

Union County Utilities Authority
December 19, 2007
Regular Public Meeting

Chairman Kennedy called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm, 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 Mr. Bodek, Clerk of the Authority.

A roll call of the Commissioners showed the following present: Chairman Kennedy, Secretary Wolf, Treasurer People, Commissioners Badri, Erdos, Jackus, and Kahn.

Commissioners Absent: Vice-Chairman Kulish, Commissioner Huff and alternate Commissioner Jorn.

Others Present: Dr. Garg, Mr. Hummel, Mr. Neafsey, and Mr. Crane of the Authority's staff; Neil Cohen, General Counsel; Ed Traina of CME; Kraig Dowd of Brownstein Booth and Associates; Freeholder Liaison Holmes; Deputy Clerk Lisa Miskiewicz and Clerk Joseph C. Bodek.

Chairman Kennedy led the Pledge of Alliance.

Mr. Bodek provided Proof of Notice of the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Erdos moved the resolution approving the regular session and executive session minutes of the November 28, 2007 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kahn and approved by a roll call vote, with all voting in favor, except Commissioners Jackus and Kennedy who abstained.

Communications

Mr. Bodek read a note of thank you from Commissioner Erdos, for the expression of sympathy sent by the Authority to offer condolences on the passing of her sister.

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Mr. Bodek read a thank you note from Commissioner Wolf, and his wife, for the flowers sent by the Authority to mark their wedding anniversary.

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 had met and recommended approval of the bill list and the 2008 Budget. Commissioner People then 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 Kahn and approved unanimously by a roll call vote.

Commissioner Badri moved the resolution authorizing the adoption of the annual budget for the fiscal year, January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wolf and approved unanimously by a roll call vote.

Dr. Garg, informed the Commissioners, that the 2008 budget was the first budget, in several years, that would not be drawing any money from the reserve fund. The 2008 budget projects a balance, with revenues equaling expenses. No surplus would be used. He detailed items that made this possible. He hoped to implement a recycling program, in 2009, that would not require rates to be raised.

Personnel/Procurement/Insurance

There was no report.

Operations

Mr. Crane advised the Commissioners that there were 290 solid waste flow inspections/investigations conducted during the month of November, 2007 (229 type 13 and 61 type 10). Settlements for the month of November totaled \$20,250.00.

Dr. Garg reported that the enforcement staff was in the process of forwarding 351 cases to special counsel, Kraig Dowd, for the first half of 2007. He noted that these cases, and their number, is impressive and represents the professionalism of the enforcement staff. He detailed the next steps in the process for these cases. In response to questions from Commissioner Kahn, Dr. Garg explained the potential dollar amounts that these cases could generate in fines.

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Solid Waste & Recycling

Dr. Garg informed the Commissioners that on Monday the New Jersey State Legislature is considering the New Jersey Recycling Enhancement Act. He noted that the legislation imposes about a \$2.00 per ton surcharge on waste disposed at a solid waste facility, such as the Union County Resource Recovery Facility. He explained that efforts were made to pass some amendments to provide relief from this surcharge at solid waste facilities, such as the Union County Resource Recovery Facility.

New Business

There were no items of new business.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Report of Committees, Staff & Counsel - Executive Session

Commissioner Wolf moved to go into executive session to discuss matters pertaining to Personnel, Litigation and/or Contracts. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Badri and approved unanimously by a voice vote. The Authority convened into executive session at 6:43 pm.

Upon motion of Commissioner Erdos, seconded by Commissioner Wolf, and approved unanimously by a voice vote, the Authority reconvened into public session at 6:47 pm.

Report of committees Staff & Counsel - Public Session II

Commissioner Badri moved the resolution authorizing the execution of a contract with HDR Engineering, Inc. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wolf and approved unanimously by a roll call vote.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

Public Comments by Commissioners/Freeholder Liaison Chester Holmes

There was no comment.

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Chairman Kennedy wished everyone a happy holiday.

Commissioner Badri moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wolf and approved unanimously by a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 pm..

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph C. Bodek
Clerk

James Kennedy
Chairman

William Wolf
Secretary