

BUSINESS OFFICE, 4725 MOFFETT ROAD, MOBILE, ALABAMA
November 13, 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. Raymond L. Bell, Jr., Vice 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. Thomas Zoghby, Chair

Commissioner Bell called the meeting to order and gave the invocation.

Committee Reports were next; Commissioner Drummond summarized the **Growth and Development / Infrastructure / Property Committee Meeting** held this morning at 11:00 a.m. The committee reviewed in depth the following topics: *Springhill Reservoir Property Sale, Consulting Engineering Services Contract, Model Utility Document, South of Laurendine Road Assets, MCWSFA Inner-Connections, Easement/Property Acquisitions for Eslava Creek Trunk Relief Sewer Project, Brucewood Drive Fire Protection, Land for Sale in the Big Creek Lake area, and the proposed (Forestry) Land Management Contract.*

Visitors were in attendance. Mr. McCrory extended warm wishes and congratulations to **MR. JODY P. CALHOUN**, Treatment Plant Operator I, on his retirement after 13 years of service and **MR. NORMAN C. ROLLO**, Water Service Construction Inspector, on his retirement after 22 years of service.

Commissioner Bell presented the **Consent Agenda Items** for approval, and they are as follows:

Item 4 Consent Agenda

Bids and Purchasing

- A. IFB 23-045 Turbine Pump Repair for Big Creek Lake
- B. Jacobs Project No. D324000 Nortons Lane SWATs and Lift Station
- C. McCrory & Williams Project No. M5712-2781 2024 Annual Contract for Street and Sidewalk Repairs
- D. McCrory & Williams Project No. M5712-2782 2024 Annual Contract for MH Frame / Cover Replacement
- E. McCrory & Williams Project No. M5712-2785 2024 Hauling and Disposal of Treatment Plant Biosolids

Commissioner Drummond moved for approval of the **Consent Agenda** and Commissioner Williams seconded. The motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board present.

Mr. Jackson came forward and directed attention to a **presentation** showing the current status and plans moving forward with *Customer Operations*. Highlights reviewed are listed below:

- ❖ Overview of Meter Operations System (*to date: 7 residential changeouts and 393 commercial changeouts remain to complete the upgrade*)
 - AMI System and Revenue / Meter Replacement Process (implementation began in 2018)
- ❖ AMI Base Station – Stickney Plant (monitors 51,000 metered locations daily)
- ❖ AMI Revenue and Operations Savings (*staff will forward savings to date for the Board's information*)
- ❖ Past, Present and Future of Meter Reading
- ❖ Customer Concerns
- ❖ Meter Replacement at Mobile Infirmiry Hospital (10")
- ❖ New Sensus 10" AMI Meter
- ❖ Meters encased in concrete (slows replacement)
- ❖ Residential meters that have become entwined in tree roots (slows replacement)

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The **Minutes of October 9, 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 were next, Mr. Cote read the bid tabs as follows:

Item 6A C.E.R.M. Project No. 2022-1438A-003A MAWSS Waterline Replacement – Multiple Locations

The engineers estimate for this project is \$955,034.40; there were two bidders, and the apparent low bidder was G H, LLC in the amount of \$755,165. Staff will bring this item back to the Board at a later date.

Item 6B McCrory & Williams Project No. M5712-2774 Dr. MLK Jr. Avenue Sewer Repair

The engineers estimate for this project is \$340,000; there were two bidders and the apparent low bidder was Hughes Companies, Inc. in the amount of \$302,250. Staff will bring this item back to the Board at a later date.

Item 6C McCrory & Williams Project No. M5712-2775 2024 Annual Contract for Cured-In-Place Pipe Rehabilitation of Large Diameter Sanitary Sewer Mains

The engineers estimate for this project is \$2,300,000; there were six bidders and the apparent low bidder was BLD Services, LLC in the amount of \$5,083,880. Staff will bring this item back to the Board at a later date.

Item 6D McCrory & Williams Project No. M5712-2780 2024 Annual Contract for Access Roads Construction and Sewer Easement Maintenance

The engineers estimate for this project is \$1,000,000; there were three bidders and the apparent low bidder was James H. Adams & Son Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$1,224,444. Staff will bring this item back to the Board at a later date.

Item 6E McCrory & Williams Project No. M5712-2783 2024 Annual Contract for Cleaning & Video Inspection of Various Sanitary Sewer Segments (Small Diameter)

The engineers estimate for this project is \$1,000,000 there were three bidders and the apparent low bidder was Smith Industrial Services in the amount of \$1,150,000. Staff will bring this item back to the Board at a later date.

