

Union County Utilities Authority
November 2, 2005
Regular Public Meeting

Chairman Kahn called the meeting to order at 6:45 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: Chairman Kahn, Vice-Chairman Kulish, Secretary Wolf, Treasurer People, Commissioners Badri, Jackus, Kennedy, Lapolla, and Vollero. Also present were Alternate Commissioners Huff and Jorn.

Commissioners absent: None

Others Present: Dr. Spatola, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Neafsey and Mr. Hummel of the Authority's staff; Ed Trainia of CME; Alan Roth, Esq.; Freeholder Chester Holmes; Kraig Dowd of Brownstein, Booth and Associates; Deputy Clerk Lisa Miskiewicz and Clerk Joseph C. Bodek..

Chairman Kahn led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Bodek provided proof of notice of the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Jackus moved the resolution approving the minutes of the regular public meeting of October 19, 2005, and the executive session minutes of October 19, 2005. Commissioner Wolf seconded the motion. By a roll call vote all voted in favor, except Commissioner Kulish, 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 and Budget

Commissioner Jackus reported that the Finance and Budget Committee had met and recommended approval of the listed resolutions. Commissioner Kulish 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 Wolf and approved unanimously by a roll call vote.

Commissioner Lapolla moved the resolution increasing the caps for Appraisal Consultants Corp. and Weiner Lesniak, LLP, in their existing professional services contracts. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wolf and approved unanimously by a roll call vote.

Personnel/Procurement/Insurance

There was no report for public session.

Operations

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 years amounts; 2) Scheduled outages for maintenance; 3) Security issues related to the parking areas; and 4) The Annual Public meeting.

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

Solid Waste and Recycling

There was no report.

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New Business

Commissioner Kahn informed Dr. Spatola that at a soccer field dedication in Westfield, it was noted that there was a train idling on the tracks along side the field. The train had open trash that smelled. He asked if that train line was one of the ones used by a rail transfer station. Dr. Spatola responded that he believed it was, but would check into, and report back at next month's meeting.

Public Comment

There was no public.

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 Jackus, 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 Jackus, and approved unanimously by a roll call vote, the Authority reconvened into public session at 7:03 pm.

Reports of Committees, Staff & Counsel - Public Session II

Commissioner Kulish moved the following resolutions: 1) Authorizing the hiring of David Fernicola as a solid waste enforcement officer; and 2) Authorizing the hiring of Santiago de Jesus as a solid waste enforcement officer. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wolf and approved unanimously by a roll call vote.

Unfinished Business

There were no items of unfinished business.

Public Comments by Commissioners/Freeholder Liaison Chester Holmes

Dr. Spatola noted that in the past the Authority provided flu shots to the Commissioners and staff, through MultiCare in Clark. This year they have no vaccine available. He has contacted

the office of the County Manager, and requested that the Authority be allowed to participate in the County flu shot campaign. The Authority would reimburse the County for the cost of the shots. The County indicated that they would accommodate the Authority, if extra vaccine was

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available, however it would not be before the second cycle of vaccinations. The County would notify him and he would notify the Commissioners and staff. Chairman Kahn suggested that Dr. Spatola also contact other medical care providers to find out their ability to provide the vaccinations, and notify the Commissioners and staff.

Chairman Kahn directed the Authority send the appropriate condolences to Robert Gregory for the passing of his father.

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 7:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph C. Bodek
Clerk

Edward Kahn
Chairman

William Wolf
Secretary