

BOSTON WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING

Monday, June 28, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Boston Water and Sewer Commission was called to order at 1:00 P.M. on Monday, June 28, 2021. Under the provisions of G.L. c 30A, and per the Act Extending Certain COVID-19 Measures Adopted During the State of Emergency, which was signed into law by the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on June 16, 2021, which suspends certain provisions of the open meeting law until April 22, 2022, 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 Meses. 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 the Act Extending Certain COVID-19 Measures Adopted During the State of Emergency extending the suspension of certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law. She further informed participants that the Board would not meet in Executive Session following the open session.

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, proposals for the future, and potential sources of federal funding, and Mrs. DiLoreto Smith did so.

Approval of Minutes

Next, consideration was given to a draft of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Commission held on May 26, 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 May 26, 2021, be, and they hereby are, approved.

Informational Reports

1. Preliminary Results of the 2020 Disparity Study.

Following an introduction by Hussein Dayib, Director of Organizational Diversity, staff from BBC Research and Consulting presented the preliminary results of their study, whose purpose was to assess whether minority and women owned businesses faced any barriers in contracting.

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

Ratification of Disbursements for May 17, 2021 through June 14, 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 actions of those persons authorized by the Commission to execute checks for a total of \$418,445.37 are ratified and approved.

II. GENERAL MANAGEMENT REPORTS

1. May 2021 Capital Improvement Program Budget Variance Report.
2. May 2021 Monthly Management Report.

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

3. May 2021 Revenue and Expense Analysis.

Here, Chief Financial Officer Nelson Piacenza provided an overview and status update on the Commission's bond transactions, and indicated that there would be a full presentation on the subject at a future meeting.

III. PROPOSALS AND CONTRACTS

Engineering

1. Informational Report – Project Performance Tracking and Reporting.
2. Recommendation for Authorization to Award Contract Number 17-309-001, Sewerage, Drainage, and Water Works Improvements in City Proper, Dorchester, Hyde Park, South Boston, and West Roxbury. 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 17-309-001, Sewerage, Drainage, and Water Works Improvements in City Proper, Dorchester, Hyde Park, South

Boston, and West Roxbury to D'Allesandro Corporation in the amount of \$5,780,594.16; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

3. Request to Advertise for Bids Contract Number 17-309-015, Rehabilitation of Large Diameter Sewer Pipes in City Proper and South Boston. 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 advertise for bids for Contract Number 17-309-015 for the Rehabilitation of Large Diameter Sewer Pipes in City Proper and South Boston.

4. Request to Advertise for Bids Contract Number 18-308-001, Replacement and Rehabilitation of Water and Sewer Pipes in Back Bay/Beacon Hill and Fenway/Kenmore. 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 advertise for bids for Contract Number 18-308-001 for the Replacement and Rehabilitation of Water and Sewer Pipes in Back Bay/Beacon Hill and Fenway/Kenmore.

5. Recommendation for Authorization to Award Contract Number 18-308-003, for Water, Sewerage, and Drainage Works Improvements in Dorchester. 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 18-308-003, for Water, Sewerage, and Drainage Works Improvements in Dorchester to K & K Excavation Company, Inc. in the amount of \$2,935,798.34; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

6. Recommendation for Authorization to Award Contract Number 19-309-022, for Water and Sewerage Works Improvements in East Boston – East Boston Sewer Separation Phase 3. 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 19-309-022 for Water and Sewerage Works Improvements in East Boston – East Boston Sewer Separation Phase 3 to RJV Construction in the amount of \$12,256,797.05; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

7. Request for Authorization to Solicit Proposals to Implement a Citywide Sewer and Drain Monitoring System. 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 solicit proposals from qualified firms and recommend a firm to implement a citywide sewer and drain monitoring system.

Administration

8. Request for Additional Funds for Contract Number 18-207-005-A, Design and Construction Oversight Services – Vehicle Wash Upgrade. 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 approves additional funds for Contract Number 18-207-005-A Design and Construction Oversight Services – Vehicle Wash Upgrade with Weston and Sampson Engineers, Inc. in the amount of \$81,500.00, bringing the total contract value to \$252,300.00.

Operations

9. Request for Authorization to Advertise a Request for Proposals for Licensed Site Professional Services. 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 solicit proposals for a three-year professional services contract for a Licensed Site Professional in the amount of \$300,000.00.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, after further discussion and 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 2:04 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry F. Vitale
Secretary