

BOSTON WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

Friday, May 6, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Boston Water and Sewer Commission was called to order at 10:04 A.M. on Friday, May 6, 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 February 15, 2022, 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 Thomas Keady and Commissioner Christopher Cook constituting a quorum for the transaction of business and Messrs. Attar, Canavan, Dayib, Hoglund, Hunt, LaMarca, Petruzzello, Piacenza, Sullivan, Van Dam, Vitale, and Ms. Hickson, Ma, Mahoney, McSweeney, Randolph, and Theodat of the Commission Staff. Commissioner Woodall acted as Chairman and Mr. Vitale acted as Secretary. Also present were members of the public and Energy New England.

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 under the provisions of G.L. c. 30A, and per the Act extending certain COVID-19 Measures Adopted During the State of Emergency and that at the conclusion of the open session the Board would meet in Executive Session and would not reconvene in open session following Executive Session.

Administration

Approval of Minutes

Consideration was given to a draft of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Commission held on Wednesday, March 23, 2022. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Keady, Chairman Woodall voted yea, and Commissioner Keady voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Commission held on Wednesday, March 23, 2022, be, and they hereby are, approved.

Mr. Vitale then asked that the transmittals submitted by Safety be taken out of order, which the Board agreed to do.

Safety

1. Request for Authorization to Utilize the Massachusetts State and/or Cooperative Procurement Contracts for the purchase of twenty-three (23) Electric Vehicles (EV). Following an initial discussion of the proposal, Energy New England gave a presentation. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Keady, Chairman Woodall voted yea, and Commissioner Keady voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to utilize Massachusetts State and/or Cooperative Procurement Contracts for the purchase of twenty-three (23) electric vehicles in an amount not to exceed \$1,081,000; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

2. Request for Authorization to Utilize the Massachusetts State and/or Cooperative Procurement Contracts for the purchase of Seventeen (17) Heavy Duty/Specialized Vehicles and Sixteen (16) Hybrid Pickups. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Keady, Chairman Woodall voted yea, and Commissioner Keady voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to utilize Massachusetts State and/or Cooperative Procurement Contracts for the purchase of seventeen (17) heavy duty/specialized vehicles and sixteen (16) hybrid pickups in an amount not to exceed \$3,699,000.00; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

Information Reports

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

Ratification of Disbursements for March 14, 2022, through April 14, 2022. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Keady, Chairman Woodall 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 \$508,685.66 are ratified and approved.

2. For Information Only: Affirmative Action Plan: First Quarter Report for the period January 1, 2022, through March 31, 2022.

II. GENERAL MANAGEMENT REPORTS

1. March 2022 Capital Improvement Program Budget Variance Report.
2. March 2022 Monthly Management Report.
3. March 2022 Revenue and Expense Report.

III. PROPOSALS AND CONTRACTS

Engineering

1. For Information Only: Construction Contracts and Change Order Summary.
2. Request for Authorization to Advertise for a Professional Services for the Design of Sewerage and Water Works Improvements in the City of Boston. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Keady, Chairman Woodall voted yea, and Commissioner Keady voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to advertise for professional services for the design of sewerage and water works improvements in the City of Boston.

3. Request for Authorization to Negotiate and Execute 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 Keady, Chairman Woodall voted yea, and Commissioner Keady voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to negotiate and execute Contract No. 22-206-003, with Green International Affiliates for capital survey services for a 3-year period in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.00; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

4. Request for Authorization to Advertise Contract No. 22-309-005, Installation of a Stormwater Treatment Vault Along Talbot Avenue in Dorchester. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Keady, Chairman Woodall voted yea, and Commissioner Keady voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to advertise Contract No. 22-309-005, installation of a stormwater treatment vault along Talbot Avenue in Dorchester.

5. Request for Authorization to Award Contract No. 22-309-007 for Roadway Restoration of Boston Water and Sewer Excavations. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Keady, Chairman Woodall voted yea, and Commissioner Keady voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to award Contract No. 22-309-007, to Mario Susi & Sons, Inc. for roadway restoration of Boston Water and Sewer excavations in an amount not to exceed \$2,532,380.00; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

I.T.

