

BOSTON WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, January 24, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Boston Water and Sewer Commission was called to order at 10:05 A.M. on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, at the executive offices of the Commission, 980 Harrison Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts in its large executive conference room. 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 was also 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, Hoglund, Hunt, Petruzzello, Rossi, Sullivan, Vitale, and Ms. Ma, Mahoney, McSweeney, Randolph and Theodat of the Commission Staff. Commissioner Woodall acted as Chairman and Mr. Vitale acted as Secretary. Also present were Special Counsel Luthin 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 in person and virtually and that the Commission would be meeting in Executive Session, after which the regular meeting would reconvene.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon the request of the Executive Director, Chairman Woodall advised the Commissioners that it would be appropriate to go into Executive Session to discuss certain matters. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Goncalves and Commissioner Cook, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Goncalves voted yea and Commissioner Cook voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission go into Executive Session to discuss certain 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 reconvene in an open meeting session upon completion of the Executive Session; and further;

RESOLVED: To adjourn this open meeting at 10:06 A.M. and meet in Executive Session

Thereupon, at 11:17 A.M. the Commissioners reconvened the Open Meeting.

Upon the re-opening of the regular meeting the Executive Director took a moment to acknowledge the recent passing of former Boston Water and Sewer Commissioner Muhammad Ali-Salaam noting his warmth and humor, and his long-service to both the Commission and the City of Boston. Chairman Woodall added that Mr. Ali-Salaam was a consummate gentleman whose service to the City as a whole, the world and his faith would be missed. Commissioner Goncalves called him a good man, better friend and a mentor who would be missed. Commissioner Cook agreed with all the statements made.

Administration

Approval of Minutes

Consideration was given to a draft of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Commission held on Thursday, December 21, 2023. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Cook and Commissioner Goncalves, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Goncalves voted yea and Commissioner Cook voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Commission held on Thursday, December 21, 2023, be, and they hereby are, approved.

Informational Reports

1. Miscellaneous Disbursements (Schedules A, B, & D) in the amount of \$764,688.51.
2. Affirmative Action Plan: Fourth Quarter Report (October 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023)

II. GENERAL MANAGEMENT REPORTS

1. December 2023 Capital Improvement Program Budget Variance Report.
2. December 2023 Monthly Management Report.

III. PROPOSALS AND CONTRACTS

Engineering

1. Request for Authorization to Award Contract No. 19-308-004, for Water and Sewerage Works Improvements in City Proper, Back Bay and Beacon Hill. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Goncalves and Commissioner Cook, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Goncalves voted yea and Commissioner Cook voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to award Contract No. 19-308-004, for water and sewerage works improvements in City Proper, Back Bay and Beacon Hill to Albanese D&S, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$21,856,745.11; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

2. Request for Authorization to Advertise Contract No. 22-309-012 for Water and Sewerage Works Improvements in South Boston and to Approve Funding for Associated Police Details. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Goncalves and Commissioner Cook, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Goncalves voted yea and Commissioner Cook voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to advertise Contract No. 22-309-012 for water and sewerage works improvements in South Boston and to approve funding for associated police details.

3. Request for Authorization to Advertise Contract No. 24-309-004 for Sewer and Drain Condition Monitoring in the City of Boston. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Goncalves and Commissioner Cook, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Goncalves voted yea and Commissioner Cook voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to advertise Contract No. 24-309-004 for sewer and drain condition monitoring in the City of Boston.

4. Request for Authorization to Award Contract No. 24-309-007, Roadway Restoration of Boston Water and Sewer Commission Excavations. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Goncalves and Commissioner Cook, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Goncalves voted yea and Commissioner Cook voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to award Contract No. 24-309-007, roadway restoration of Boston Water and Sewer Commission excavations to Lorusso Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$2,717,131.25; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

5. Request for Authorization to Advertise a Request for Proposals for Construction Supervision Services for Sewer Separation in East Boston. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Goncalves and Commissioner Cook, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Goncalves voted yea and Commissioner Cook voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to advertise a request for proposals for construction supervision services for sewer separation in East Boston.

Administration

1. Request for Authorization to Award Contract No. 23-103-009, for the Purchase of Residential Water Meters. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Goncalves and Commissioner Cook, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Goncalves voted yea and Commissioner Cook voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to award Contract No. 23-103-009, for the purchase of residential water meters to Neptune Technology in an amount not to exceed \$611,600.00; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

Operations

1. Request for Authorization to Amend Contract No. 23-303-012, Restoration of Sidewalk Excavations Citywide II. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Goncalves and Commissioner Cook, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Goncalves voted yea and Commissioner Cook voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to amend Contract No. 23-303-012, restoration of sidewalk excavations Citywide II and approve additional funds in the amount of \$99,550.00 to cover the cost of additional work for a new contract value of \$842,855.60; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

Finance

1. Request for Authorization to Utilize Commonwealth of Massachusetts State Contracts ENE 47 for the purchase of Biodiesel Fuel and ENE 48 for the purchase of Unleaded Gasoline in 2024. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Goncalves and Commissioner Cook, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Goncalves voted yea and Commissioner Cook voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to Utilize Commonwealth of Massachusetts State Contracts ENE 47 for the purchase of Biodiesel Fuel and ENE 48 for the purchase of Unleaded Gasoline in 2024 in an amount not to exceed \$450,000.00; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

2. Request for Authorization to Utilize Commonwealth of Massachusetts State Contract VEH96 to Purchase Motorized Vehicle Parts, Re-refined Motor Oil, Remanufactured Antifreeze, and other Lubricants. Upon Motion duly made by Chairman Woodall and seconded by Commissioner Goncalves and Commissioner Cook, Chairman Woodall voted yea, Commissioner Goncalves voted yea and Commissioner Cook voted yea.

RESOLVED: That the Commission is authorized to Utilize Commonwealth of Massachusetts State Contract VEH96 for the purchase of motorized vehicle parts, re-refined motor oil, remanufactured antifreeze, and other lubricants in 2024 at a cost not to exceed \$225,000.00; and the Executive Director is authorized to execute the necessary contract documents.

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, and Commissioner Cook yea.

RESOLVED: To adjourn.

Adjourned, accordingly, at 11:43 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Henry F. Vitale". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Henry F. Vitale
Secretary