

BOSTON WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Boston Water and Sewer Commission was called to order at 1:04 P.M. on Tuesday, August 24, 2021, at the office of the Commission, 980 Harrison Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts. 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 meeting were Commissioner Michael J. Woodall, Commissioner Kathleen Stone and Commissioner Thomas Keady constituting a quorum for the transaction of business; Messrs. Canavan, Dayib, Dwyer, Hunt, LaMarca, Petruzzello, Piacenza, Porras, Sullivan, Van Dam, Vitale, and Mses. Ma, Mahoney, McSweeney, and Theodat of the Commission Staff. Commissioner Woodall acted as Chairman and Mr. Vitale acted as Secretary.

The Executive Director, Mr. Vitale, extended words of gratitude to Mr. Dwyer's on his impending retirement after 33 years of dedicated service to the Commission and to Ms. DiLoretto for her service as General Counsel. He extended a warm welcome to Mr. LaMarca on being named Acting General Counsel and also wished a speedy recovery to Ms. Randolph.

Approval of Minutes

Upon opening the meeting, consideration was given to a draft of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Commission held on July 28, 2021. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioners Stone and Keady, 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 July 28, 2021, be, and are, hereby approved.

Presentations

Hussein Dayib presented an update on personnel information and training programs.

Nelson Piacenza explained the reasons for being underbudget for the year.

Irene McSweeney reported about the Commission's storm preparation efforts.

Chairman Woodall expressed the need to update the Lead Replacement program.

John Sullivan reported about the possibility to obtain grants for the Lead Replacement program.

Information Reports

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

Ratification of Disbursements for July 15, 2021, through August 11, 2021. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Stone, and Commissioner Keady, 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 \$218,513.85 are ratified and approved.

2. Affirmative Action Plan: Second Quarter Report for the Period April 1, 2021, through June 30, 2021.

II. GENERAL MANAGEMENT REPORTS

1. July 2021 Capital Improvement Program Budget Variance Report.
2. July 2021 Monthly Management Report.
3. July 2021 Revenue and Expenses Report.

III. PROPOSALS AND CONTRACTS

Engineering

1. For Information Only: Project Performance Tracking and Reporting.

2. Authorization to Award Contract No. 18-308-001 for 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, and Commissioner Keady, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Stone voted yea, and Commissioner Keady voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to Award Contract No. 18-308-001 to RJV Construction for an amount not to exceed \$6,516,457.75; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

3. Authorization to Apply for State Revolving Funds, American Rescue Plan Funding, and other available Grant and Loan Funding. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Stone, and Commissioner Keady, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Stone voted yea, and Commissioner Keady voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to Apply for State Revolving Funds, American Rescue Plan Funding, and other infrastructure grant funding as programs become available.

4. Authorization to Advertise for Professional Services for Planning and Design Services Associated with Sewer Separation in East Boston. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Stone, and Commissioner Keady, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Stone voted yea, and Commissioner Keady voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to Advertise a Request for Proposals (RFP) for engineering services associated with Planning and Design Services for Sewer Separation in East Boston.

Administration

1. Request for Additional Funds for Contract 20-202-002 Avatar Construction Vehicle Wash Facility Upgrades. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Stone, and Commissioner Keady, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Stone voted yea, and Commissioner Keady voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to disburse Additional Funds to Avatar Construction in an amount not to exceed \$218,029.00; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

2. Authorization to award a contract for the replacement of BWSC's disk-based backup systems. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Stone, and 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 to GovConnection for the replacement of BWSC's disk-based backup systems in an amount not to exceed \$318,575.00; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

3. Authorization to award a contract under Massachusetts State Contract for Advanced Security and Database Lifecycle Management Software and Services. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Stone, and 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 to Oracle Corporation for Advanced Security and Database Lifecycle Management Software and Services in an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

4. Authorization to award a contract under sole source procurement for maintenance and technical support of the Commission's Customer Information and Billing Services. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Stone, and 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, under sole source procurement, to Itineris NA, Inc., for maintenance and technical support of the Commission's Customer Information and Billing Services in an amount not to exceed \$120,000.00; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

Operations

1. Authorization to Advertise Contract 21-103-008 Improvements to the Port Norfolk Pump Station in Dorchester. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner

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

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to Advertise Contract 21-103-008 Improvements to the Port Norfolk Pump Station in Dorchester.

2. Authorization to Advertise for bids for the 2022 annual maintenance and emergency repair contracts for the Commission's water, sewerage, and drainage systems. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Stone, and Commissioner Keady, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Stone voted yea, and Commissioner Keady voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to Advertise for bids for the 2022 annual maintenance and emergency repair contracts for the Commission's water, sewerage, and drainage systems.

3. Authorization to Reject All bids for Contract 21-309-005 Rehabilitation of the New Boston Main Interceptor in South Boston and request to Advertise Contract 21-309-0005A Rehabilitation of the New Boston Main Interceptor Siphons and Chambers. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Stone, and Commissioner Keady, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Stone voted yea, and Commissioner Keady voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to Reject All bids for Contract 21-309-005 Rehabilitation of the New Boston Main Interceptor in South Boston. and to Advertise Contract 21-309-0005A Rehabilitation of the New Boston Main Interceptor Siphons and Chambers.

IV. 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, and Commissioner Keady, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Stone voted yea, and Commissioner Keady voted yea.

RESOLVED: To adjourn.

Adjourned, accordingly, at 1:48 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Henry F. Vitale
Secretary