

BOSTON WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, July 26, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Boston Water and Sewer Commission was called to order at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, July 26, 2023, at the office of the Commission, 980 Harrison Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts. Under the provisions of Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023, signed into law by the Governor on March 29, 2023, further extending certain provisions of the Open Meeting law until March 31, 2025, this meeting will be conducted remotely. The dial in and meeting identification were publicly noticed.

Present at the meeting were Commissioner Michael J. Woodall, Commissioner Armino Goncalves and Commissioner Christopher Cook constituting a quorum for the transaction of business; Messrs. Dayib, Hogle, Hunt, LaMarca, Petruzzello, Piacenza, Sullivan, Vitale, and Ms. Ma, Mahoney, McSweeney, and Randolph of the Commission Staff. Commissioner Woodall acted as Chairman and Mr. Vitale acted as Secretary. Also present were additional Commission employees and 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 the Board would not be meeting in 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, June 28, 2023. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Cook, Chairman Woodall voted yea, and Commissioner Cook voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Commission held on Monday, June 28, 2023, be, and they hereby are, approved.

Information Reports

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

Ratification of Disbursements for the period of June 19, to July 13, 2023. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Goncalves, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioners Goncalves voted yea and Commissioner Cook voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the actions of those persons authorized by the Commission to execute checks for a total of \$217,918.35 are ratified and approved.

2. Affirmative Action Plan: Second Quarter Report.

3. Report on the Renewal of the Commission's lines of insurance.

II. GENERAL MANAGEMENT REPORTS

1. June 2023 Capital Improvement Program Budget Variance Report.
2. June 2023 Monthly Management Report.
3. June 2023 Revenue and Expense Analysis

III. PROPOSALS AND CONTRACTS

Engineering

1. Request for Authorization to Amend Contract No. 20-206-007 for Citywide Illicit Connection Investigation Program Phase 5. Upon Motion duly made by Commissioner Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Goncalves, Commissioner Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Goncalves voted yea, and Commissioner Cook voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to amend Contract No. 20-206-007 for Citywide Illicit Connection Investigation Phase 5 with Stantec, Inc. to reallocate existing contract funds and extend the contract length by 16 months; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

2. Request for Authorization to Award Contract No. 23-309-013, Replacement of Sewer and Drain Pipes in Back Bay/Beacon Hill. Upon Motion duly made by Commissioner Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Goncalves, Commissioner Woodall voted yea, Commission Goncalves voted year, and Commissioner Cook voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to award Contract No 23-309-013, replacement of sewer and drain pipes in Back Bay/Beacon Hill to Niezgoda & Murray Excavation in an amount not to exceed \$943,078.20; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

Administration

1. Request for Authorization to Amend Contract No. 22-201-007, Construction Renovations at 980 Harrison Avenue, Boston. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Goncalves, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Goncalves voted yea and Commissioner Cook voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to amend Contract No 22-201-007, Construction Renovations at 980 Harrison Avenue, Boston, by G.V.W. Inc. and approve additional funds for additional work in an amount not-to-exceed \$171,862.00 for a new contract total of \$1,506,297.00; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

2. Request for Authorization to Award a Sole Source Contract for a SCREAM Upgrade. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Cook, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Goncalves voted yea, and Commissioner Cook voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to award a sole source contract for technical support services for the upgrade of the Commission's pipeline inspection application and for a 3-year maintenance and support contract to Jacobs in an amount not to exceed \$264,900.00; 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.

3. Request for Authorization to Award a Sole Source Contract for Paymentus Electronic Bill Payment Services. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Goncalves, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Goncalves and Commissioner Cook voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to renegotiate and award a sole source contract to Paymentus for a 3-year contract with the option to renew for up to two additional successive one (1) year periods for electronic bill payment services; 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.

Operations

1. Request for Authorization to Amend the Commission's Building Sewer or Sewer Lateral Program and the Financial Assistance Program. Upon Motion duly made by Commissioner Goncalves and seconded by Commissioner Goncalves, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Goncalves voted yea, and Commissioner Cook voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to amend the Policy on the Commission's Building Sewer or Sewer Lateral Program and the Financial Assistance Program and increase the credit amount of the sewer lateral replacement costs to \$8,000.00 for all excavated repairs with a minimum length of eight feet and the credit for a sewer lateral liner to \$6,000.00 for the entire sewer lateral and to reduce the time frame for prior repair to ten years.

2. Request for Authorization to Amend the Policy on Leaks Up to Owner and Replacement of Lead Water Services on Private Property. Upon Motion duly made by Commissioner Goncalves and seconded by Commissioner Cook, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Goncalves voted yea, and Commissioner Cook voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to amend the Policy on Leaks Up to Owner and Replacement of Lead Water Services on Private Property and to fund the total amount of lead service replacement costs on private property effective January 1, 2023, and may continue to do so while the Commission is receiving assistance from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Lead Service Line Inventories and Replacement Plans.

3. Request for Authorization to Award Contract No. 20-308-006, Replacement of Water Mains and Large Valves Citywide. Upon Motion duly made by Commissioner Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Goncalves, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Goncalves voted yea, and Commissioner Cook voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to award Contract No. 20-308-006, replacement of water mains and large valves Citywide to D'Allessandro Corp. in an amount not to exceed \$4,417,579.66; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

4. Request for Authorization to Negotiate and Award Contract No. 23-103-004, for Water Sampling Services. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Goncalves, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Goncalves voted yea and Commissioner Cook voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to negotiate and award Contract No. 23-103-004, to EST Associates, Inc. for professional services to maintain the Commission's water sampling services in an amount not to exceed \$331,235.00; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

5. Request for Authorization to Award Contract No. 23-203-001, Port Norfolk Pump Station Improvements in Dorchester. Upon Motion duly made by Commissioner Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Goncalves, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Goncalves voted yea, and Commissioner Cook voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to award Contract No. 23-203-001, Port Norfolk Pump Stations Improvements in Dorchester to R. Zoppo Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$1,266,579.00; 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's 2023 Affirmative Action Policy. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Goncalves, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioners Goncalves voted yea, and Commissioner Cook voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Boston Water and Sewer Commission's 2023 Affirmative Action Policy, be and hereby is approved.

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 Cook, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Cook voted yea and Commissioner Goncalves yea.

RESOLVED: To adjourn.

Adjourned, accordingly, at 10:46 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 a horizontal line.

Henry F. Vitale
Secretary