

Union County Utilities Authority
October 19, 2005
Regular Public Meeting

Chairman Kahn 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: Chairman Kahn, Secretary Wolf, Treasurer People, Commissioners Badri, Jackus, Kennedy, Lapolla, and Vollero.

Commissioners absent: Vice-Chairman Kulish. Also absent were Alternate Commissioners Huff and Jorn.

Others Present: Dr. Spatola, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Crane, Mr. Neasfey and Mr. Hummel 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; Gina Bilangi of DeCotiis Fitzpatrick Cole and Wisler; Freeholder Holmes; 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 People moved the resolution approving the minutes of the regular public meeting of September 21, 2005, and the executive session minutes of September 21, 2005. Commissioner Badri seconded the motion. By a roll call vote all voted in favor, except Commissioner Badri, who abstained.

Communications

Mr. Bodek read a thank you note from Mike Kergis(an Authority staff member) thanking the Commissioners and Staff for their expression of sympathy expressed, upon the passing of his mother-in-law, Victoria Kawczynski. Mr. Bodek also noted a thank you note from the Dearheart Charitable Foundation, Inc., for the donation made in memory of Debby DeCotiis. Lastly, he noted a request from the Strike Merchants Scholarship Foundation, Inc. to place an advertisement in journal for the 15th Annual Herman Holmes Scholarship Dinner Dance.

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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 Wolf 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; and 3) increasing the caps for Garrubbo, Capece, D'Arcangelo, Millman & Smith, P.C., and Brownstein Booth and Associates in their existing professional services contracts. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lapolla and approved unanimously by a roll call vote.

Personnel/Procurement/Insurance

Mr. Brennan recommended to the Commissioners that the Authority renew it's membership in New Jersey Utilities Authority Joint Insurance Fund. He noted that the Authority has belonged since 1992. This renewal would be for a three year term. Mr. Cohen asked if, since the leasing of the facility to Covanta, have the premiums been reduced. Mr. Brennan indicated they have been decreased. In addition coverage for Public Officials and Employment Practices Liability Insurance, has been placed with the JIF at savings of approximately \$34,000.00. Commissioner Kennedy then moved the resolution renewing the Authority's membership in the New Jersey Utilities Authority Joint Insurance Fund. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wolf and approved unanimously by a roll call vote.

Operations

Mr. Crane reported on the Covanta Coordination meeting. Items discussed: 1) Covanta is currently in it's second outage, this year, for maintenance proposes. The third and final outage for the year will commence on November 7, 2005. Inspections done on the boilers show the boilers to be in good shape; 2) Route 1 & 9 alignment. CME and the DOT are discussing the proposed design of the security gate. That design has the gate swinging into traffic. The recommended gate is a rolling gate, and there was also a discussion on the ownership of the

property that the gate opens onto; and 3) The tonnage being delivered to the facility by the Authority under its various contracts.

Mr. Crane then provided the Commissioner with an enforcement update. He noted the number and type of inspection done and the enforcement action taken.

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Mr. Crane reported to the Commissioners that for the last year the Authority's phone system has been problematic. The County of Union sent their person, Stephen Thorpe, over to review the problems. He brought in various firms to analyze the problems. The recommendations of Mr. Thorpe were presented to the Operations Committee. Commissioner Kennedy informed the Commissioners that three proposals had been received, and a recommendation was made to select Johnson Communications to provide the Authority with a new phone system. He explained the reasons for the selection. The proposed price was \$19,365.90. A discussion followed to ensure that the proposed system would meet the future needs of the Authority. Commissioner Jackus moved a resolution accepting the recommendation of the Operations Committee, and awarding a contract to Johnson Communications to provide a new phone system to the Authority at a cost of \$19,365.90. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wolf, and approved unanimously by a roll call vote.

Solid Waste and Recycling

There was no report.

New Business

Chairman Kahn noted that some of the offices have been painted by employees, and the meeting room has been rearranged to create an open look. Dr. Spatola noted that it was done under the direction of the deputy clerk. Chairman Kahn thanked Lisa Miskiewicz for all her efforts.

Public Comment

There was no public.

Commissioner Badri 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 6:55 pm.

Upon motion of Commissioner Jackus, seconded by Commissioner Badri, 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

There were no reports.

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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 Wolf and approved unanimously by a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph C. Bodek
Clerk

Edward Kahn
Chairman

William Wolf
Secretary