

Union County Utilities
September 21, 2005
Regular Public Meeting

Chairman Kahn 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 Bodek, Clerk of the Authority.

A roll call of Commissioners showed the following present: Chairman Kahn, Vice-Chairman Kulish, Secretary Wolf, Treasurer People, Commissioners Jackus, Lapolla, and Vollero.

Commissioners absent: Commissioners Badri and Kennedy. Also absent were Alternate Commissioners Huff and Jorn.

Others Present: Dr. Spatola, Mr. Neafsey, Mr. Brennan, and Mr. Crane of the Authority's staff; General Counsel Neil Cohen; Ed Trainia of CME; Alan Roth, Esq.; Freeholder Chester Holmes; Kraig Dowd of Brownstein, Booth and Associates; Kevin Conti of DeCotiis Fitzpatrick Cole and Wisler; 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 Kulish 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 Chairman Kahn and Commissioners Lapolla, who abstained.

Communications

Mr. Bodek noted a newsletter was received from Union County Economic Development Corporation. Also received was a letter from the Children Specialized Hospital Foundation announcing their Umbrella Gala, to be held on October 22, 2005 at the Palace at Somerset Park. Lastly there was notice from the Borough of Roselle announcing the passing of Yvonne Holley, Grandmother of Councilman Jamel C. Holley.

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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 Kulish 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; 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.

Personnel/Procurement/Insurance

There was no report for public session.

Operations

Dr. Spatola informed the Commissioner that the Covanta Coordination Meeting was held. Discussed were: 1) The amounts of waste being delivered by the Authority under its various contracts with Covanta; 2) The burning of wood chips, being delivered by vendors for the US Department of Agriculture, due to the infestation of Asian Long Horn Beetles; and 3) Security issues at the facility. Mr. Crane also spoke on security matters.

Dr. Spatola turned the floor over to Mr. Crane, to discuss the Authority's phone system. Mr. Crane noted that the Authority's phone system is old and has been experiencing numerous problems. He is working with the Alfred Faella, Director of the County's Division of Information Technology, to design and price a new phone system for the Authority's offices.

Mr. Bodek informed the Commissioners that as part of the records management program the Authority began last year, additional records have been identified as no longer needed. Permission to dispose of these records has been obtained from the Authority's auditors and the Director of Archives and Records Management in the State of New Jersey. Commissioner Jackus

moved the resolution authorizing the disposal of certain archived Authority files. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kulish and approved unanimously by a roll call vote.

Mr. Crane reported to the Commissioners on the status of the Authority's enforcement efforts.

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Solid Waste and Recycling

Dr. Spatola informed the Commissioners that the City of Linden has requested inclusion into the Union County Solid Waste Management Plan to operate a compost facility. The facility would be located at the site of the City's former landfill. CME Associates, the Authority's engineering consult has reviewed the application and found it complete. Commissioner Wolf moved the resolution recommending, by administrative action, the inclusion of the Linden compost facility into the Union County District Solid Waste Management plan, relative to composting activities only. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vollero, and approved unanimously by a roll call vote.

New Business

There were no items of 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 Wolf, and approved unanimously by a roll call vote. The Authority convened into executive session at 6:47 pm.

Upon motion of Commissioner Kulish, seconded by Commissioner Wolf, and approved unanimously by a roll call vote, the Authority reconvened into public session at 7:27 pm.

Reports of Committees, Staff & Counsel - Public Session II

Commissioner Wolf moved the resolution authorizing the following resolutions: 1) Authorizing the filing of a petition with the Department of Environmental Protection for approval of an increase in rates for solid waste disposal services; and 2) Approving and accepting

the resignation of the Senior Solid Waste Enforcement Officer. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kulish 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 Kulish moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wolf and approved unanimously by a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph C. Bodek
Clerk

Edward Kahn
Chairman

William Wolf
Secretary