

Meeting of December 19, 2019 Maintenance

A meeting of the Joint Meeting was held on the above date at the Maplewood Municipal Building at 4:00p.m. Chairperson DeLuca in the Chair.

The Executive Director read the following statement:

Pursuant to Section #5, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, notice of this meeting has been provided to the public by posting and maintaining the annual notice of the regular meetings of the Joint Meeting on the bulletin board of the Maplewood Municipal Building; by mailing the annual notice of the regular meetings for 2019 to the Star Ledger, The Home News Tribune and to the offices of the Municipal Clerks of the 11 member municipalities of the Joint Meeting and to the City Clerk of the City of Elizabeth and to the County Clerks' Office of the Counties of Essex and Union, all on December 28, 2018.

On roll call, the following members were present: Messrs. DeAugustine, DeLuca, Florio, Ramos, Petrosky, Clarke, Bowman, Guarino and Ms. Johnson, Ms. Eglow and Ms. Burgess.

Also in attendance were Messrs. McGhee, Dowhan, Barry, Phillips, Berkeley, Esq. and Ms. Johnson, Shultz and DeFrancis of Joint Meeting; E. Webster and J. Noble Esq. of Inglesino, Webster, Wyciskala & Taylor, LLC, R. Rivera, Esq. and J. Burke, Esq. of Scarinci Hollenbeck, and Joint Meeting's Consultants CME Associates (CME), AVA Consulting.(AVA).

The Chairperson led the pledge of allegiance.

Before the approval of last meeting's minutes, Mayor DeLuca announced there was a proclamation from Maplewood, recognizing and thanking Sam for his good work. The proclamation stated, "It Is Hereby Resolved that December 19, 2019 is Recognized as Samuel T. McGhee day in Maplewood". Mayor DeLuca asked for a motion to accept Samuel T. McGhee day. The motion was made by Mr. Bowman and seconded by Mr. Guarino. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. DeAugustine, Ramos, Petrosky, Clarke, DeLuca, Bowman, Florio, Guarino and Ms. Johnson, Ms. Eglow and Ms. Burgess; nays, none. .

On motion by Mr. Florio, seconded by Mr. Clarke, the minutes of the last meeting were adopted. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. DeAugustine, DeLuca, Ramos, Petrosky, Clarke, Florio, Bowman, Guarino and Ms. Johnson, Ms. Burgess and Ms. Eglow; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Guarino, the **Treasurer's Report** having been mailed to the Board members was received and ordered printed. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. DeAugustine, DeLuca, Ramos, Petrosky, Clarke, Bowman, Florio, Guarino and Ms. Eglow, Ms. Burgess and Ms. Johnson; nays, none.

Personnel & Procurement Committee: Ms. Johnson reported that the Committee had met, discussed and Recommends authorization of the following: (R-122); General Engineering Services (R-123); Special Engineering Services (R-124) General Counsel (R-125); Labor and Employment Counsel (R-126); Special Conflict Counsel for Pretreatment Violations (R-127); Special Conflict Counsel (R-128); Auditing Services (R-129) Insurance Broker Services (R-130) Bond Counsel (R-131) Financial Advisor for 2020 in connection with the Flood Mitigation Facilities Project (R-132) Authorizing CME Associates for the bid phase of the professional engineering services related to the Flood Mitigation Facilities Project Effluent Pumping Station (R-133) Authorizing the procurement by public bidding of various services, equipment and materials (R-144)) Authorizing the procurement by public bidding for the Flood Mitigation Facilities Project Effluent Pumping Station (R-134) Awarding a contract to All American Sewer Service, Inc. for providing clean equipment rental, CCTV inspection and related services to the Treatment Plant & Sludge Dewatering Facilities

on an as needed basis, (R-135) Awarding contract to Clean Rental Services, Inc. for furnishing and delivering new work uniforms (R-136) Authorizing a contract with Foley Power Systems through Sourcewell not to exceed \$400,000 (R137) Providing Accounting Clerk Services (R138) Yearly Resolutions authorizing State Contract purchase (R139) Authorizing participation in a financial incentive program under the State Health Benefits Program (R-120) Adoption of 2020 Budget (R-119) Payment of Bills (R-121) Annual notice of meetings (R-140) Authorizing the Executive Director or Superintendent to execute certain documents (R-141) Identifying the person in charge of the Flood Mitigation Facilities Project and Authorizing the submission of the project for Financing from the NJIB.(R-145) Approving the renaming of the laboratory building to The Samuel T. McGhee Laboratory Building.(R-146) 2020 First Quarter Assessment. (R142) and (R143) were tabled for now.

