



UNION COUNTY UTILITIES AUTHORITY

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June 18, 2008

Regular Public Meeting

Chairman Kahn called the meeting to order at 6:40 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 Kahn, Treasurer People, Secretary Wolf, Commissioners Badri, Erdos, and Huff. Also present was Alternate Commissioner Lombardo.

Commissioners Absent: Vice-Chairman Kulish, Commissioners Jackus, Kennedy and Alternate Commissioner Jorn.

Others Present: Dr. Garg, Bill Neafsey, Tom Brennan, Jeff Hummel, and Ms. Santiago of the Authority's staff; General Counsel Neil Cohen; Kraig Dowd of G. Weber Law; Ed Trainia of CME; Gina Biliangi of DeCotiis Fitzpatrick; Deputy Clerk Lisa Miskiewicz; and Clerk Joseph C. Bodek.

Chairman Kahn led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Bodek provided proof of notice of the meeting.

Chairman Kahn appointed Alternate Commissioner Lombardo to act for Commissioner Kulish.

Minutes

Commissioner Badri moved the resolution approving the regular session and executive session minutes of the regular public meeting of May 21, 2008 and the Executive Session Minutes of the meeting of April 16, 2008. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Erdos and approved unanimously by a roll call vote.

Communications

Mr. Bodek read a thank you to the Commissioners and staff of the UCUA from John Wohlrab for their expression of sympathy on the passing of his brother, Vincent.

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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 Erdos reported that the ad hoc Finance and Budget Committee had met and recommended approval of the bill list. Commissioner Erdos then 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 Badri and approved unanimously by a roll call vote.

Personnel/Procurement/Insurance

There was no report from the Committee.

Operations:

Mr. Crane announced that this was his last meeting, and that he was retiring effective July 1. The last nine years, five as a Commissioner and almost four as an employee of the Authority, have been very good. He stated that he has made some good friends. He thanked everyone for being as good as they were. He added that it was time to move onto the next step in his life. He spoke about his life, and the friendships he would cherish.

Chairman Kahn thanked Mr. Crane for his friendship and for his service to the County of Union, and the Authority.

Mr. Neafsey advised the Commissioners that there were 319 solid waste flow inspections/investigations conducted during the month of May, 2008 (275 type 13, 42 type 10). He reported that there had been one waste flow settlement

Solid Waste & Recycling

Dr. Garg informed the Commissioners that the matters pertaining to solid waste and recycling would be discussed in executive session.

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New Business

There were no items of New Business.

Public Comment

Fabio from A & S Sanitation was the first to speak. He noted that it has been a while since he has appeared before this group. He began by offering his condolences to Commissioner Wolf for the passing of his wife. Mr. Fabio asked questions regarding the new contracts and how Republic would operate under them. Dr. Garg responded, and explained how they would operate starting on July 28, 2008. Fabio noted his problem with the system as it affects Republic and their reporting on the amount of waste they have collected in Union County. He made recommendations as to how the Authority should correct the problem he perceived existed.

Jerry Infantino, an owner of a waste hauling firm spoke about disposal truck that operate on Union County that allegedly never bring their waste to this Resource Recovery Facility.

Report of Committees, Staff & Counsel – Executive Session

Commissioner Erdos moved to go into executive session. The motion was seconded by Alternate Commissioner Lombardo.

Mr. Bodek read the following statement:

In accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act, in the State of New Jersey, the Authority is entering into executive session to discuss items concerning contracts, litigation and/or personnel. The Authority may take official action on items discussed in executive session once the Authority returns to public session.

The motion to go into executive session was unanimously approved by a roll call vote. The Authority convened into executive session at 6:55 p.m.

Upon motion of Commissioner Badri, seconded by Commissioner Huff, and approved unanimously by a roll call vote, the Authority reconvened into public session at 7:35 p.m.

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Report of Committees Staff & Counsel – Public Session II

Commissioner Badri moved the following resolutions: 1) Terminating the agreement with Republic Services of New Jersey, LLC and those agreements with similarly situated MRF/TS facilities pertaining to the disposal of Union County non-contract Type 10 and 25 solid waste; 2) Recommending an amendment to the Union County District Solid Waste Management plan reaffirming and supplementing the prior inclusion of the New Jersey Meadowlands Landfill(s) and disposal facilities in Kearney, New Jersey, specifically the Keegan Landfill as the County's designated facilities and approving and authorizing the implementation of an interlocal services agreement with the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission for the provision of alternate disposal services for Solid Waste Types 13, 13C, 23 and 27 generated in Union County; and 3) Authorizing the execution of an interlocal services agreement with the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission as an alternate plan for the provision of disposal services for Solid Waste Types 13, 13C, 23 and 27 generated in Union County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wolf and unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

Unfinished Business

There were no items of unfinished business.

Public Comments by Commissioners/Freeholder Liaison Chester Holmes

There was no public comment.

There being no further business to come before the Authority, Commissioner Erdos moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Badri, and unanimously ordered approved by a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Joseph C. Bodek
Clerk

Edward J. Kahn
Chairman

William Wolf
Secretary