

BUSINESS OFFICE, 4725 MOFFETT ROAD, MOBILE, ALABAMA
July 10, 2023

The Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners of the City of Mobile met this Monday in their regular session at 1:30 p.m. at MAWSS' Park Forest Plaza.

PRESENT:

Mr. Thomas Zoghby, Chair
Ms. Maria Gonzalez, Secretary-Treasurer
Ms. Barbara Drummond, Commissioner
Ms. Linda St. John, Commissioner
Mr. Jay W. Weber, Commissioner
Mr. John C. Williams, Commissioner

Mr. Bud McCrory, Jr., Director
Mr. Bradley Dean, Attorney
Mr. Douglas L. Cote
Ms. Calressia Clark
Mr. Daryl Russell
Ms. Fatima Washington

ABSENT:

Mr. Raymond L. Bell, Jr., Vice Chair

Chair Zoghby called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.

Mr. McCrory requested a moment of silence for **Mr. John Michael Connelly**, Public Service Worker II. Mr. Connelly passed away on July 3, 2023 and leaves to cherish his memory, his wife Mrs. Julie Connelly and daughter Ava. He served the organization for 22 years and will be greatly missed by family and co-workers.

Committee Reports were next and Commissioner Gonzalez detailed the **External Affairs Committee Meeting** held on June 26, 2023. Staff updated the committee in regards to the ongoing efforts of the Lobbyist, Community Relations, Inter-Governmental Relations, Customer Relations and Utility Relations.

Chair Zoghby continued with Committee Reports and updated attendees on the **Finance/Risk Management Committee Meeting** held on June 28, 2023. Staff presented the need to move forward with a *non-binding* SRF pre-application for ADEM loans through 2028. All funding options will be reviewed with the committee and loan recommendations will be presented to the full Board for approval.

There were no **Visitors**.

Mr. McCrory extended warm wishes and congratulations to **MS. CECELIA CAIN**, Risk Management Coordinator, on her retirement after 28 years of service and **MRS. SHARON E. TALBERT**, Public Service Worker I, on her retirement after 26 years of service.

Chair Zoghby presented the **Consent Agenda Items** for approval, and they are as follows:

Item 4 Consent Agenda

Bids and Purchasing

- A. IFB 23-033 Purchase of Replacement SCADA Radios
- B. Annual Renewal for AMI Sensus
- C. Budget Increase Request for Annual Contract MAWSS 22029 for Cast Iron Valve Boxes and Risers
- D. State Contract MA 999-190000000005-999-1 – Purchase Dell PowerStore 1200T with 5-Year Support

Chair Zoghby requested removal of *Consent Agenda Item D* for discussion. Commissioner Drummond moved for approval of the **Consent Agenda** and Commissioner Gonzalez seconded. The motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items A, B and C then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board present.

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Chair Zoghby asked staff to clarify the maintenance costs on Consent Agenda Item D *State Contract MA 999-190000000005-999-1 – Purchase Dell PowerStore 1200T with 5-Year Support*. Mr. Russell responded and stated this purchase involves computer system data backup/storage for the entire organization. The current system has reached end-of-life and is no longer supported by Dell. The IT Department has been able to patch the system, but this is not feasible for long-term reliability.

The replacement of this system was presented and approved in the budget and the maintenance costs are in line with today's market. The costs include maintenance, data transfers and upgrades. Staff is in the process of finalizing an IT Master Plan which will explain in greater detail paths moving forward.

The discussion concluded; Commissioner Drummond moved for approval of Consent Agenda Item D. Commissioner Williams seconded and the motion to approve Consent Agenda Item D then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board present.

Mr. Moore, Engineer II approached the Board with a **presentation** detailing:

- Big Creek Lake – Built in 1952 and holds 17 Billion gallons of water
- S Palmer Gaillard Pumping Station – Built in 1952 and is powered by 8 HP Motors
- Land Acquisition / A Conservation Strategy – Managed by a Professional Forester
- The Longleaf Alliance – Preferred habitat for many endangered species
- Gopher Tortoise Reserve – Houses 125+ tortoises and helps protect both the lake and endangered wildlife
- Sheriff's Department Shooting Range – Patrols the Dam and protects MAWSS' critical assets
- Geotechnical Support – Online Instrumentation monitors the Dam 24-7; critical alerts sent to multiple entities
- Dam Upgrades

The **Minutes of June 5, 2023** were presented for approval. Commissioner Drummond moved for approval and Commissioner Gonzalez seconded. The motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board present.

Bid Openings was next, Mr. Cote read the bid tabs as follows:

Item 6A McCrory & Williams Project No. M5712-2727 Tennessee St. Water Relocation

The engineers estimate for this project is \$3,700,000; there were two bidders and the apparent low bidder was Hemphill Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$3,505,733. If it pleases the Board, staff requests Directors Award authorization after review by the engineer and DBE Manager has been completed. Commissioner Drummond moved for approval with a question and Commissioner Williams seconded.

Commissioner Drummond asked if an approximate starting period and detour schedule has been determined. Mr. Wilkerson responded and said the project should begin shortly after Labor Day dependent upon the weather and there will be minimal rerouting. The motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board present.