On motion by Mr. DeAugustine, seconded by Mr. Bowman, Resolution 122, Authorizing CME Associates as the General Engineer was adopted. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. DeAugustine, DeLuca, Ramos, Petrosky, Florio, Clarke, Guarino, Bowman and Ms. Johnson, Ms. Burgess and Ms. Eglow; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Florio, seconded by Ms. Burgess, Resolution 123, Awarding AVA Consulting, LLC the Special Engineering Services Contract was adopted. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. DeAugustine, DeLuca, Ramos, Petrosky, Clarke, Bowman, Florio, Guarino and Ms. Johnson Ms. Eglow, and Ms. Burgess; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Burgess, seconded by Mr. DeAugustine, Resolution 124, Appointing the law firm of Inglesino, Webster, Wyciskala & Taylor as General Counsel was adopted. On roll call; ayes, Messrs., DeAugustine, DeLuca, Ramos, Petrosky, Clarke, Bowman, Florio and Guarino and Ms. Johnson, Ms Eglow and Ms. Burgess; nays, none

On motion by Mr. Florio, seconded by Mr. DeAugustine, Resolution 125, Appointing the law firm of Scarni Hollenbeck, LLC as Labor and Employment Counsel was adopted. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. DeAugustine, DeLuca, Ramos, Petrosky, Clarke, Bowman, Florio, Guarino and Ms. Johnson, Ms. Burgess and Ms. Eglow; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Burgess, seconded by Mr. Florio, Resolution 126, Appointing Antonelli Kantor, P.C. and Hunt Hamlin & Ridley to serve as Special Conflict Counsel for Pretreatment Violations was adopted. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. DeAugustine, DeLuca, Ramos, Petrosky, Clarke, Bowman, Florio, Guarino and Ms. Johnson, Ms. Eglow and Ms. Burgess; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Florio, seconded by Mr. Bowman, Resolution 127, Appointing Antonelli Kantor, P.C. and Hunt Hamlin & Ridley to serve as Special Conflict Counsel was adopted. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. DeAugustine, DeLuca, Ramos, Petrosky, Clarke, ,Bowman, Florio, Guarino and Ms. Johnson, Ms. Burgess and Ms. Eglow; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Florio, seconded by Mr. Clarke, Resolution 128, Reappointing Suplee, Clooney & Company for Auditing Services to perform the 2020 Audit. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. DeAugustine, DeLuca, Ramos, Petrosky, Clarke, Florio, Bowman, Guarino and Ms. Johnson, Ms. Burgess and Ms. Eglow; nays, none.

On motion by Mayor Eglow, seconded by Ms. Burgess, Resolution 129, Awarding a contract for Insurance Broker Services to Business and Governmental Insurance Services was awarded. On roll call; ayes Messrs. DeAugustine, DeLuca, Ramos, Petrosky, Clarke, Florio, Bowman, Guarino and Ms. Johnson, Ms. Eglow and Ms Burgess; nays, none.

On motion by Mayor Eglow, seconded by Mr. Guarino, Resolution 130, Authorizing the retention of Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer as Bond Counsel was awarded. On roll call; ayes Messrs. DeAugustine, DeLuca, Ramos, Florio, Petrosky, Clarke, Bowman, Guarino and Ms. Johnson, Ms. Burgess and Ms. Eglow; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. DeAugustine, seconded by Mr. Bowman, Resolution 131, Authorizing the retention of Powell Capital Markets as the Financial Advisor for 2020 in connection with the Flood Mitigation Facilities Project was awarded. On roll call; ayes Messrs. DeAugustine, DeLuca, Ramos, Florio, Petrosky, Clarke, Bowman, Guarino, and Ms. Johnson, Ms. Burgess and Ms. Eglow; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Burgess, seconded by Mr. Clarke, Resolution 132, Authorizing CME Associates for the bid phase of the professional engineering services related to the Flood Mitigation Facilities Project Effluent Pumping Station project was awarded. On roll call; ayes Messrs. DeAugustine, DeLuca, Ramos, Florio, Petrosky, Clarke, Bowman, Guarino, and Ms. Johnson, Ms. Eglow and Ms. Burgess; nays, none.

