

UNION COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY
October 17, 2007
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

Chairman Kennedy called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm, 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 Kennedy, Vice-Chairman Kulish, Treasurer People, Secretary Wolf, Commissioners Badri, Erdos, Huff, and Jackus.

Commissioner Absent: Commissioner Kahn and Alternate Commissioner Jorn.

Others Present: Dr. Garg, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Crane, Ms. Santiago and Mr. Neafsey of the Authority's staff; Neil Cohen, General Counsel; Tim Gillen of CME; Gina Bilangi of DeCotiis Fitzpatrick; Freeholder Liaison Chester Holmes; Alan Harleston and Jim Hellfer of Covanta; Jeff Enright of NW Financial; Deputy Clerk Lisa Miskiewicz and Clerk Joseph Bodek.

Chairman Kennedy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Bodek provided Proof of Notice of the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Erdos moved to approve the regular session minutes of September 19, 2007, and the executive session minutes of August 15, 2007 and September 19, 2007. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Badri, and approved unanimously by a voice vote.

Communications

There were no Communications.

Report of Officers

There were no reports from the officers.

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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 bill list as submitted. Commissioner Jackus 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 Huff and was approved unanimously by a roll call vote.

Personnel/Procurement/Insurance

No report.

Operations

Mr. Crane reported that there were 453 solid waste flow inspections/investigations conducted during the month of September 2007, broken down as follows: 351 type 13 and 102 type 10.

Dr. Garg noted that representatives of Covanta were present tonight. If anyone had questions on the operation of the plant, now would be a good time to ask them. There were no questions.

Solid Waste & Recycling

Ms. Santiago informed the Commissioner that there is a revised resolution on the agenda tonight. She explained what the revisions were and why. Commissioner Kulish moved the resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement with Waste Management of New Jersey, Inc. to allow its materials recovery facilities to accept and recycle Types 13, 13C, 23 and 27 Solid Waste generated within Union County and return all residue therefrom to the county's designated disposal facilities in the County in accordance with the Union County District Solid Waste Management Plan. This agreement is a revision of Resolution #52-2007 passed on August 15, 2007. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Badri and approved unanimously by a roll call vote.

New Business

There was no new business.

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Public Comment

There was no public present.

Report of Committees, Staff & Counsel - Executive Session

Commissioner Wolf moved to go into executive session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Huff. Mr. Bodek informed those present as to the reasons the Authority was entering into executive session. He also noted that the Authority may take official action upon the completion of the executive session. The motion was approved unanimously by a voice vote. The Authority entered into executive session at 6:40 pm.

Upon motion of Commissioner Erdos seconded by Commissioner Badri, and approved unanimously by a voice vote, the Authority returned to public session at 6:53 pm.

Report of Committees, Staff & Counsel - Public Session II

Commissioner People reported that the Solid Waste Committee had met, and concurred with the recommendations of the review committee on the award of a contract for disposal of Type 10/25 waste. The Committee supported the award of a five year contract to Covanta running from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2013. Covanta was the lowest responsible bidder under the law. The Solid Waste Committee also supported the recommendation for a plan amendment to the Union County District Solid Waste Management Plan to include Covanta for disposal of this type of waste.

Commissioner People then moved the following resolutions: 1) Awarding a contract to Covanta Union, Inc, for the provision of disposal services for approximately 150,000 tons of solid waste types 10 and 25 generated in Union County and Authorizing the execution of a contract with Covanta Union, Inc. for such services.; 2) Recommending an amendment to the Union County District Solid Waste Management Plan to include Covanta Union, Inc. into the Union County District Solid Waste Management Plan as the County's designated facility to which all non-recycled non-contract solid waste Types 10 and 25 are directed for disposal. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kulish and approved unanimously by a roll call vote.

Unfinished Business

There were no items of unfinished business.

Public Comment by Commissioners/Freeholder Liaison Chester Holmes

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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 Erdos and approved unanimously by a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph C Bodek
Clerk

James Kennedy
Chairman

William Wolf
Secretary