



UNION COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY

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Union County Utilities Authority
January 21, 2015
Regular Meeting

Chairman Huff called the meeting to order at 6:30 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 C. Bodek, Clerk of the Authority.

A roll call of the Commissioners showed the following present: Chairman Huff, Vice-Chairman Erdos, Treasurer People, Secretary Kennedy, Commissioners Eastman, Kahn, and Kulish.

Commissioners Absent: Commissioners Badri, and Jackus. Also absent were alternate Commissioners Bonanno and Lombardo.

Others Present: Daniel Sullivan of the Authority's staff; Kraig Dowd of Weber Dowd Law; Ed Trainia of CME; Johnathan Williams of DeCotiis Fitzpatrick; Deputy Clerk Lisa DaSilva and Clerk Joseph C. Bodek.

Chairman Huff led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Bodek provided Proof of Notice of the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Kulish moved for the approval of the minutes of the public meeting of December 17, 2014. The motion was seconded by Commissioner People and was ordered approved by a roll call vote, with all voting yes, except Chairman Huff and Commissioner Kennedy who abstained.

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 Kulish reported on the meeting of the Finance and Budget Committee. The Committee met and recommended approval of the bill list. Commissioner Kulish 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. The motion was seconded by Commissioner People and were unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

Commissioner Kulish reported that the Committee also recommended payment to the County of Union in accordance with the interlocal agreement with the County. Commissioner Eastman moved the resolution authorizing annual payment to the County of Union in accordance with the 2012 interlocal services agreement between the Authority and the County of Union. The motion was seconded by Commissioner People and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

Commissioner Kulish moved the following resolutions 1) Authorizing payment to the City of Rahway in accordance with the terms of the parties' host community agreement; 2) authorizing payments in accordance with memorandum of agreement with the Teamsters Local No. 125. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kahn and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

Personnel, Procurement and Insurance

Commissioner Kulish reported on the meeting of the Committee and its recommendation. Commissioner Kulish moved the following resolution: 1) reappointing Thomas Brennan as the Affirmative Action and Public Agency Compliance Officer for the Authority. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kahn and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote. ‘

Commissioner Kulish moved the following resolution: 1) Adjusting the annual salaries of certain Authority Staff. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Eastman and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

New Business

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Mr. Trainia gave a report on the status of the reconstruction of the boardwalk, in the park behind the Authority, which was damaged during Hurricane Sandy. Mr. Sullivan noted that he had taken of the tour of site and reported on his observations

Public Comment

There were no public comment.

Report of Committees, Staff & Counsel – Executive Session

RESOLUTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., permits the exclusion of the public from a public body meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Union County Utilities Authority Board of Commissioners is of the opinion that such circumstances present exist; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners wishes to discuss the following issues:

- 1) Covanta Payment – Contracts and Attorney Client Privilege.*

WHEREAS, minutes will be kept of the executive session and once the matter above no longer requires confidentiality, the minutes, or appropriate portions thereof, of the executive session will be made available to the public; and

WHEREAS, the public is now being informed that the Authority may take official action at the conclusion of the executive session.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Union County Utilities Authority Board of Commissioners that the public be excluded from this meeting.

Commissioner Kennedy moved the motion for executive session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Erdos and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote. The Authority convened into executive session at 6:38 pm.

During the executive session Commissioner Kahn left at 7:05 pm.

Commissioner Erdos moved to return to public session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner People and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote. The Authority reconvened into public session at 7:07 pm.

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Report of Committees, Staff & Counsel – Public Session II

Chairman Huff declared a recess at 7:07 pm, to allow the attorney time to draft a resolution.

Chairman Huff called the meeting back to order at 7:51 pm. A roll call of Commissioners showed the following present: Chairman Huff, Vice-Chairman Erdos, Treasurer People, Secretary Kennedy, Commissioners Eastman, and Kulish.

Commissioner Kulish moved the resolution authorizing partial payment to Covanta Union, Inc., pursuant to the amended and restated waste disposal agreement for the operation of the Union County Resource Recovery Facility. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Eastman and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote.

Unfinished Business

There were no items of unfinished business.

Public Comment by Commissioners/Freeholder Liaison Chris Hudak

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 Eastman and was unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph C. Bodek
Clerk

James Huff
Chairman

James Kennedy
Secretary