



UNION COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY

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Union County Utilities Authority May 16, 2012 Regular Public Meeting

Chairman Jackus 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: Chairman Jackus, Vice-Chairman Kahn, Treasurer People, Secretary Kennedy, Commissioners Eastman and Kulish. Also present were Alternate Commissioners Bonanno and Lombardo.

Commissioners Absent: Commissioners Badri, Erdos and Huff.

Chairman Jackus appointed Alternate Commissioner Bonanno to act for Commissioner Huff and Alternate Commissioner Lombardo to act for Commissioner Badri.

Others Present: Daniel Sullivan, Tom Brennan, Jeff Hummel and William Neafsey of the Authority's staff; Kraig Dowd of Weber Dowd Law; Ed Trainia of CME; Dennis Enright of NW Financial; Freeholder Liaison Christopher Hudak; Deputy Clerk Lisa M. DaSilva and Clerk Joseph C. Bodek.

Chairman Jackus led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Jackus appointed Alternate Commissioner Bonanno to act for Commissioner Kennedy and Alternate Commissioner Lombardo to act for Commissioner Eastman.

Mr. Bodek provided Proof of Notice of the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner People moved for approval of the public and executive session minutes of April 18, 2012. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kulish and was ordered approved by a roll call vote with all voting yes except Commissioners Eastman and Kennedy who abstained.

Communications

There were no communications.

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Report of Officers

There were no reports from the officers.

Report of Committees, Staff & Counsel – Public Session I

Finance & Budget

Commissioner Kahn reported that the Finance & Budget Committee had met and recommended approval of the bill list. Commissioner Kahn moved the following 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 Kennedy and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

Personnel/Procurement/Insurance

Commissioner Kulish reported on the meeting of the Personnel/Procurement/Insurance Committee and gave their recommendations regarding labor counsel services. Commissioner Bonanno moved the resolution adopting a list of additional firms qualified to perform labor counsel services to the Authority pursuant to a request for qualifications process. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lombardo and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote. Commissioner Kulish moved the resolution awarding a contract for labor counsel services. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kahn and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

Commissioner Kahn moved the resolution authorizing its participation in an optional vision insurance coverage program. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lombardo and was approved by a roll call vote, with all voting in favor except Commissioner Kulish who abstained.

Operations

There was no report from the Operations Committee.

Solid Waste & Recycling

Mr. Dowd noted that previously the Authority had entered into a settlement agreement with the Plainfield Municipal Utilities Authority along with a separate agreement that allowed them to operate as a MRF on an interim basis. He noted that they had received favorable reports from enforcement regarding their operation. He reviewed the resolution authorizing the extension of the interim MRF agreement with the Plainfield Municipal Utilities Authority and answered several questions from the Commissioners. Commissioner Kulish moved the resolution authorizing the extension of an interim MRF agreement with the Plainfield Municipal Utilities Authority. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Eastman and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

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New Business

Mr. Dowd explained the reasons for a shared service agreement with the County and how this service had been handled in the past. Commissioner Eastman moved the resolutions (1) Authorizing entering into a shared services agreement with the County of Union for the provision of website maintenance and support services; and (2) Authorizing the disposal of certain archived authority files. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kulish and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

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) *County of Morris – Contracts*
- 2) *Employee Medical Insurance - Personnel*

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 Lombardo and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote. The Authority convened into executive session at 6:48 p.m.

Commissioner Kennedy moved to return to public session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lombardo and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote. The Authority returned to public session at 6:57 p.m.

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Report of Committees, Staff & Counsel – Public Session II

Mr. Hummel gave the report of the enforcement division for the month of April.

Mr. Hummel reported that the enforcement division had begun a Commercial Type 10 Project. This project took place in the non-contract towns. The first survey was conducted in the Township of Cranford. Mr. Hummel explained the purpose of the survey, the methodology used, and the purpose of the project. The next town to be surveyed would be Fanwood. The purpose of the project was to determine compliance and to determine violators. Commissioner Kennedy asked several questions about the project, as did Commissioner Bonanno. There was a discussion on enforcement. Mr. Sullivan compliment the enforcement team on the job they did.

Public Comments by Commissioners/Freeholder Liaison 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 Kennedy, and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph C. Bodek
Clerk

Ed Jackus
Chairman

James Kennedy
Secretary