

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION MEETING

Thursday, September 24, 2015  
Laurel, Maryland

Chair Adrienne Mandel (participating by phone) called the special meeting to order at 4:03 p.m., in the Commissioners' Conference Room, of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (hereinafter "WSSC"), Richard G. Hocevar Building, 14501 Sweitzer Lane, Laurel, Maryland 20707, with due notice having been given to all members of the Commission and the public. In addition to the Chair, Commissioners Fausto Bayonet, Omar Boulware, Chris Lawson and Roscoe Moore, also participated by telephone. WSSC Corporate Secretary Sheila R. Finlayson (who facilitated the meeting and recorded the minutes), along with Chief Financial Officer Yvette Downs, Budget Group Leader Letitia Carolina-Powell, and Budget Unit Coordinator Mark Brackett, were present in person in the Commissioners' Conference Room. General Manager Jerry N. Johnson, General Counsel Jerome Blask and Intergovernmental Relations Director Michael Stroud also joined the meeting by phone. The Chair asked the Corporate Secretary to conduct a roll call to confirm the Commissioner attendees by phone, and following such action, the Corporate Secretary declared the presence of a quorum, with five Commissioners in attendance and one absent (Commissioner Mary Hopkins Navies).

The Chair stated the purpose of the special meeting, which is to approve the transmittal of WSSC's Proposed Capital Improvements Program ("CIP") for Fiscal Years 2017-2022 to the Prince George's County and Montgomery County Governments; and, to consider two legislative proposals from management.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Commissioner Boulware then moved to adopt the Agenda for the Special Commission Public Meeting of Thursday, September 24, 2015, as drafted. Commissioner Moore seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted by the Corporate Secretary resulting in five votes in the affirmative from the following Commissioners: Fausto Bayonet, Omar Boulware, Chris Lawson, Roscoe Moore and Adrienne Mandel. Commissioner Mary Hopkins Navies was absent from the vote. The motion carried to adopt the Agenda, as drafted.

Approval of Transmittal of Proposed CIP to Counties. Chief

Financial Officer Yvette Downs advised that the Commission is required to prepare and submit a copy of WSSC's Proposed Capital Improvements Program (CIP) to the two County Governments by October 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, and is therefore requesting approval to carry-out this mandate as required by Maryland Law. Total CIP Program is \$4,386,164,000.00 with no substantive changes made to CIP document since the work-session conducted at the July 15, 2015 Commission Meeting. Two public hearings were held in each County (one on September 9, 2015 in Montgomery County and other on September 10, 2015 in Prince George's County); both lightly attended and no public comments given. Written comments were received from the Montgomery County Department of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and are included in the complete transcripts of each hearing (incorporated herein by reference).

**Following discussion, Commissioner Boulware moved to approve the Transmittal of WSSC's Proposed CIP for Fiscal Years 2017-2022 to the Prince George's County and Montgomery County Governments. Commissioner Moore seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted by the Corporate Secretary resulting in five affirmative votes from the following Commissioners: Fausto Bayonet, Omar Boulware, Chris Lawson, Roscoe Moore and Adrienne Mandel. Commissioner Mary Hopkins Navies was absent from the vote. The motion carried with five affirmative votes, one absent.**

**Approval of Legislative Proposals.** Management presented two proposals for Commission consideration relating to the commissioning of a WSSC Bi-County Compensation Study Task Force to study the compensation of Commissioners and amending the Public Utilities Article, Section 19-106, Administration of Oaths, to grant WSSC's Board of Ethics power to subpoena documents and witnesses.

**The Commission voted 5-0 to authorize management to move forward with filing proposed Administration of Oaths legislation as a placeholder for the upcoming legislative session (Commissioner Moore - mover; Commissioner Lawson - seconder; five affirmative votes, one absent - Commissioner Navies).**

**The Commission voted 5-0 to authorize management to move forward with proposed legislation to establish a Bi-County Task Force to study the compensation of the WSSC Commissioners as set forth in**

Public Utilities Article, Section 17-107, Compensation, Benefits and Staff (Commissioner Moore - mover; Commissioner Lawson - seconder; five affirmative votes, one absent - Commissioner Navies).

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no additional business, the Chair called for a motion to adjourn, whereby, Commissioner Boulware moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Moore seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted by the Corporate Secretary resulting in five aye votes from the following Commissioners: Fausto Bayonet, Omar Boulware, Chris Lawson, Roscoe Moore and Adrienne Mandel (Motion carried).

At 4:44 p.m., the meeting was declared adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sheila R. Finlayson, Esq.  
Corporate Secretary