There were no **Legal** items.

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

New Business was next and they are as follows:

Item 9A MAWSS Holiday Bonus Distribution

As discussed during the October 9, 2023 Board Workshop, staff requests approval of a 2023 Holiday Bonus to be issued to all employees meeting the required criteria as outlined in *HR 20-03 MAWSS Incentive and Compensation Pay Policy*. Commissioner Drummond moved for approval and Commissioner St. John seconded. The motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board present.

Item 9B MAWSS 2024 Holiday Schedule

As also discussed during the October 9, 2023 Board Workshop, staff requests approval of the 2024 MAWSS Holiday Schedule as detailed in the Board's Agenda packet. Commissioner Gonzalez moved for approval and Commissioner Drummond seconded. The motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board present.

Item 9C Appointment of Nominating Committee for 2024 Board Officers

Due to the absence of Chair Zoghby *and at his instruction*, Commissioner Bell appointed Commissioner Gonzalez, and Commissioner St. John to the nominating committee.

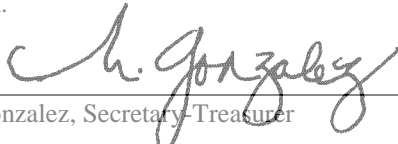
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Item 10 Information Only Items:

- A. Annual Subscription for Sentinel One Complete
- B. Budget Increase Request for Annual Contract MAWSS 22038 for Security Guard Service
- C. Co-op Purchase of Additional Access Control Equipment
- D. Ext 1 Annual Contract MAWSS 22035 – 10” Lamphole Castings
- E. Ext 1 Annual Contract MAWSS 22036 – Meter Boxes and Lids
- F. Ext 1 Annual Contract MAWSS 22038 – Security Guard Service
- G. Ext 1 Annual Contract Project No. M5712-2745 Liquid Calcium Nitrate and VX 456 Solution
- H. Ext 2 Annual Contract MAWSS 21020 – Mission ARC Couplings
- I. Ext 2 Annual Contract MAWSS 21023 – Polymer for H.E. Myers WTP
- J. Professional Service – Acoustic Assessment Study of Mini-Basin A090I01
- K. Professional Service Agreement – Creating Financial Reports
- L. Constantine Engineering Project No. 100316.35 B051A01 System Rehab Phase II (Mobile Street)
- M. HDR Project No. 10170707 Owners Allowance Allocation #7
- N. IEMAWSS-0104 Airport Blvd / Walter Smith Rd Force Main (REBID)
- O. McCrory & Williams Project No. M5712-2700 Perch Creek Area Sanitary Sewer Trunk Line CIPP PH I
- P. McCrory & Williams Project No. M5712-2717 Annual Maintenance Painting Contract
- Q. McCrory & Williams Project No. M5712-2721 2022 Annual Contract for Cleaning & Video Inspection of Various Sanitary Sewer Segments 15” through 54” (Large Diameter)
- R. McCrory & Williams Project No. M5712-2722 2022 Low Pressure Sewer Check Valve Assembly Installation
- S. McCrory & Williams Project No. M5712-2728 2022 Annual Contract for Replacement of Private Sanitary Sewer Laterals
- T. McCrory & Williams Project No. M5712-2732 2023 Annual Contract for CIPP Sewer Rehabilitation
- U. McCrory & Williams Project No. M5712-2739 2023 Annual Contract for Roadway Bores
- V. McCrory & Williams Project No. M5712-2743 2022 Annual Contract for Waterline Repairs
- W. McCrory & Williams Project No. M5712-2744 2023 Annual Contract for Cured-in-Place Pipe Rehabilitation of the Public Portion of Sanitary Sewer Laterals
- X. McCrory & Williams Project No. M5712-2755 USA Hospital Emergency Concrete Sewer Repair
- Y. Volkert Project No. 1025621 Annual Plant Maintenance Contract
- Z. Disclosure of Property Purchase (s): Key No(s): 945455
- AA. Consultant Project Status Reports – Consultant Project Status Reports –*September 2023*

There being no further business to come before the Board at 2:13 p.m., Commissioner Drummond moved to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner St. John seconded and the motion then carried with the unanimous vote of the Board present.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for December 4, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.



Maria Gonzalez, Secretary-Treasurer