

**Union County Utilities Authority
December 21, 2005**

Regular Public Meeting

Chairman Kahn called the meeting to order at 6:32 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 the Commissioners showed the following present: Chairman Kahn, Vice-Chairman Kulish, Commissioners Badri, Jackus, Lapolla, People and Vollero. Also present were Alternate Commissioners Huff and Jorn.

Commissioners Absent: Secretary Wolf and Commissioner Kennedy.

Chairman Kahn designated Alternate Commissioner Huff to act for Commissioner Wolf and Alternate Commissioner Jorn to act for Commissioner Kennedy.

Others Present: Dr. Spatola, Mr. Brennan, 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; Alan Roth, Esq.; Mike Hanley of NW Financial; Richard Rudin of Weiner Lesniak; David Wadyka of DiFrancesco, Bateman, Coley, Yospin, et al; Jonathan Williams and Gina Bilangi of Decotiis, Fitzpatrick, Cole and Wisler; Deputy Clerk Lisa Miskiewicz and Clerk Joseph Bodek. Dennis Enright of NW Financial arrived at 7:07 pm.

Chairman Kahn led the Pledge of Alliance.

Mr. Bodek provided proof of notice of the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Jorn moved the resolution approving the minutes of the regular public meeting of November 2, 2005, and the executive session minutes of November 2, 2005. Commissioner Badri seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

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Communications

Mr. Bodek noted the following communications: 1) A letter from Suplee, Clooney and Company wishing the Commissioners a happy holiday season; 2) A letter from the Greater Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce(GECC) thanking the Authority for renewing its membership; 3) A note from the Huff family thanking the Commissioners and staff for the flowers sent to celebrate the birth of their son; 4) Thank you notes from the Kologi family and the Friends of the Linden Animal Shelter for the donation made, by the Authority, in memory of Edward Kologi, Sr.; 5) A flyer from GECC extending an invitation to their annual lunch meeting on January 11, 2006, featuring Mayor Chris Bollwage's "State of the City" address; and 6) A letter from The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society thanking the Authority for the donation made in memory of Robert Gregory.

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 Lapolla 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 Jackus and approved unanimously by a roll call vote.

Mr. Brennan provided an explanation of the annual budget for 2006 to the Commissioners. Commissioner Jackus noted that the Finance and Budget Committee recommended approval of the budget. Commissioner Kulish moved the resolution authorizing the consideration of the Authority's annual budget for the fiscal year January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006.

Personnel/Procurement/Insurance

There was no report for public session.

Operations

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Dr. Spatola reported on the Covanta Coordination meeting. Topics discussed included: 1) Amount of waste being delivered through the various Authority contracts, with a comparison to last year's amounts; and 2) the annual public meeting. Mr. Crane addressed various security issues at the facility.

Mr. Hummel provided the Commissioners with an update on the enforcement program. He detailed the number and types of enforcement actions during the month of November.

Dr. Spatola noted that the discussion on professional services would be held in executive session.

Solid Waste and Recycling

Dr. Spatola noted that the proposed rate increase for disposal of Type 10 program waste had been sent to the DEP and the Authority is waiting approval.

New Business

There was no new business.

Public Comment

There was no public.

Commissioner Kulish moved to go into executive session to discuss those matters pertaining to contracts, litigation, and/or personnel. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vollero, and approved unanimously by a roll call vote. The Authority convened into executive session at 6:43 pm.

Upon motion of Commissioner Kulish, seconded by Commissioner Jackus, and approved unanimously by a roll call vote, the Authority reconvened into public session at 7:50 pm.

Reports of Committees, Staff & Counsel - Public Session II

Commissioner Jackus moved the following resolutions: 1) Authorizing a procedure for the issuance and review of a request for qualifications for professional services; and 2) Authorizing the Executive Director to enter into a local waste agreement with the Township of Berkeley Heights. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Badri and approved unanimously by a roll call vote.

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Unfinished Business

There were no items of unfinished business.

Public Comments by Commissioners/Freeholder Liaison Chester Holmes

There were no comments.

There being no further business to come before the Authority, Commissioner Badri moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lapolla and approved unanimously by a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph C. Bodek
Clerk

Edward Kahn
Chairman

William Wolf
Secretary