On motion by Mayor Eglow, seconded by Mr. Clarke, Resolution 133, Authorizing the procurement by public bidding of various services, equipment and materials was awarded. On roll call; ayes Messrs. DeAugustine, DeLuca, Ramos, Florio, Petrosky, Clarke, Bowman, Guarino, and Ms. Johnson, Ms. Eglow and Ms. Burgess; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Burgess, seconded by Mr. Clarke, Resolution 144 Authorizing the procurement by public bidding for the Flood Mitigation Facilities Project Effluent Pumping Station was awarded. On roll call; ayes Messrs. DeAugustine, DeLuca, Ramos, Florio, Petrosky, Clark, Bowman, Guarino, and Ms. Johnson, Ms. Eglow and Ms. Burgess; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Bowman, seconded by Mr. Guarino, Resolution 134, Awarding a contract to All American Sewer Service, Inc. for providing clean equipment rental, CCTV inspection and related services to the Treatment Plant & Sludge Dewatering Facilities on an as needed basis, not to exceed \$667,400 over 24 months was awarded. On roll call; ayes Messrs. DeAugustine, DeLuca, Ramos, Florio, Petrosky, Clarke, Bowman, Guarino and Ms. Johnson, Ms. Eglow, and Ms. Burgess; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Burgess, seconded by Mr. Bowman, Resolution 135, Awarding contract to Clean Rental Services, Inc. for furnishing and delivering new work uniforms not to exceed \$94,427 over (3) years was awarded. On roll call; ayes Messrs. DeAugustine, DeLuca, Ramos, Florio, Petrosky, Clarke, Bowman, Guarino and Ms. Johnson, Ms. Eglow and Ms. Burgess; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. DeAugustine, seconded by Mr. Guarino, Resolution 136, Authorizing a contract with Foley Power Systems through Sourcewell not to exceed \$400,000 in 2020 was awarded. On roll call; ayes Messrs. DeAugustine, DeLuca, Ramos, Florio, Petrosky, Clarke, Bowman, Guarino and Ms. Johnson, Ms. Burgess and, Ms. Eglow; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Bowman, seconded by Mayor Eglow, Resolution 137, Authorizing a Purchase order to Global Logistics Group, LLC for providing Accounting Clerk Services for \$37,500 for 2020 was awarded. On roll call; ayes Messrs. DeAugustine, DeLuca, Ramos, Florio, Petrosky, Clarke, Guarino, Mr. Bowman, and Ms. Johnson, Ms. Eglow and Ms. Burgess; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Florio, seconded by Mr. Clarke, Resolution 139, Yearly Resolutions authorizing Annual State Purchasing Contracts was awarded. On roll call; ayes Messrs. DeAugustine, DeLuca, Ramos, Petrosky, Clarke, Florio, Bowman, Guarino and Ms. Johnson, Ms. Burgess and Ms. Eglow; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Burgess, seconded by Mayor Eglow, Resolution 138, Authorizing participation in a financial incentive program under the State Health Benefits Program was awarded. On roll call; ayes Messrs. DeAugustine, DeLuca, Florio, Ramos, Petrosky, Clarke, Bowman, Guarino and Ms. Johnson, Ms. Eglow and Ms. Burgess; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. DeAugustine, seconded by Ms. Johnson, Resolution 140, Authorizing participation in a financial incentive program under the State Health Benefits Program was awarded. On roll call; ayes Messrs. DeAugustine, DeLuca, Florio, Ramos, Petrosky, Clark, Bowman, Guarino and Ms. Johnson; Ms. Eglow and Ms. Burgess; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Guarino, seconded by Ms. Johnson, Resolution 120, the 2020 Budget was adopted. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. DeAugustine, DeLuca, Ramos, Petrosky, Clarke, Bowman, Florio, Guarino and Ms. Johnson, Ms. Eglow and Ms. Burgess; nays, none. The Chairperson asked if there were any questions or comment.

Mr. Guarino feels that the CFO's reports are getting closer to what he is looking for. In addition, the CFO explained that the management staff took the Boards previous comments regarding the budget and reviewed averages over the years and surpluses as well. The management, through additional calculations and various schedule changes, were able to lower the original proposed 2020 budget by \$2.3M. The CFO stated that the Management of JM were confident and comfortable that they could effectively operate the JM at the new proposed budget of \$37,158,112, which was only a .56% increase over the 2019 budget.

