

UNION COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY

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Union County Utilities Authority March 26, 2014 Special Meeting

Chairman Huff called the meeting to order at 6:59 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: Chairman Huff, Secretary Kennedy, Commissioners Badri, Eastman, Jackus, Kahn and Kulish. Also present were alternate Commissioners Bonanno and Lombardo.

Commissioners Absent: Vice-Chairman Erdos and Treasurer People

Chairman Huff appointed Commissioner Bonanno to act for Commissioner People and Commissioner Lombardo to act for Commissioner Erdos.

Others Present: Daniel Sullivan of the Authority's staff; Kraig Dowd of Weber Dowd Law; Richard Bauch of Hatfield and Bauch; and Deputy Clerk Lisa DaSilva.

Chairman Huff led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. DaSilva provided Proof of Notice of the meeting.

Communications

There were no communications.

Public Comment

Chairman Huff stated that there may be questions related to the Special meeting of February 26, 2014, where the Board passed a resolution authorizing the Authority to engage a firm to review the details of certain stipend payments. He advised that the only update that can be provided is that the review is under way and ongoing. Further updates can be provided once the review is complete and the final report is presented to the Board.

Tina Renna, Cranford. Ms. Renna stated that it was her understanding that the Authority will be discussing matters pertaining to stipend payments and will presenting a report. Ms. Renna informed the Commissioners that the outside Counsel, Vito Gagliardi, that the taxpayers are paying for, for Executive Director Sullivan, is the brother of Vincent Gagliardi, who is a captain in the Prosecutors office. It was her understanding that Captain Gagliardi's office is charged with overseeing things like white collar crimes. She wanted to make sure that the Commissioners were aware of the relationship.

There being no other members of the public wishing to speak Commissioner Eastman moved to close public comment. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Badri and unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

Report of Committees, Staff and Counsel – Executive Session

Resolution of the Union County Utilities Authority Board of Commissioners to enter into 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 Commissioner wishes to discuss the following issues:

- 1) Personnel – Matters pertaining to stipend payments to certain Authority employees
- 2) Matters covered by the Attorney Client Privilege.

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 Kahn moved the resolution for executive session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kulish and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote. The Authority convened into executive session at 7:05 pm.

Commissioner Bonanno moved to return to public session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kulish and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote. The Authority returned to public session at 7:29 pm.

Report of Committees, Staff & Counsel – Public Session II


Commissioner Kennedy moved the resolution pertaining to stipend payments made to Authority Employees. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kulish and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

Public Comment by Commissioners/Freeholder Liaison Chris Hudak

There were no comments.

There being no further business to come before the Authority, Commissioner Eastman moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Badri and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Joseph E. Bodek
Clerk

James Huff
Chairman

James Kennedy
Secretary