

Special Meeting
of
THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION
555 Main Street
Hartford, Connecticut 06103
Tuesday, October 10, 2006

Present: Commissioners D. Anwar Al-Ghani, Martin B. Courneen, William A. DiBella, John M. Grottole, Allen Hoffman, Joseph H. Kronen, Daniel E. Lilly, Lisa MacDonald, Alphonse Marotta, John J. McAuliffe, Jr., Albert F. Reichin, Hector M. Rivera, Dale A. Ryan, Pasquale J. Salemi, Richard W. Vicino and Jeffrey A. Wright. (16)

Absent: Commissioners Steven J. Bonafonte, Adam Cloud, Timothy Curtis, Kevin M. Deneen, Henry J. Genga, Joseph Klett, Maureen Magnan, Trude H. Mero, Mark A. Pappa, Lawrence Price, Raymond Sweezy, Alvin E. Taylor and Joseph Verrengia. (13)

Also

Present: Charles P. Sheehan, Chief Executive Officer
Robert E. Moore, Chief Administrative Officer
Robert Weimar, Chief of Program Management
Bourke G. Spellacy, District Counsel
R. Bartley Halloran, District Legal Counsel
Christopher R. Stone, Assistant District Counsel
Brendan M. Fox, Assistant District Counsel
Luz Amaro-Otero, Assistant District Clerk
Linda R. Foster, Executive Assistant
Rick Gomez, Diversity Officer
William J. Kennedy, Manager of Water Treatment
Susan Negrelli, Staff Engineer 2
Stephanie M. Russo, Manager of Treasury
Patricia Speicher Werbner, Director of Human Resources
Lebert Thomas, Manager of Engineering Services
Robert Lamb, Lamont Financial

CALL TO ORDER

P.M. The meeting was called to order by Honorable William A. DiBella at 5:30

ROLL CALL AND QUORUM

Assistant District Counsel Stone called the roll and informed the Chairman that a quorum of the Commission was present, and the meeting was declared a legal meeting of the District Board of The Metropolitan District of Hartford County, Connecticut.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made and duly seconded, the minutes of the meetings of September 6, 2006 and September 12, 2006, were unanimously approved.

CHANGE IN ORDER OF AGENDA

Chairman DiBella asked if there were any objections to taking up the Chief Executive Officer's report and the Chairman's report at a later point the meeting. There were no objections to this proposed change.

PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS

No one from the public appeared to be heard.

CLEAN WATER PROJECT

Robert Weimar, Chief of Program Management, reported on the status of the Clean Water Project, specifically regarding the anticipated projects that will begin in 2007. Mr. Weimar reported that there are two Requests For Qualifications (RFQ's) out for bid, one being for MBE/WBE Firms; this RFQ is inviting interested minority-based and women-based firms to submit responses to be pre-qualified for various small and large projects related to Long Term Combined Sewer Overflows (CSO). The responses are due back to the District on November 17, 2006. The second RFQ is for "On Call Professional Design Services Related To The District's Clean Water Project For Sewer Separation And Related Collection System Or Drainage System Projects"; the responses on this RFQ are due on December 1, 2006.

The financial and economic impact analysis is being compiled by Cambridge Systematics, and their review is nearly complete.

Mr. Weimar commented on the following construction projects:

- Tower Avenue continues and is on time and within budget.
- The Tremont Street Project is about to begin; the Contract is ready for award.
- The Upper Albany Area is being finalized.
- The Farmington Sewer Separation project is on its way.

Mr. Weimar previously reported that Robert Lamb of Lamont Financial is assisting the District. Mr. Lamb brings a wealth of experience here in Connecticut in dealing with financial management and specifically bond issuance for infrastructure projects of this nature. This firm also provides support to the State on its SRF Program. Staff feels this type of knowledge and experience is important when it comes to analyzing the sewer rates as it relates to this project.

Mr. Lamb gave the following presentation on the financial impact of the Clean Water Project. The presentation was followed by a brief discussion.

Chairman DiBella recommended that this matter be referred to the Board of Finance for further discussion.

****The presentation has been omitted because it is large but can be requested to the District Clerk's office.***

Bureau of Public Works

AUTHORIZATION FOR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO SIGN CONSENT ORDER

From: Bureau of Public Works

To: The District Board

October 10, 2006

At a Special Meeting held on October 10, 2006, the Bureau of Public Works considered a staff recommendation regarding a proposed Consent Order that resulted from negotiations that staff and Assistant District Counsel have had with representatives of the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) regarding combined sewer overflow (CSO) abatement. The proposed Consent Order would assess a penalty on the District and requires the District to undertake certain CSO abatement actions according to a specified time schedule.

Following discussion, it was

Voted: the Bureau of Public Works recommends to the District Board passage of the following resolution:

Resolved: That the Chief Executive Officer of The Metropolitan District, Charles P. Sheehan, on behalf of the District, hereby is authorized, empowered and directed to sign the Consent Order with the DEP.

Respectfully submitted,

Luz Amaro-Otero
Assistant District Clerk

On motion made and duly seconded, the report was received and resolution adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

RESOLUTION
from
THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION
to
THE MDC/RIVERFRONT RECAPTURE
DRAGON BOAT TEAM

WHEREAS, Connecticut's sixth Dragon Boat races were held on September 16, 2006, as part of the Sixth Annual Asian Festival at Riverfront Plaza; and

WHEREAS, numerous corporate and regional racing clubs competed in this event; and

WHEREAS, an MDC/Riverfront Recapture Dragon Boat Team, the MDC Water Dragons, made up of Team members Mike Bezanson, Katie Blint, Cynthia Braga, Hyzell Collins, Maureen Connelly, Jim Davoren, Rick Fritzson, Troy Hester, James Jenkins, Janis McCarroll, Anthony Patrizzo, Jeannie Riley, Jim Riley, George Robertson, Tom Roy, Stephanie Russo, Julie Shanahan, Julian Tinsley, Jay Walker, Chris Waskowich and Verna Young, competed in the "A" Division of this event; and

WHEREAS, the MDC Water Dragons outraced three other Hartford teams to win back the Corporation Cup championship;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the District Board, Citizen Members, staff and employees, in recognition of the MDC Water Dragon's outstanding achievement and esprit de corps, join together to congratulate the team on its victory and in expressing their esteem and appreciation for the outstanding manner in which the team and its individual members represented The Metropolitan District and Riverfront Recapture, Incorporated. Special thanks to Lincoln Financial Group for providing financial support for the MDC Water Dragons.

William A. DiBella, Chairman
THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

Report received and resolution adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

CRRA LITIGATION (TO BE DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION.)

This item will be taken up at the next District Board meeting due to the fact that a quorum was no longer present.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 P.M.

ATTEST:

Luz Amaro-Otero
Assistant District Clerk