3. Request for Authorization to Award a Contract, Utilizing a Massachusetts State Contract, to Upgrade the Commission's SCADA Cybersecurity System. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Keady, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Stone voted yea, and Commissioner Keady voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to award a contract not to exceed \$148,3345.80 to Hub Technical for the upgrade of the Commission's Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) network equipment; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents. Services and equipment for this contract will be purchased under Massachusetts State Contract #ITC73.

4. Request for Authorization to Negotiate and Execute Contract Number 21-201-001 for Security Services. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Keady, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Stone voted yea, and Commissioner Keady voted yea.

RESOLVED: That Commission staff are authorized to negotiate a security services contract with HUB Security Systems for a period of two (2) years, with an option to extend twice for an additional period of one (1) year, for a total estimated price of \$832,000.00; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

Operations

5. Recommendation for Permission to Award Contract Number 21-103-005 for the Purchase of Standard Fire Hydrants and Accessories. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Keady, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Stone voted yea, and Commissioner Keady voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to award, Contract Number 21-103-005 for the purchase of standard fire hydrants and accessories to Kennedy Valve for a period of three (3) years, through December 31, 2023, in an amount not to exceed \$1,041,497.00; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

6. Recommendation for Permission to Award Contract 21-308-002, Excavation for Identification of Water Services. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Keady, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Stone voted yea, and Commissioner Keady voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to award Contract Number 21-308-002 for the excavation for identification of water services to D'Allessandro Corporation in the amount of \$1,230,142.10; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

7. Request for Permission to Award Contract Number 21-308-004, Replacement of Lead Services on Public and Private Property. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Stone, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Stone voted yea, and Commissioner Keady voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to award Contract Number 21-308-00 for the replacement of lead services on public and private property to Metro Corporation in the amount of \$1,372,277.00; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

8. Request for Permission to Utilize a Massachusetts State Contract and/or Cooperative Procurement Contract for the Purchase of One Backhoe and Two Six Wheel Dump Trucks. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Keady, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Stone voted yea, and Commissioner Keady voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized utilize a Massachusetts State Contract and/or Cooperative Procurement Contracts for the purchase of one (1) backhoe and two (2) six wheel dump trucks in an amount not to exceed \$450,000.00; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

9. Request for Permission to Advertise for Contract Number 21-309-005, Rehabilitation of the New Boston Main Interceptor in South Boston. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Keady, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Stone voted yea, and Commissioner Keady voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to advertise Contract Number 21-309-005 for the rehabilitation of the New Boston Main Interceptor (NBMI) for an estimated amount of \$12,912,282.00

Finance

10. Request for Authorization for the Executive Director to Execute and Deliver Promissory Notes to the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) and All Other Necessary Documents for Participation in the MWRA Local Water System Assistance Program for Lead Service Line Replacement Loan Program. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman

Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Keady, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Stone voted yea, and Commissioner Keady voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Board of Commissioners approve and adopt the Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to execute and deliver, from time to time, one or more Promissory Notes to the MWRA in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$25 million, and all other necessary documents allowing Commission participation in the MWRA's Lead Loan Program to finance rehabilitation and/or replacement of lead service lines with 10-year interest-free loans.

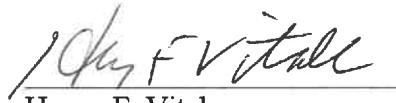
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before this meeting, after further discussion, upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Stone, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Stone voted yea, and Commissioner Keady voted yea.

RESOLVED: To adjourn.

Adjourned, accordingly, at 2:43 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Henry F. Vitale
Secretary