



Greater New Haven Water Pollution Control Authority

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE
GREATER NEW HAVEN WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2020 6:00 P.M.
260 EAST STREET
NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

****In accordance with Section 2.10 of the Authority's Bylaws and Governor Lamont's Executive Orders concerning "Stay Safe, Stay Home" and the conduct of public meetings remotely, the meeting will be conducted via teleconference of the Board of Directors.*

NO IN-PERSON PUBLIC ATTENDANCE WILL BE PERMITTED.

*A recording or transcript of the meeting will be accessible to the public online after the meeting at the GNHWPCA website at gnhwpca.com. ****

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The regular meeting of the Greater New Haven Water Pollution Control Authority was held April 14, 2020, the meeting was conducted via teleconference of the Board of Directors in order to transact the following:

Chairman Mongillo called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Roll Call:

Director's present: Director Joyce Alton, New Haven
Director Salvatore DeCola, New Haven
Director Michael Fimiani, New Haven
Vice Chairman Clayton Williams, New Haven
Director Robert Falcigno, East Haven
Chairman Stephen Mongillo, Hamden
Director Russell Cyr, Hamden
Director Jeffrey D. Ginzberg, Woodbridge

Director absent: Director Raymond Pompano, Sr., East Haven

Also present: Sidney J. Holbrook, Executive Director
Gabriel Varca, Treasurer

Gary Zrelak, Director of Operations
Thomas Sgroi, Director of Engineering
Louis Criscuolo, Deputy Director of Finance
Mario Ricozzi, Manager of Design CSO, LTCP
Ernie Williams, IT Project Manager
Glenn Santoro, Esq., Robinson & Cole, LLP
Deborah L. Torre, Secretary

1. Approval of minutes of March 10, 2020 – Regular Meeting.

Director Alton made the following motion:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the March 10, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Authority are hereby adopted and approved in the form attached hereto as the Exhibit to Agenda Item # 1, any such changes, revisions or additions thereto having been noted to and by the Secretary of the Authority.

Director Fimiani seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: Unanimous

AYES

Alton
Cyr
DeCola
Falcigno
Fimiani
Ginzberg
Mongillo
Williams

NAYES

ABSTENTIONS

Chairman Mongillo asked if the issue from the March 10, 2020 meeting, Public Participation, Scott Winer, East Haven was addressed. The GNHWPCHA spoke with the resident and an agreement and adjustment was made.

2. Public participation relating to agenda items.

No public present.

3. Submission of Authority's Cost of Service Study; Annual Budget consisting of next fiscal year's projected expenditures and recommended user rates and charges and a proposed Annual Capital Budget for the next fiscal year; an annual

update to the Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan; and the impact of the Annual Budget on the next fiscal year's projected expenditures and revenues and user rates and charges.

The proposed annual budget will have a price increase of 2.3%, the new rate will be \$4.80 ccf, eleven cents increase from last years rate of \$4.69 ccf. The billable consumption remains the same and the non-rate interest income permit fees have been lowered. The operating expenses have increased and the debt service stayed flat. The administrative fee will increase to \$16.00 from \$15.00 and the elderly credit will be increased from \$14.00 to \$15.00. The average residential bill of \$132.25 will now be \$136.00.

The GNHWPCA received a rating upgrade by S & P. The refunding has not yet been completed.

Budget workshop meetings for the board members will be scheduled to discuss the Cost of service Study, the Annual Budget and the Capital Improvement Plan.

Chairman Ginzberg said he would like the GNHWPCA to think about not raising the rates. He does not feel it is right to raise rates by almost 2% during this pandemic.

It was explained that the plant costs are fixed and under the terms of Indentures, the GNHWPCA must meet the obligations of its expenses with current revenue.

No votes taken.

4. Consideration and approval of a resolution scheduling a public hearing for Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 5:45 p.m. via teleconference, regarding the Authority's Annual Budget and recommended user rates and charges.

Director Falcigno made the following motion:

RESOLVED: That a public hearing shall be held on Tuesday, May 12, 2020, at 5:45 p.m. via teleconference, regarding the Authority's Annual Budget and recommended user rates and charges

Vice Chairman Williams seconded the motion.

Voice Vote: Unanimous

AYES

Alton

Cyr

DeCola

NAYES

ABSTENTIONS

Falcigno
Fimiani
Ginzberg
Mongillo
Williams

5. Consideration and approval of certain departmental Budget Transfer Requests.

Director Alton made the following motion:

RESOLVED: That the Departmental Budget Transfer Requests, as described in the Exhibit to Agenda Item #5, are hereby approved.

Director Falcigno seconded the motion.

Three budget transfers.

1. Operations - \$38,217, budget transfer to Inlet works duct work, the actual proposal was higher than the estimate.
2. Operations - \$4,500, budget transfer to Maintenance, Capital Non-Recurring, the actual proposal was higher than the estimate.
3. Finance Department - \$19,500, to process Standard and Poor's rating report invoice, March 2020.

Voice Vote: Unanimous

AYES

NAYES

ABSTENTIONS

Alton
Cyr
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Williams

6 Executive summary and department updates and presentations.

The Executive Director complements the entire GNHWPCA staff and thanks them on the work that they continue to do during the pandemic. He also thanks the board of directors.

- Monthly Financial Report
- Monthly Operations Report
- Monthly Engineering report
- New business item to be addressed – Governor" Executive Order Nos. 7S and 7W, lowering interest rate on customer accounts.

Chairman Mongillo asks the Finance Director to explain the Administrative Office staffing during the pandemic. The Finance Director states each department is alternating their staff.

7. Consideration and approval, as necessary, of any other new business of the Authority.

New Business

Consideration and approval of the establishment of a “Low Interest Rate Program” pursuant to Governor Lamont’s Executive Order Nos. 7S and 7W.

Director Fimiani made the following motion:

RESOLVED: That the Authority hereby establishes a “Low Interest Rate Program” in accordance with and in the manner prescribed by Governor Lamont’s Executive Order No. 7S, issued April 1, 2020, and No. 7W, issued April 9, 2020, to offer support to ratepayers in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the Executive Director Sidney J. Holbrook, be and hereby is authorized, empowered and directed, for and on behalf of the Authority, to execute and deliver any and all reasonable and necessary documents and to take any and all reasonable and necessary actions in furtherance thereof.

Director Williams seconded the motion.

The Low Interest Rate Provision will cover the period of April 1, 2020 - July 1, 2020. It will be reduced from 18% to 3%. This will be revisited in May 2020, to see if the Governor does a new Executive Order.

This will impact the GNHWPCA last quarter of fiscal year budget by \$273,000.00

Voice Vote: Unanimous

AYES

NAYES

ABSTENTIONS

Alton
Cyr
DeCola
Falcigno
Fimiani
Ginzberg
Mongillo
Williams

8. Call to the public.

No public present.

9. Adjournment.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Director Fimiani seconded by Director Ginzberg and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Deborah L. Torre
Secretary