

An Executive Session of the Board of Directors of Hammond Water Works Department was held on Thursday, September 23, 2021 to discuss litigation and personnel matters prior to the commencement of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors. President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Assist. Secretary/Treasurer, Chief Executive Operator, Deputy Chief Executive Operator and the Board Attorney were present. No other matters were discussed by the Board.

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HAMMOND WATERWORKS DEPARTMENT
Thursday, September 23, 2021

Electronic Communication was available via Zoom – No Public Attended

S. Daniels attended via Zoom

Those members in person:

B. Grisolia Vice President

P. Walker Secretary

R. Lendi Treasurer

P. Gavrilos Assist. Secretary/Treasurer

M. McLaughlin, Chief Executive Operators

J. Prieto, Deputy Chief Executive Operator

S. Levinson, Board Attorney

- The Board President called the meeting to order.
- The Minutes from the previous meeting were approved and accepted as submitted to be placed on file upon motion made by B. Grisolia seconded by R. Lendi.

ROLL CALL VOTE (Minutes)

YES: Gavrilos, Grisolia, Lendi, Walker, Daniels

NO: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Motion carried

- A motion was made by R. Lendi seconded by B. Grisolia to approve Accounts Payable Voucher Ledger (Claims List) and Refund Voucher list for 9/23/2021.

ROLL CALL VOTE (AP Voucher Ledger and Refund Voucher List 9/23/2021)

YES: Gavrilos, Grisolia, Lendi, Walker, Daniels

NO: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Motion carried

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- A motion was made by B. Grisolia seconded by P. Gavrilos to approve the miscellaneous reports submitted to the Board.

ROLL CALL VOTE (Miscellaneous Reports)

YES: Gavrilos, Grisolia, Lendi, Walker, Daniels

NO: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Motion carried

Miscellaneous Reports submitted:

Board Meeting Claims – Operating Fund \$350,141.74

Board Meeting Claims – Depreciation \$46,720.45

2021 Ongoing Projects – No Changes

3 Year Pumpage Comparison for August and September

Filtration Plant Overtime Report – 20.5 hours OT September 12th – September 19th

- The Board Attorney informed the Board that following the termination of our employee on August 26th. He did apply for unemployment. Our Attorney is seeking permission from the Board to extend the separation agreement whereby he waives any right to sue in return for us not contesting unemployment. If that is the pleasure of the Board Ms. Levinson request that she be granted authority to negotiate the same. A motion was made by P. Gavrilos, seconded by R. Lendi and motion carried to approve the Board Attorney to negotiate the separation agreement.

ROLL CALL VOTE (Authorizing Board Attorney to negotiate the Employee Separation Agreement)

YES: Gavrilos, Grisolia, Lendi, Walker, Daniels

NO: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Motion carried

- The Board Attorney stated that she knows that the Board has been awaiting a recommendation from the Administration and her for recommendation regarding the fencing bids. She informed the Board that they have yet to come up with one and would ask the Board to table that again. A motion was mad by R. Lendi, seconded by P. Gavrilos and motion carried to table the Fence bids.

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ROLL CALL VOTE (Fencing Bids)

YES: Gavrilos, Grisolia, Lendi, Walker, Daniels

NO: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Motion carried

- A motion was made by R. Lendi, seconded by P. Gavrilos and motion carried to approve the chemical bid dates as follows:

Advertise: September 23, 2021 and October 1, 2021

Return: November 10, 2021

Award: November 24, 2021

ROLL CALL VOTE (Chemical Bid Dates)

YES: Gavrilos, Grisolia, Lendi, Walker, Daniels

NO: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Motion carried

- The Board Attorney informed the Board that three Executive Orders were issued by Mayor McDermott, 21-34 which was the original COVID Vaccination Incentive Program, and then again he reissued it 21-34A and 21-39 regarding temporary leave for vaccinated employees. The City has adopted those policies and she stated she drafted a resolution for the Board to also adopt the same policies used for the Water Department retroactive to the time that the original policies or Executive Order were issued. A motion was made by B. Grisolia, seconded by P. Gavrilos and motion carried to move forward and adopt Resolution 2021-05 "A Resolution Adopting City of Hammond Executive Orders 21-34, 21-34(A) & 21-39 (COVID Protocols)"

ROLL CALL VOTE (Resolution 2021-05 "A Resolution Adopting City of Hammond Executive Orders 21-34, 21-34(A) & 21-39 (COVID Protocols)")

YES: Gavrilos, Grisolia, Lendi, Walker, Daniels

NO: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Motion carried

- The Board Attorney stated that NICTD is moving forward with the West Lake Corridor extension of the South Shore and we had already granted them temporary access to do test piles and do their studies. Those activities are complete and they want to move forward with construction. They are now requesting a temporary construction easement which will take them to 2026. There is a 16 inch water main in that area. We need that to remain intact and it does specify they would need approval if they need to move those lines. A motion was made by R. Lendi, seconded by P. Gavrilos and motion carried to approve the Temporary Construction Easement of 422 Michigan to NICTD.

ROLL CALL VOTE (Temporary Construction Easement 422 Michigan NICTD)

YES: Gavrilos, Grisolia, Lendi, Walker, Daniels

NO: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

Motion carried

- The Distribution Superintendent submitted his report as follows:

Distribution monthly work summary 8/26/2021 thru 9/23/2021

(7) Service line issues resolved

(1) Fire Hydrants replaced

(5) Fire Hydrants repaired

(604) Meters exchanged

(2) Broken Mains repaired

(3) Valves repaired

(2) New Valves installed

(3) 1" hot taps

(2) Large hot taps

Fall Hydrant flushing has started and will continue until mid-October

Columbia Elevated Tank project is completed. The Elevated tank was put back in service on 9/21/2021.

Sincerely,

Bruce Long

Distribution Superintendent

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- The Board Attorney asked the Board if they had anything further.
- A motion was made by P. Gavrilos, seconded by P. Walker and motion carried to adjourn the meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE (Adjourn)

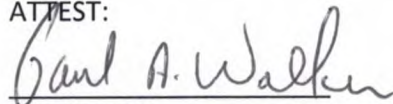
YES: Gavrilos, Grisolia, Lendi, Walker, Daniels

NO: NONE

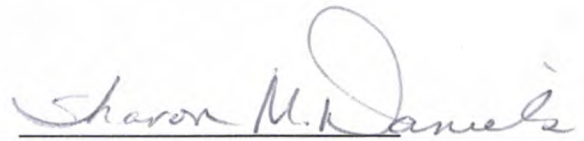
ABSENT: NONE

Motion carried

ATTEST:



SECRETARY


PRESIDENT