



UNION COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY

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Union County Utilities Authority March 18, 2015 Regular Meeting

Vice-Chairwoman Erdos called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m., in the meeting room of the Union County Utilities Authority, 1499 Routes 1 & 9 North, Rahway, New Jersey.

Notice of Compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act was read by Joseph C. Bodek, Clerk of the Authority.

A roll call of the Commissioners showed the following present: Vice-Chairman Erdos, Treasurer People, Commissioners Jackus, and Kahn (via telephone). Also present were alternate Commissioners Bonanno and Lombardo.

Commissioners Absent: Chairman Eastman, Secretary Kennedy, Commissioners Badri, and Kulish.

Others Present: Daniel Sullivan and Tom Brennan of the Authority's staff; Kraig Dowd of Weber Dowd Law; Henry Johnson of CME; Deputy Clerk Lisa DaSilva and Clerk Joseph C. Bodek.

Vice-Chairwoman Erdos appointed Alternate Commissioner Bonanno to act for Commissioner Badri and Alternate Commissioner Lombardo to act for Commissioner Kennedy.

Vice-Chairman Erdos led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Bodek provided Proof of Notice of the meeting.

Communications

Mr. Bodek informed the Commissioners that he had received a letter from Commissioner Huff resigning from the Authority, effective February 28, 2015, due to policy constraints associated with his new employment.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner People moved for the approval of the public and executive sessions minutes of the meetings of February 2, 2015 and February 11, 2015. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lombardo and was ordered approved by a roll call vote, with all voting yes, except Commissioners Kahn, and Bonanno who abstained, and Commissioner People who abstained on the minutes of February 2, 2015.

Report of Officers

Vice-Chairwoman Erdos presented the committee appointments of Chairman Eastman. Commissioner Jackus moved the resolution confirming the committee appointments made by the Chairperson of the Authority for 2015-2016. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bonanno and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

Report of Committees, Staff & Counsel – Public Session I

Finance and Budget Committee.

Commissioner Jackus reported on the meeting of the Finance and Budget Committee. The Committee met and recommended approval of resolution approving the payment of bills. Commissioner Jackus moved the resolutions: 1) Approving operating and resource recovery facility vouchers for processing and payment; and 2) Approving consulting and legal vouchers for processing and payment. The motion was seconded by Commissioner People and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

Personnel, Procurement and Insurance Committee

Commissioner People reported on the meeting of the Committee and its recommendations. Commissioner People moved the following resolutions: 1) Appointing and reappointing certain professionals and consultants to the Authority; 2) Authorizing the execution of contracts with previously appointed and reappointed professionals and consultants to the Authority; 3) Awarding a contract for the provision of information technology services; and 4) Reappointing Economic Planning Group as the Authority's broker of record for group life insurance, AD&D Insurance, and group short and long term disability insurance and to provide consultant services in connection with the Authority's Personnel Benefits Programs. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackus and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

Public Information

There was no report.

Policy, Ethics and By-Laws Committee

There was no report.

Operations Committee

There was no report.

Solid Waste and Recycling Committee

There was no report.

New Business

There was no new business.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Report of Committees, Staff & Counsel – Executive Session

Whereas, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., permits the exclusion of the public from a public body meeting in certain circumstances; and

Whereas, the Union County Utilities Authority Board of Commissioners is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist; and

Whereas, the Board of Commissioners wishes to discuss the following issues:

- 1) *Covanta – Contracts*
- 2) *Circle Rubbish – Litigations/Potential Litigation*

Whereas, minutes will be kept of the executive session and once the matter(s) above no longer require confidentiality, the minutes, or appropriate portions thereof, of the executive session will be made available to the public; and

Whereas, the public is now being informed that the Authority may take official action at the conclusion of the executive session.

Now therefore, be it resolved by the Union County Utilities Authority Board of Commissioners that the public be excluded from this meeting.

Commissioner People moved the resolution for executive session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bonanno and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote. The Authority convened into executive session at 6:43 pm.

Commissioner Bonanno moved to return to public session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackus, and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote. The Authority reconvened into public session at 7:05 pm. Commissioner Kahn left the meeting at the end of the executive session and did not vote on the resolution to return to public session.

Report of Committees Staff & Counsel – Public Session II

Commissioner Jackus moved the resolution authorizing a settlement agreement by and between the Authority and Circle Rubbish Removal, Inc. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bonanno and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

Old/Unfinished Business

Mr. Sullivan reported that as a result of the special meeting, he and legal counsel would be meeting with Covanta to further discuss the matter, next week.

Public Comment by Commissioners/Freeholder Liaison Chris Hudak

Commissioner Bonanno asked questions regarding the Authority's enforcement program, to which Mr. Sullivan responded.

There being no further business to come before the Authority, Commissioner Jackus moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bonanno and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph C. Bodek
Clerk

Roy Eastman
Chairman

James Kennedy
Secretary