



City of Racine

City Hall
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Meeting Minutes - Final

Wastewater Commission

Tuesday, March 17, 2020

4:30 PM

City Hall Annex, Room 227

Roll Call

PRESENT: 6 - Robert Lui, Thomas Bunker, Terry McCarthy, Natalia Taft, John Hewitt and John Tate II

EXCUSED: 6 - Kathy DeMatthew, Robert Pucely, Daryl Lynaugh, Cory Mason, Dan Moore and James Spangenberg

Approval of Minutes for the February 25, 2020 Meeting

Suspend discussion per Wastewater Commission President.

[0166-20](#)

Subject: Project Reports:

- A) Edge of the River Interceptor Update
- B) Facility Plan Update
- C) Sewer Agreement Exhibit Updates
- D) Vacancy Update
- E) COVID-19 Concerns

Recommendation: Approve

Project Report Items A -D were suspended from being discussed per the Wastewater Commission President. Item letter E COVID 19 concerns were discussed and Commissioner Tom Bunker proposed the General Manager should be provided temporary authority to award contracts and change orders during this time of National / State emergency to ensure the Wastewater Utility can continue to serve the Community.

BE IT RESOLVED:

The General Manager of the Racine Water and Wastewater Utilities is granted temporary authority, while the Federal Government and State Government are under Emergency declarations as a result of the COVID -19 Pandemic, to act on behalf of the Commission to keep the Wastewater Utility operational during this time. The General Manager is hereby granted authority to award contracts, approve change orders and enter into agreements for the purchase of materials or services that may be necessary.

The following stipulations shall apply:

- 1) Procurement of services and other actions taken shall be within the constraints of the approved Wastewater Utility 2020 Operation and Maintenance and Capital Improvement Plan budgets

- 2) Funds must be available in order to carry out these measures
3) Decisions shall be made in consultation with the Mayor of the City of Racine and with the Wastewater Commission consistent with the Racine Municipal Code.

These temporary powers shall be in place until April 20, 2020 or while the state of emergency remains in existence. In addition, a representative from each sewer service recipient party would be notified of changes impacting their respective municipality.

Special note: The day after the Water and Wastewater Commissions met, the Mayor declared a declaration of emergency for the City of Racine.

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

[0167-20](#)

Subject: TID#3 Sewer Extension Phase 1A - Quick Drive Road, Caledonia

Recommendation: Approve

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

[0171-20](#)

Subject: Briarwood Sanitary Sewer Extension, Caledonia

Recommendation: Approve

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

Adjournment

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.