1. Request for Authorization to Utilize a Cooperative Purchasing Contract and Award a Contract for Managed Detection and Response Services for a 1-year period. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Keady, Chairman Woodall voted yea, and Commissioner Keady voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized utilize a cooperative purchasing contract and award a contract to SHI for managed detection and response services for a 1-year period in an amount not to exceed \$108,116.00; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents

Operations

1. Request for Authorization to replace the Right-Angle Gear on Turbine Pump #2 at the Union Park Pumping/Treatment Facility. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Keady, Chairman Woodall voted yea, and Commissioner Keady voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to replace the right-angle gear on Turbine Pump #2, by purchasing the right-angle gear and necessary Millwright services required for the disassembling, shipping, and installation of the new unit from a sole source provider Philadelphia Gear (Timken) in an amount not to exceed \$410,000.00; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents;

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to waive the advertisement requirement and purchase these goods and services from the sole source provider.

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

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to advertise Contract No. 20-309-014, sewerage works improvements Citywide.

3. Request for Authorization to Approve Additional Funds for Contract No. 21-303-002, Emergency Repairs to Sewers and Drains. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Keady, Chairman Woodall voted yea, and Commissioner Keady voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to approve additional funds in the amount of \$32,291.95 for Contract No. 21-303-002, for emergency repairs to sewers and drains raising the total cost of the contract to \$1,485,743.07; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

4. Request for Authorization to Advertise Contract No. 21-309-005A, Rehabilitation of the New Boston Main Interceptor and Associated Chambers. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Keady, Chairman Woodall voted yea, and Commissioner Keady voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to advertise Contract No. 21-309-005A, rehabilitation of new Boston main interceptor and associated chambers.

5. Request for Authorization to Award Contract No. 22-309-009, Sewer and Drain Condition Monitoring in Roslindale, South Dorchester, and West Roxbury. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Keady, Chairman Woodall voted yea, and Commissioner Keady voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to award Contract No. 22-309-009, to Next Level Environment for sewer and drain condition monitoring in Roslindale, South Dorchester, and West Roxbury at a cost not to exceed \$618,940.25; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

5. Request for Authorization to Award Contract No. 22-309-010, Sewer and Drain Condition Monitoring in Back Bay/Beacon Hill, East Boston, North Dorchester, and Roxbury. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Keady, Chairman Woodall voted yea, and Commissioner Keady voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to award Contract No. 22-309-010, to National Water Main Cleaning Company for sewer and drain condition monitoring in Back Bay/Beacon Hill, East Boston, North Dorchester, and Roxbury at a cost not to exceed \$814,100.25; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

Organizational Diversity

1. Request for Approval of the Boston Water and Sewer Commission 2022 Affirmative Action Policy. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Keady, Chairman Woodall voted yea, and Commissioner Keady voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Boston Water and Sewer Commission 2022 Affirmative Action Policy, be and hereby is approved.

Finance

1. Request for Authorization to Reduce the Pension Plan's Public Fixed Income Exposure and Increase the Pension Plan's real estate allocation/invest in a private debt mandate and initiate a search for a private debt manager. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Keady, Chairman Woodall voted yea, and Commissioner Keady voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to reduce the Pension Plan's public fixed income exposure, increase the Pension Plan's real estate allocation through investing in the Intercontinental U.S. REIF Fund/Morgan Stanley PRIME Property Fund, invest in a private debt strategy and initiate a search for a private debt manager.

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 March 23, 2022, Executive Session Minutes. Upon Motion duly by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Keady, Chairman Woodall voted yea, and Commissioner Keady voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission go into Executive Session to approve the draft of the March 23, 2022, Executive Session Minutes and 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: To adjourn this open meeting at 11:14 A.M. and meet in Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

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

RESOLVED: To adjourn.

Adjourned, accordingly, at 11:14 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Henry F. Vitale". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Henry F. Vitale
Secretary