

Union County Utilities Authority
March 21, 2007
Regular Public Meeting

Chairman Kennedy 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 the Commissioners showed the following present: Chairman Kennedy, Vice-Chairman Kulish, Secretary Wolf, Treasurer People, Commissioners Badri, Huff, and Jackus. Also present was Alternate Commissioner Jorn.

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Erdos and Kahn

Others Present: Mr. Brennan, Mr. Crane and Denise Santiago of the Authority's staff; Neil Cohen, General Counsel; Kraig Dowd of Brownstein Booth and Associates; Bill Johnson of CME Associates; and Clerk Joseph Bodek.

Chairman Kennedy designated Alternate Commissioner Jorn to act for Commissioner Erdos.

General Counsel Cohen administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Huff.

Chairman Kennedy led the Pledge of Alliance.

Mr. Bodek provided proof of notice of the meeting.

Report of Committees, Staff & Counsel - Executive Session

Commissioner Wolf moved to go into executive session The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackus. Mr. Bodek read the following statement as to why the Authority was entering into executive sessions: In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, The Authority is entering into executive session to discuss items concerning contracts, litigation and/or personnel. The Authority may take official action on any item discussed in executive session, once the Authority returns to public session. The motion was approved unanimously by a voice vote.

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The Authority entered into executive session at 6:40 p.m.

Upon motion of Commissioner Jackus, seconded by Commissioner Huff, and approved unanimously by a voice vote the Authority reconvened into public session at 6:50 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Wolf moved the resolution approving the regular session and executive session minutes of the February 21, 2007 Special Public meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Badri and approved by a roll call vote, with all voting in favor, except Commissioners Huff, Kulish and Jorn, whom abstained.

Communications

There were no Communications.

Report of Officers

There were no reports from the officers.

Reports 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. Commissioner Wolf 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 Kulish and approved unanimously by a roll call vote.

Personnel/Procurement/Insurance

Chairman Kennedy asked for a motion on the two resolutions discussed in executive session, regarding two employees of the Authority. Commissioner Kulish moved the following resolutions: 1) Adjusting the annual salary of Thomas Brennan; and 2) Authorizing the execution of an employment contract with Sunil K. Garg, PhD., ESQ., for the position of Executive Director of the Authority. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Badri and approved unanimously by a roll call vote.

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Operations

Mr. Brennan Informed the Commissioners that there had been no Covanta co-ordination meeting.

Mr. Crane informed the Commissioners that for the month of February there had been a total of 376 solid waste inspections. 266 of them were for type 13 and 110 of them were type 10.

Solid Waste & Recycling

Mr. Crane noted that three of the Authority's employees are about 90% complete with the solid waste course at Rutgers.

Mr. Brennan noted that the tonnage being delivered to the facility is running about the same as last year. He also noted that the boiler availability is running at 90%, and the outages are nearly complete.

Commissioner Jackus moved the resolution authorizing the execution of contracts with previously appointed and reappointed professionals and consultants to the Authority. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wolf and approved unanimously by a roll call vote.

Commissioner Jackus moved the resolution increasing the bid threshold and appointing Joseph C. Bodek as the qualified purchasing agent. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kulish and approved unanimously by a roll call vote.

New Business

Mr. Bodek noted that Dr. Garg was absent, due to the passing of his father, in India. An expression of sympathy was sent on behalf of the Authority.

Public Comments by Commissioners/Freeholder Liaison Chester Holmes

There were no public comments.

Unfinished Business

There were no items of unfinished business.

There being no further business to come before the Authority, Commissioner Badri moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Huff and approved unanimously by a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 pm.

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Respectfully submitted,

Joseph C. Bodek
Clerk

James Kennedy
Chairman

William Wolf
Secretary