Item 6B Volkert Project No. 1025625 Mobile St. LS051 Force Main Upgrade - REBID

The engineers estimate for this project is \$1,350,000; there were two bidders and the apparent low bidder was Hughes Companies, Inc. in the amount of \$979,800. If it pleases the Board, staff requests Directors Award authorization after review by the engineer and DBE Manager has been completed. Commissioner Williams moved for approval; Commissioner Drummond seconded and the motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board present.

Legal was next and Attorney Dean stated there are three matters appropriate for discussion in an Executive Session.

There were no items of **Unfinished Business**.

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New Business was next and they are as follows:

Item 9A Facilities for Acceptance – Scottish Highlands Subdivision (Sewer Facilities – Only)

Mr. Russell presented this item to the Board for approval. The subdivision is located on the west-side of Sollie Road and contains 34 lots. Staff has reviewed all documentation and recommend acceptance. Commissioner Drummond moved for approval; Commissioner Gonzalez seconded and the motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board present.

**Item 9B McCrory & Williams Project No. M5712-2693
2021 Annual Contract for Street and Sidewalk Repairs**

Staff requests approval to increase the spending authority of the referenced item by \$900,000. This will bring the total approved amount to \$3,300,000 and will allow staff to complete repairs in accordance with City ordinances. Commissioner St. John moved for approval and Commissioner Williams seconded. The motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board present.

**Item 9C McCrory & Williams Project No. M5712-2728
Annual Contract for Replacement of Private Sanitary Sewer Laterals**

Ms. Clark requested approval to increase the referenced contract amount by \$40,000. Commissioner Drummond moved for approval with a question and Commissioner Gonzalez seconded.

Commissioner Drummond asked the reasoning behind the increased number of replacements. Ms. Clark responded and said it may be due to the area her department is currently performing smoke testing. It is an older area located near Florida Street and Mid-Town. The motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board present.

**Item 9D HDR Project No. 10199152 Stickney WTP Building
Replacements & Electrical Upgrades Project Change Order No. 10**

Mr. Cote requested approval of Change Order No. 10 in the amount of \$11,159 for the referenced project. This change order represents 0.07% of the project, but it brings the *cumulative* value of all change orders to date to an amount requiring Board approval. Commissioner Williams moved for approval and Commissioner St. John seconded. The motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board present.

Item 9E Wholesale Sanitary Sewer Rate Approval/Update Policy and Procedure Manual

As presented during the June 5, 2023 Board meeting, the referenced item has been advertised and comments received have been addressed by the Comptroller. Staff requests approval to adopt the new rate and update the Policy and Procedure Manual. Commissioner Gonzalez moved for approval and Commissioner St. John seconded. The motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board present.

Item 10 Information Only Items:

- A. IFB 23-030 Purchase of Two (2) Replacement Pumps for Hillcrest
- B. IFB 23-032 Purchase of a Backflow Preventer
- C. IFB 23-034 Purchase of SCADA Radio Parts
- D. IFB 23-035 Purchase of a Laboratory Autoclave
- E. Annual Renewal of Adobe Acrobat E DocuSign
- F. Annual Subscription of PIMS – Linko Pretreatment Software

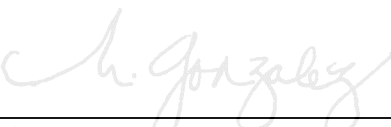
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- G. Emergency Materials for Overlook Water Main Repair
- H. Sole Source Repair of Six (6) ADS Flow Monitors
- I. Sole Source Repair Parts for a Flygt Pump at Kerr McGee LS094
- J. Driven Engineering Project No.: 19051 City Wide Manhole Replacement Project Change Order No. 1
Final Summary Change Order
- K. Driven Engineering Project No.: 20019 Florida Street Sewer Rehabilitation Project Change Order No. 2
Final Summary Change Order
- L. HDR Project No. 10199152 Stickney WTP Building Replacements & Electrical Upgrades Change Order
No. 8
- M. HDR Project No. 10199152 Stickney WTP Building Replacements & Electrical Upgrades Change Order
No. 9
- N. McCrory & Williams Project No. M5712-2705B / DWSRF FS010096-07 Water Service Line
Identification – Phase 2 Change Order No. 1
- O. McCrory & Williams Project No. M5712-2738 Installation of Various Flushing Station Allowance
Allocation #1
- P. Sale of Property – Spring Hill Building RFQ/Real Estate Broker Decision
- Q. Disclosure of Property Purchase (s): 1003899, 1092016
- R. Consultant Project Status Reports – *May 2023*

The ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony for the MAWSS Central Laboratory / Pretreatment Department Facility located at 348 North McGregor Avenue, will take place on August 4, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Invitations have been sent and staff looks forward to your attendance.

There being no further business to come before the Board at 2:10 p.m., Commissioner Gonzalez moved to adjourn the regular meeting and enter into **Executive Session**. Commissioner Williams seconded and the motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board present.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 7, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.



Maria Gonzalez, Secretary-Treasurer