

BOSTON WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, January 26, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Boston Water and Sewer Commission was called to order at 5:00 P.M. on Wednesday, January 26, 2022, 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, this meeting was conducted remotely. The dial in and meeting identification were publicly noticed.

Present at the meeting were Commissioner Michael J. Woodall, Commissioner Cathleen Stone and Commissioner Thomas Keady constituting a quorum for the transaction of business; Messrs. Canavan, Dayib, Hunt, Jewell, LaMarca, Petruzzello, Piacenza, Sullivan, Van Dam, Vitale, and Mses. Hickson, Ma, Mahoney, McSweeney, Randolph, Schofield, and Theodat of the Commission Staff. Commissioner Woodall acted as Chairman and Mr. Vitale acted as Secretary. Also present were members of the public.

Upon opening the meeting Mr. Vitale asked Chairman Woodall to give an overview of the format of the meeting. Chairman Woodall informed participants that the meeting was being held virtually and that at the conclusion of the open session that the Board would meet in Executive Session and would not be reconvening at the conclusion of the Executive Session.

Administration

Approval of Minutes

Upon opening of the meeting, consideration was given to a draft of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Commission held on Tuesday, December 21, 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 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Commission held on Tuesday, December 21, 2021, be, and they hereby are, approved.

Information Reports

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

Ratification of Disbursements for December 14, 2021, through January 10, 2022. 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 \$131,513.17 are ratified and approved.

II. GENERAL MANAGEMENT REPORTS

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

III. PROPOSALS AND CONTRACTS

Engineering

1. Request for Authorization to Advertise Contract No. 20-308-004, for Installation and Replacement of Water Mains in Back Bay/Beacon Hill, Charlestown, 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 advertise Contract 20-308-004, for installation and replacement of water mains in Back Bay/Beacon Hill, Charlestown, and Fenway/Kenmore.

2. Request for Authorization Negotiate and Execute Contract No. 21-206-002, to Develop and Administer Sewer Drain Sensor Deployment. 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 negotiate and execute Contract No. 21-206-002 with Tetra Tech to develop and administer a sewer drain sensor deployment program at a cost not to exceed \$751,582.00; and Commission Staff are authorized to negotiate, and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

3. Request for Authorization to Advertise Contract No. 21-308-003, Replacement and Rehabilitation of Water, Sewer and Drain Pipes in City Proper. 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 No. 21-308-003, replacement and rehabilitation of water, sewer and drain pipes in City Proper.

4. Request for Authorization to Publicly Advertise and Solicit Proposals for Contract No. 22-206-003, for Capital Survey Services for a 3-year period. 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 publicly advertise and solicit proposals for Contract No. 22-206-003, for a 3-year professional services contract for capital survey services.

5. Request for Authorization to Advertise Contract No. 22-309-004, Sewer and Drain Condition Monitoring in the City of 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 Contract No. 22-309-004, sewer and drain condition monitoring in the City of Boston.

Administration

1. Request for Authorization to Utilize a Commonwealth of Massachusetts State Contract to Purchase Data Communication 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 utilize a Commonwealth of Massachusetts State Contract to purchase data communication services from Verizon in an amount not to exceed \$334,000.00 for the period of May 1, 2022, to April 30, 2025; and Commission Staff are authorized to negotiate, and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

Operations

1. Request for Authorization to Advertise Contract No. 20-309-014, Sewerage Works Improvements Citywide. 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 No. 20-309-014, sewerage works improvements Citywide.

2. Request for Authorization to Award Contract No. 22-103-001, for the Purchase of Processed Gravel. 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. 22-103-001, to Mario Susi and Sons for the purchase of processed gravel at a cost not to exceed \$58,275.00; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

3. Request for Authorization to Award Contract No. 22-103-003, for the Purchase of cold Patch Liquid Asphalt Blend. 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. 22-103-003, to T.L. Edwards Inc. for the purchase cold patch liquid

asphalt blend at a cost not to exceed \$57,950.00; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

4. Request for Authorization to Rescind the of Award of Contract No. 22-303-006, for Disposal/Reuse of Waste Sewer Cleaning and to Advertise Contract No. 22-303-006A, for Disposal/Reuse of Waste Sewer Cleaning. 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 rescind the award of Contract No. 22-303-006, to W.L. French Excavating Corporation for disposal/reuse of waste sewer cleanings, and further;

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to advertise Contract No. 22-303-006A, for disposal/reuse of waste sewer cleanings.

5. Request for Authorization to Rescind the of Award of Contract No. 22-303-007, for Disposal/Reuse of Catch Basin Cleanings and to Advertise Contract No. 22-303-006A, for Disposal/Reuse of Catch Basin Cleanings. 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 rescind the award of Contract No. 22-303-007, to W.L. French Excavating Corporation for disposal/reuse of catch basin cleanings, and further;

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to advertise Contract No. 22-303-007A, for disposal/reuse of catch basin cleanings.

6. For information only: Testing, Transportation and Disposal of Waste Sewer and Catch Basin Cleanings Report.

7. Request for Authorization to Advertise two Contracts for the Inspection of Sewers and Storm Drains under the CMOM Program. 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 two Contracts for the inspection of sewers and storm drains under the CMOM program.

FINANCE

1. Request for Authorization to Negotiate and Execute a Contract Extension with Raftelis Financial Consultants to Study the Feasibility for Development and Implementation of a Stormwater fee. 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 extend the Contract with Raftelis Financial Consultants to study the feasibility for development and implementation of a stormwater fee for a period of two years in an amount not to exceed \$459,048.00; and Commission Staff are authorized to negotiate, and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

IV. 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 to approve the draft of the October 26, 2021, and November 30, 2021, Executive Session Minutes and discuss certain other matters. Upon Motion duly by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner State and Commissioner Keady, Chairman Woodall voted yea and Commissioner Stone votes yea, and Commissioner Keady voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission go into Executive Session to approve the draft of the October 26, 2021, and November 30, 2021, Executive Session Minutes and discuss certain other matters, the Commission 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 Executive Session; and further

RESOLVED: To adjourn the open meeting and meet in Executive Session

ADJOURNMENT

After further discussion upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Stone, Chairman Woodall voted yea, and Commissioner Stone voted yea.

RESOLVED: To adjourn.

Adjourned, accordingly, at 5: 28 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Henry F. Vitale
Secretary