On motion by Mr. DeAugustine, seconded by Ms. Johnson, Resolution 140, Authorizing the Executive Director or Superintendent to execute certain documents was awarded. On roll call; ayes Messrs. DeAugustine, Clarke, DeLuca, Florio, Ramos, Petrosky, Bowman, Guarino and Ms. Johnson, Ms. Eglow and Ms. Burgess; nays, none

On motion by Mr. DeAugustine, seconded by Ms. Johnson, Resolution 141, Identifying the person in charge of the Flood Mitigation Project and Authorizing the submission of the project for Financing from the NJIB was awarded. On roll call; ayes Messrs. DeAugustine, Clarke, DeLuca, Florio, Ramos, Petrosky, Bowman, Guarino and Ms. Johnson, Ms. Eglow and Ms. Burgess; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Florio, seconded by Ms. Johnson, Resolution 145, Approving the renaming of the laboratory building to The Samuel T. McGhee Laboratory Building was awarded. On roll call; ayes Messrs. DeLuca, DeAugustine, Ramos, Petrosky, Bowman, Florio, Clarke, Guarino and Ms. Johnson, Ms. Eglow and Ms. Burgess; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Guarino, seconded by Mr. Florio, Resolution 146, Approving the 2020 First Quarter Assessment was awarded. On roll call; ayes Messrs. Clarke, DeLuca, DeAugustine, Ramos, Petrosky, Florio, Bowman, Guarino and Ms. Johnson, Ms. Eglow and Ms. Burgess; nays, none.

On motion by Ms. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Florio, the **Treatment Plant, Industrial Pretreatment and Financial Reports** having been mailed to the Board members were received and ordered printed. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. DeAugustine, DeLuca, Ramos, Petrosky, Clarke, Florio, Bowman, Guarino and Ms. Johnson, Ms. Burgess and Ms. Eglow; nays, none.

On motion by Mr. Florio, seconded by Mr. Guarino the **General Counsel; Labor & Employment Counsel; Special Conflict for Pretreatment Violations Counsels Reports, Hunt, Hamlin & Ridley and Antonelli Kantor, P.C. (no report) and Engineer's Reports** having been mailed to the Board members were received and order printed. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. DeAugustine, DeLuca, Ramos, Petrosky, Clarke, Florio, Bowman, Guarino and Ms. Johnson, Ms. Burgess and Ms. Eglow; nays, none.

The correspondence was received and will be filed.

The Chairperson asked if there was anyone wishing to address the Board on any Joint Meeting matter with a five-minute limit. Hearing no one, the Public Session was declared closed.

The Chairperson read the following statement which on motion by Mr. Florio, seconded by Mr. Guarino was received and ordered printed. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. DeAugustine, DeLuca, Ramos, Petrosky, Florio, Clarke, Bowman, Guarino and Ms. Johnson, Ms. Burgess and Ms. Eglow; nays, none.

In accordance with Section 8 of the Open Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, permitting the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances and as the Joint Meeting is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist, as the general nature of the subject matter to be discussed is Employees/Personnel and it is anticipated at this time that this subject matter will be made public upon reconvening.

Upon reconvening, the Chairperson explained that there were open negotiations with the Union, Local 641, International Brotherhood of Teamsters and Joint Meeting. Resolutions R-142 and R-143 will be tabled until the discussions with the union are complete. On roll call; ayes Messrs. DeAugustine, DeLuca, Ramos, Petrosky, Clarke, Bowman, Florio, Guarino and Ms. Johnson, Ms. Burgess and Ms. Eglow; nays, none.

Mr. McGhee thanked the Board and has enjoyed his employment with Joint Meeting. He thanked the Management team for being an outstanding group and for making his job easier. Mr. McGhee also acknowledged the dedication of the employees.

Mayor Eglow announced she would not be returning to the JM Board for 2020 and thanked everyone for their guidance. In addition, Ms. Johnson announced she is leaving the East Orange Council after 20+ years and will be transitioning to a new career.

There being no further business, on motion by Mr. Florio, seconded by Mr. Guarino, the meeting then adjourned to meet again on Thursday, January 16, 2020, at the Maplewood Municipal Building at 4:00p.m. Unless called earlier by the Chair. On roll call; ayes, Messrs. DeAugustine, DeLuca, Ramos, Petrosky, Florio, Clarke, Bowman, Mr. Guarino and Ms. Johnson, Ms. Burgess and Ms. Eglow; nays, none.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph M. Florio
Secretary