

Union County Utilities Authority
May 17, 2006
Regular Public Meeting

Chairman Kennedy called the meeting to order at 6:33 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, Treasurer People, Secretary Wolf, Commissioners Badri, Jackus and Vollero. Alternate Jorn arrived at 6:40 pm.

Commissioners Absent: Vice-Chairman Kulish, Commissioners Kahn and Lapolla. Also absent was alternate Commissioner Huff.

Others Present: Dr. Garg, Mr. Brennan, Mr. Hummel, Mr. Neafsey, and Mr. Crane of the Authority's staff; Ed Trainia of CME; Kraig Dowd of Brownstein Booth and Associates; Alan Roth, Esq.; Mike Hanely of NW Financial; Isabella Schroder of Malcolm Pirnie; Deputy Clerk Lisa Miskiewicz and Clerk Joseph Bodek.

Chairman Kennedy led the Pledge of Alliance.

Mr. Bodek provided proof of notice of the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Jackus noted that a resolution from last month's meeting had a topographical error in it. The effective date of the Director's retirement is June 30, 2006, not June 27, 2006 as stated in the resolution. Commissioner Jackus made a motion to amend the minutes of the meeting to reflect this fact. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wolf and approved unanimously by a roll call vote.

Commissioner Jackus then moved the resolution approving the regular session minutes, as amended, and the executive session minutes of the April meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wolf and approved unanimously by a roll call vote.

Communications

Mr. Bodek read a letter from Jefferson Park Ministries, Inc. requesting support for their program to assist the children of the Fifth Ward of the City of Elizabeth.

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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 bill lists. Commissioner Badri moved the following resolutions: 1) Approving consulting and legal vouchers for processing and payment; and 2) Approving operating and resource recovery facility vouchers for processing and payment. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jackus and approved unanimously by a roll call vote.

Personnel/Procurement/Insurance

There was no report for public session.

Operations:

Dr. Garg reported on the monthly Covanta Coordination meeting. He noted that program waste deliveries are on track. He noted that the Route 1&9 realignment had been discussed.

Mr. Crane provided the Commissioners with an enforcement update.

Mr. Brennan reported that quotes had been received to paint the Authority offices. The firm that supplied the lowest quote would be doing the work. He also noted that the firm would be using all union labor. Dr. Garg, noted that the County had been asked to do the work, however they were to busy at this time to do it.

Alternate Commissioner Jorn arrived at this time and Chairman Kennedy appointed him to act for Commissioner Lapolla.

Solid Waste & Recycling

Chairman Kennedy reported on a requirement by the State to create a planning committee to update the statewide solid waste management plan. Commissioner Jackus moved the resolution creating a planning committee in response to the updated statewide solid waste management plan. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wolf and approved unanimously by a roll call vote.

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New Business

Chairman Kennedy read the resolution thanking Dr. Sapatola for his service to the Authority and the people of Union County. Commissioner Jackus moved the resolution thanking Joseph A. Spatola for his dedicated serviced to the Authority. The motion was seconded and approved by acclimation.

Public Comment

There were no members of the public present.

Mr. Bodek noted that the Authority would be going into executive session to discuss matters pertaining to Contracts, Litigation and or Personnel. Commissioner Jorn moved to go into executive session to discuss matters previously noted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner People and approved unanimously by a voice vote. The Authority convened into executive session at 7:45 pm.

Upon motion of Commissioner Jackus, seconded by Commissioner Badri the Authority reconvened into public session at 7:50 pm.

Report of Committees Staff & Counsel - Public Session II

There were no reports

Unfinished Business

There were no items of unfinished business.

Public Comments by Commissioners/Freeholder Liaison Chester Holmes

There being no further business to come before the Authority, Commissioner Wolf moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vollero , and approved unanimously by a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph C. Bodek
Clerk

James Kennedy
Chairman

William Wolf
Secretary