



City of Racine

Meeting Minutes

Waterworks Commission

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*President Michael Staeck, Vice President Thomas Friedel
Secretary Kathy DeMatthew, Mayor Gary Becker
Alderman Ronald D. Hart, Jeff Pellegrom, Brian Anderson*

Tuesday, April 24, 2007

4:00 PM

City Hall - Room #205

1. Roll Call

OTHERS PRESENT: K. Haas, M. Gitter, K. Scolaro, N. Sanders, A. Lesnjak, R. King, R. Pace, M. Klimek, R. Gilbreath, A. Wheeler, R. Christensen, R. Keland, J. Hewitt, R. Lui, M. Kosterman, J. Jordan, D. Lynaugh, C. Schweitzer, J. Moss, K. Wanggaard, Ald. Holding

PRESENT: 6 - Kathy DeMatthew, Jeff Pellegrom, Brian Anderson, Ronald D. Hart, Thomas Friedel and Michael Staeck

EXCUSED: 1 - Gary Becker

2. Approval of Minutes for the March 2007 Meeting

Commissioner Friedel made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hart, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Waterworks Commissioners held on Tuesday, March 27, 2007. The motion passed unanimously.

to Approve the Minutes

3. [07-0487](#)

Subject: Budget expenditures for March 2007 totaling \$1,457,483.46

Recommendation: Approve

Commissioner Hart made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Friedel, to approve the budget expenditures for March 2007 totaling \$1,457,483.46. The motion passed unanimously.

Approved

4. [07-0488](#)

Subject: Project Reports

- A. Membrane Project - Mike Kosterman, Water Plant Superintendent
- B. Newman Road Booster Station - Chad Regalia, Staff Engineer

Recommendation: Receive and File

Project reports were given by staff.

Received and Filed

5. [06-2377](#)

Subject: Request for payment for water main oversizing on Hwy. KR for Langendorf

Recommendation: Defer

The General Manager asked that this item be deferred.

Commissioner Hart made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Friedel, to defer this item. The motion passed unanimously.

Deferred

6. [07-0339](#) **Subject:** Request for payment for water main oversizing for Shadow Wood Development

Recommendation: Approve

The General Manager recommended that payment be made for water main oversizing for the Shadow Wood development.

Commissioner Friedel made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to approve payment in the amount of \$41,135.03 for water main oversizing for the Shadow Wood development. The motion passed unanimously.

Approved

7. [07-0489](#) **Subject:** Bid Opening on Contract W-07-3, Sheridan Road Water Main Replacement

Recommendation: Approve

The General Manager submitted the bid results for Contract W-07-3 and recommended that the contract be awarded to the low bidder.

Commissioner Anderson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Friedel, to approve the low bid of Underground Pipeline on Contract W-07-3, Sheridan Road Water Main Replacement, in the bid amount of \$677,190.00. The motion passed unanimously.

Approved

8. [07-0507](#) **Subject:** Authorization of Certificate of Substantial Completion on Contract W-03-11, Submerged Membrane Filtration System

Recommendation: Approve

The General Manager noted that he received a letter from Camp, Dresser & McKee, Inc. recommending that substantial completion be authorized, and furthermore, that retainage be reduced on Contract W-03-11 from 15% to 5% as GE Zenon has completed several outstanding work items successfully.

Commissioner Friedel made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, to reduce retainage on Contract W-03-11, Submerged Membrane Filtration System, Goods & Special Services Agreement, GE Zenon (contractor), to \$818,283.00 in accordance with Camp, Dresser & McKee's recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

Approved

9. [07-0490](#) **Subject:** Request to fill vacancy of Senior Inspector due to a retirement and any subsequent vacancies that may result

Recommendation: Approve

The General Manager requested to fill the vacancy of Senior Inspector due to a retirement.

Commissioner Hart made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pellegrom, to authorize the hiring of a Senior Inspector due to a retirement, and any subsequent vacancies that may result. The motion passed unanimously.

Approved10. [07-0327](#)

Subject: Communication from the Aldermen of the 5th District and 11th District wishing to discuss the possibility of installing and leasing of conduit to carry fiber optic cable for other companies.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee

(4-10-07): The item be referred to the Water and Wastewater Utility for their consideration to install duct work along with their projects both within and outside the City of Racine.

Further recommend that the item be referred to the City Attorney's office for review of the City of Milwaukee's ordinance pertaining to the installation of ducts and its adaptability to the City of Racine. The City Attorney's office is to report their findings back to the Public Works and Services Committee.

Fiscal Note: Not applicable at this time.

Recommendation of the Waterworks & Wastewater Commissions

(4-24-07): Defer until City Attorney reviews City of Milwaukee's ordinance pertaining to the installation of ducts and its adaptability to the City of Racine.

Fiscal Note: Not applicable at this time.

The General Manager noted that he received a communication from Alderman Holding and Alderman Maack to look at the opportunity of installing and leasing conduit in our streets for the purpose of carrying fiber optic cable during other work being done in our streets in order to save on cost for potential duct bank installation. The General Manager stated that the Utility doesn't have any opposition with the installation, but at this time, we do not have any large projects that would be able to accommodate this request.

Commissioner Hart made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Friedel, to defer this item until the City Attorney has reviewed the City of Milwaukee's ordinance pertaining to the installation of ducts and its adaptability to the City of Racine. The motion passed unanimously.

Deferred

11. Other Business

A. *The General Manager introduced Michael Gitter as the new Chief of Operations for the*

Water and Wastewater Utilities.

B. The General Manager noted that if anyone was interested in the AWWA or WEFTEC conferences, to please contact Nancy Sanders as soon as possible.

12. Adjournment

There being no other business, Commissioner Friedel made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hart, to adjourn the meeting at 4:20 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

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