



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Wastewater Commission

Mayor John Dickert
Alderman Terry McCarthy
Thomas Bunker
Secretary Robert Lui
President Kathy DeMatthew
Ralph Schwarz
Vice President Joseph Mandala
Anthony Bunkelman
Anthony Beyer
Thomas Friedel
James Spangenberg
James Morgenroth
James Palenick
John Hewitt
Jason Eckman
Mike Rosenbaum

Tuesday, May 30, 2017

4:30 PM

City Hall Annex, Room 227

Roll Call

OTHERS PRESENT: K. Haas, M. Gitter, K. Scolaro, N. Sanders, A. Wheeler, C. Adamczyk, J. Lenell, S. Small

PRESENT: 11 - John Dickert, Terry McCarthy, Robert Lui, Kathy DeMatthew, Joseph Mandala, Anthony Bunkelman, James Spangenberg, James Morgenroth, James Palenick, John Hewitt and Mike Rosenbaum

EXCUSED: 5 - Thomas Bunker, Ralph Schwarz, Anthony Beyer, Thomas Friedel and Jason Eckman

Approval of Minutes for the April 2017 Meeting

A motion was made by Mayor Dickert, seconded by Spangenberg, that this file be to Approve the Minutes

[454-17](#)

Subject: Budget Expenditures for April 2017 totaling \$1,088,573.45

Recommendation: Approve

A motion was made by Spangenberg, seconded by Hewitt, that this file be Approved

[455-17](#)

Subject: Project Reports:

- A) Welcome New Commissioners
- B) 4th of July Fireworks
- C) Update on Household Hazardous Waste Program - May 20, 2017 Event

- D) 2016 Interceptor Lining Update
- E) Kinzie Avenue Interceptor Replacement Update
- F) Kinzie Ave./Echo Ln. Status
- G) Storage Basin Update
- H) Update on Basin 12 Capacity Solutions
- I) CSWEA Lab Analyst of the Year Award

Recommendation: Receive and File

Project reports were given by staff.

Received and Filed

[456-17](#)

Subject: Presentation of the 2016 Audit from Clifton Larson Allen

Recommendation: Approve the Audit Report and forward to the City Finance Director

Jacob Lenell of Clifton Larson Allen summarized the year-end financial statements regarding the 2016 audit. He noted that the Wastewater Utility records were in good order and there was full cooperation from Management and staff.

A motion was made by Hewitt, seconded by Secretary Lui, that this file be Approved

[457-17](#)

Subject: Sanitary Sewer Extension for Meridian Drive in the Village of Mt. Pleasant

Recommendation: Approve

The Chief of Operations noted that Developer, Land & Lakes, is constructing a spec building on the Meridian Drive project in the Village of Mt. Pleasant and requested a sanitary sewer extension of which plans have been approved by the Department of Natural Resources. The Chief of Operations recommended approval of the sewer extension.

A motion was made by Secretary Lui, seconded by Vice President Mandala, that this file be Approved

[477-17](#)

Subject: Sanitary Sewer Extension for Settlement at Hoods Creek, Addition No. 1

Recommendation: Approve

The Chief of Operations noted that a request for a sanitary sewer extension was received for the Settlement at Hoods Creek - Addition No. 1 project. He noted that the developer is adding 12 lots under this phase of the project and recommended approval of the sewer extension.

A motion was made by Secretary Lui, seconded by Vice President Mandala, that this file be Approved

[479-17](#)

Subject: Communication from the General Manager requesting approval of revised conveyance capacity at Location MP14

Recommendation: Approve

The General Manager requested approval of a revised conveyance capacity at Location MP14 due to a project on Echo Lane and Kinzie Avenue in the Village of Mt. Pleasant. The General Manager recommended that the sewer moratorium imposed on Basin 14 be lifted.

A motion was made by Secretary Lui, seconded by Mayor Dickert, that this file be Approved

[495-17](#)

Subject: Amendment No. 2 to Professional Services Contract with Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc. (SEH) for work related with engine performance and emissions

Recommendation: Approve

The General Manager noted that the Wastewater Utility has been working with SEH relating to engine performance and emissions and recommended approval of Amendment No. 2 to the Professional Services Contract with them in the amount of \$25,000.00.

A motion was made by Vice President Mandala, seconded by Mayor Dickert, that this file be Approved

[509-17](#)

Subject: Communication from the General Manager requesting to enlist the services of Arends, Molter, Macy, Riffle & Larson S.C. for property acquisition

Recommendation: Approve

The General Manager noted that Joe Muratore, a local lawyer representing the Wastewater Utility, has announced that he is closing his business. Therefore, he requested to use the services of Arends, Molter, Macy, Riffle & Larson S.C. with regard to property acquisition. Attorney Riffle is familiar with the Utility and its processes. Other local attorneys were solicited but had prior client conflicts.

A motion was made by Hewitt, seconded by Mayor Dickert, that this file be Approved

CLOSED SESSION

It is the intent that the Wastewater Commission convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. Section 19.85(1)(c) for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of a utility employee and pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(e) to deliberate regarding the biosolids hauling, storage and spreading contract because competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.

A motion was made by Hewitt, seconded by Secretary Lui, to move the meeting into Closed Session at 5:40 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

[458-17](#)

Subject: Discussion of Annual Performance of the General Manager

Recommendation: Receive and File

Discussion was held with regard to the annual performance of the General Manager.

Received and Filed[459-17](#)

Subject: Communication from the General Manager presenting a counter proposal on the Synagro Biosolids Contract Amendment

Recommendation: Receive and File

Discussion was held with regard to a counter proposal on the Synagro Biosolids Contract Amendment. The Commission gave the General Manager direction to negotiate changes in the best interest of the ratepayers and Utility.

Received and Filed

Adjournment

There being no further business, Secretary Lui made a motion, seconded by Vice President Mandala, to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

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