

Union County Utilities Authority
August 17, 2005
Regular Public Meeting

Vice-Chairman Kulish called the meeting to order at 6:35 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 Bodek, Clerk of the Authority.

A roll call of Commissioners showed the following present: Vice-Chairman Kulish, Secretary Wolf, Treasurer People, Commissioners Jackus, Kennedy, and Vollero. Also present was alternate Commissioner Huff and Jorn.

Commissioners absent: Chairman Kahn, Commissioners Badri and Lapolla.

Others Present: Dr. Spatola, Mr. Neasfey, Mr. Brennan, and Mr. Crane of the Authority's staff; General Counsel Neil Cohen; Ed Trainia of CME; Alan Roth, Esq.; Jeff Enright on NW Financial; Jonathan Williams of DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick, Cole and Wisler; Robert Butvilla of Suplee, Clooney and Company; Deputy Clerk Lisa Miskiewicz and Clerk Joseph C. Bodek..

Vice-Chairman Kulish led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice-Chairman Kulsh appointed Alternate Commissioner Huff to act for Commissioner Badri and Alternate Commissioner Jorn to act for Commissioner Lapolla.

Mr. Bodek provided proof of notice of the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Wolf moved the resolution approving the minutes of the regular public meeting of July 20, 2005 and the executive session minutes of July 20, 2005. Commissioner People seconded the motion. By a roll call vote all voted in favor, except Commissioners Kulish, and Jorn, whom abstained.

Communications

Mr. Bodek noted a letter from the Plainfield Municipal Utilities Authority announcing their Sixth Annual Environmental Fair on September 17, 2005 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. He also noted an e-mail from Gordon Hass of the Greater Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce asking if anyone knew of any non-profits or schools that maybe interested in receiving some older computers from PSE&G. Next was information from The New Jersey Alliance for Action regarding their Annual Eagle Awards Dinner to be held on October 19, 2005, at the Hyatt Regency, New Brunswick. Tickets are priced at \$325.00 each. Finally there was a communication for the Greater Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce regarding their Eighth Annual GECC Dinner to be held on Wednesday, September 14, 2005 aboard the Cornucopia Princess. Tickets are priced at \$110.00 each.

Report of Officers

There were no reports from the Officers.

Report of Committees, Staff & Counsel - Public Session I

Finance and Budget

Commissioner Jackus reported that the Finance and Budget Committee had met and recommended approval of the listed resolutions. Commissioner Jackus then moved the following resolutions: 1) Approving consulting and legal vouchers for processing and payment; 2) Approving operating and resource recovery facility vouchers for processing and payment; 3) Increasing the CAP for Garrubbo & Capece in its existing professional services contract; and 4) Certifying to the Local Finance Board the Authority's compliance regarding annual audit pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:5A-17. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vollero and approved unanimously by a roll call vote.

Personnel/Procurement/Insurance

There was no report for public session.

Operations

Dr. Spatola informed the Commissioner that the Covanta Coordination Meeting was held on August 17, 2005. Discussed were: 1) The production numbers for July of this year He noted that they were essentially the same as July of last year; 2) After reviewing some of the proposed drawings from the DOT for the realignment of the Routes 1&9, Covanta thought that it could pose a potential flooding problem for this site. The matter is being looked into; 3) Review of a draft security plan for the facility.

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Dr. Spatola noted that a copy of the draft was provided to the Commissioners. If they had any comments on it, they should give him a call.

Dr. Spatola reported that a meeting had been held on August 11, 2005 to discuss the Route 1&9 realignment. In attendance were DOT personnel, representatives of the construction contractor, Covanta, the Authority and its consultants. One of the major items discussed was the necessity of shutting off power to the facility due to the need to relocate one of the poles that carries power in and out of the plant. He explained that it was anticipated that power would be shut off, at various times, for a total of ten days. Also discussed were security issues for when the sound wall is opened up. A discussion followed regarding the shutting off of power to the facility and the possible need to divert waste to a by-pass facility.

Mr. Neasfey provided the Commissioners with an enforcement update. He noted that there were 230 solid waste inspections conducted during the month of July.

Solid Waste and Recycling

There was no report.

New Business

There were no items of new business.

Public Comment

Commissioner Wolf moved to go into executive session to discuss those matters pertaining to contracts, litigation, and/or personnel. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Huff, and approved unanimously by a roll call vote. The Authority convened into executive session at 6:50 pm.

Upon motion of Commissioner Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Vollero and approved unanimously by a roll call vote, the Authority reconvened into public session at 7:09 pm.

Reports of Committees, Staff & Counsel - Public Session II

Commissioner Jorn moved the resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement with Importico's Inc., pertaining to the disposal of non-contract Type 10 and 25 Solid Waste. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vollero, and approved unanimously by a roll call vote.

Unfinished Business

There were no items of unfinished business.

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Public Comments by Commissioners/Freeholder Liaison Chester Holmes

There were no comments.

There being no further business to come before the Authority, Commissioner Kennedy moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vollero and approved unanimously by a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph C. Bodek
Clerk

Edward Kahn
Chairman

William Wolf
Secretary