

**Minutes of the
Special Board Meeting
Of the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority
Held on July 8, 2019**

This Special Board Meeting of The Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority, having been duly advertised in accordance with the Sunshine Act, was called to order on July 8, 2019, at approximately 8:30 a.m., in the Board Room located on the first floor of 1200 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222.

The following members of the Board were present: Mr. Paul Leger and Mr. Michael Domach. Participating via Conference Call were: Mr. Jim Turner, Ms. Margaret Lanier and Ms. Deborah Gross.

Absent was Ms. Chaton Turner.

Present from the staff were: Robert Weimar, Debby Gibson, Barry King, Giuseppe Sciulli, and Paul Spara.

Also present was Mark Nowak of Clark Hill PLC, Solicitor.

Chairperson Leger asked if there was anyone in attendance wishing to make public comment for 3 minutes. There were no speakers.

RESOLUTIONS

No. 132 of 2019 Authorizing Emergency Procurement of a Capital Contract for Highland No. 2 Reservoir Cover Rehabilitation and Cleaning

Funding: Capital Budget \$100,000.00

Barry King, Interim Director of Engineering, explained the details of this Resolution. Recent inspections of the flexible covers on the Highland No. 2 Reservoir show marked deterioration of the cover material. In some cases, the cover is close to failure, which would violate PA DEP rules for water supply reservoir covers.

Chairperson Leger entertained a motion to approve for discussion. Mr. Domach so moved, and Ms. Lanier seconded the motion.

No discussion held. Board unanimously approved, and the Resolution was adopted.

No. 133 of 2019 Authorizing Emergency Procurement of Contractor Services of a Capital Contract for Herron Hill Reservoir Improvements, PWSA Project No. 2019-323-100-0

Funding: Capital Budget \$4,000,000.00

Barry King, Director of Engineering, explained the details of this Resolution. Recent inspections of the flexible covers on the Herron Hill Reservoir show marked deterioration of the cover material. In some cases, the cover has failed requiring the shut-down of the South Cell. Additional North Cell cover failure would place the related Water Service Zone in an emergency status as no storage would be available for peak domestic or fire demands.

Chairperson Leger entertained a motion to approve. Ms. Lanier so moved, and Mr. Domach seconded the motion.

No discussion held. Board unanimously approved, and the Resolution was adopted.

No. 134 of 2019 Approving the Award of a Professional Services Agreement (Capital) for Wightman Park GI, PWSA Project No. 2017-424-105-0 to Hatch Associates Consultants, Inc.

No. 135 of 2019 Approving the Entering into a Three-Party Agreement between the City of Pittsburgh, PWSA, and Eisler Landscapes, Inc. for Construction of the Wightman Park Improvement Project

Funding: Capital Budget \$157,300.00 (Resolution 134)

Barry King, Director of Engineering, explained the details of this Resolution. The scope of work for this task order is based on PWSA's standard construction management services, which includes schedule monitoring, record-keeping, submittal coordination, RFI response, pay request processing, construction inspection, GPS field survey of constructed infrastructure and as-built preparation of red-line markups.

Funding: Capital Budget \$1,500,423.23 (Resolution 135)

Barry King, Director of Engineering, explained the details of this Resolution. PWSA's portion of the cost-share is based on the stormwater-management components of the project, including subsurface storage, a rain garden and associated drainage piping.

Chairperson Leger entertained a motion to approve for discussion. Mr. Domach so moved, and Ms. Lanier seconded the motion.

Mr. Leger asked whether this is the end of the Wightman problem for the PWSA. Mr. Weimar replied that this will be the end for PWSA's portion. Any issue that was unresolved will be resolved with these two Resolutions. Ms. Lanier inquired how long this project will take. Mr. Weimar stated that the May bidding was the City's decision. He thought they were hoping to have their portion done by next summer. PWSA's portion has to be done by this Fall. PWSA has to be done before they can start.

No further discussion held. The Board unanimously approved, and Resolution 134 and 135 were adopted as companion pieces.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Weimar asked to address the Board. He stated that the Board will be receiving a Memo from him today regarding the flooding events over the weekend and the action steps that PWSA is going to be executing to move this process.

Ms. Gross thanked Bob also for responding. She stated that the area had unusual rainfall last year and again this year and that it is really taking its toll on City infrastructure. She thanked PWSA for being responsive. While PWSA has made actual improvements in stormwater capacity, there is obviously a bigger challenge ahead of it. She also asked to speak briefly to the agenda item on the Herron Reservoir. PWSA has had situations where City hospitals have had only one line, and PWSA has endeavored to work with them to make sure they basically have duplicative water service. Perhaps it is also a matter of public policy to work with the hospitals and City Council to make sure that those hospital beds have the emergency services that they need from our infrastructure.

Mr. Weimar stated that the longer-term issues of supplying the new properties that have been built are being addressed in a study of PWSA's water distribution system that is currently underway and should be done by the first quarter of next year.

Ms. Gross stated that PWSA's infrastructure serviced mostly steel mills along the rivers. PWSA now has different demands from different places in the City. So PWSA has to look at its system in a similar fashion so that people do not assume it is a system sitting here ready and waiting for their development. Mr. Leger asked which hospitals have a single feed and which

do not. Mr. Weimar stated that the only hospital that actually constructed a separate feed to a separate pressure zone was because they were at the top of the zone where they were connected. The study will verify if PWSA has the ability to meet demands even if there is a break or some other catastrophic event.

Mr. Leger asked what major institutions need to have more than one feed and are operating on a single feed right now. Ms. Gross replied that she thought the study is looking at the infrastructure in the pressure districts to include demands from projects that are not yet built. She stated that it is definitely not PWSA's role to be the forecasters, but there should be input and dialogue between the agencies that are the forecasters, like URA and City Planning, so that PWSA can better prepare. Mr. Weimar stated that Julie Ascioffa has been given the responsibility to meet with the institutions to gather any significant plans or changes in demand.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

Chairperson Leger entered a motion to adjourn. Mr. Domach so moved, and Ms. Gross seconded. The motion to adjourn was unanimously approved.

The next meeting will be held on Friday, July 26, 2019 at 10:00 AM.

James Turner, Secretary