

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

March 20, 2019

MEETING MINUTES

SEWERAGE AND WATER BOARD OF NEW ORLEANS

ROLL CALL

The Board of Directors of the Sewerage and Water Board (SWBNO) met on Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at 9:08 AM in the Board Room at 625 St. Joseph Street. Special Counsel, Ms. Yolanda Grinstead, called the roll and confirmed the following members were present: Director Lewis Stirling, III, Director Lynes Sloss, Director Dr. Tamika Duplessis, Director Nicole Barnes, Director Ralph Johnson, Director Alejandra Guzman, Director Robin Barnes, Councilmember Jay H. Banks, and Hon. LaToya Cantrell.

The following member(s) were absent: Director Andrew Amacker, Director Joseph Peychaud

Also present were: Ms. Geneva Coleman, The Hawthorne Agency, Inc.; Ms. Brenda Thornton, Communirep; Mr. Lloyd Lazard; Mr. Ramsey Green, Chief Administrative Officer, Infrastructure; Ms. Fannie Marcotte Bennett, BHA; Mr. Happy Johnson, Public Advocate; Mr. Pat Bryant, Justice and Beyond.

Staff present were: Mr. Ghassan Korban, Executive Director; Ms. Yvette Downs, Chief Financial Officer; Mr. Robert Turner, General Superintendent; Mr. Bruce Adams, Deputy General Superintendent; Mr. Richard Rainey, Deputy Director, Communications; Ms. Yolanda Grinstead, Special Counsel; Ms. Mary Beth Arceneaux, Mr. Edward Morris, Legal Department; Mr. Dexter Joseph, Budget Department; Mr. Robert Jackson, Customer Service; Mr. Curtis Elmore, Communications; Ms. Candace Newell, Ms. Jacqueline Winston, Board Relations.

Prior to the beginning of the meeting, Mayor LaToya Cantrell gave her opening remarks. Mayor Cantrell stated this is a good work we are doing, and we are focusing on the sustainability of this utility. Mayor Cantrell appreciates the dedication of the Board as well as the men and women who work for SWBNO. Mayor Cantrell stated she is recommitted to this work every day. After reading one of the newspaper articles on Tuesday, March 19, 2019, the Mayor responded by saying we have been honest every step of the way and we will not turn around. Mayor Cantrell stated as we find out more, we will do more and will continue to inform our public. This is simply a part of the process and not “new” news. Mayor Cantrell stated we began following up on financial instability matters over seven months ago, and the March 19th meeting was merely a follow up.

Mayor Cantrell stated Executive Director Korban has been in position since September 2018 and has hit the ground running. If he had not, we would not be where we are today. At this point, the Mayor stated we continue to find ourselves with cash flow woes in terms of a utility. We are also auditing ourselves internally and our bonding capacity in the future looks healthy if we stay on this trajectory with some upfront and recurring resources, the cash we need to make this utility stable while we move through our plan of action to be better. The Mayor stated this is information we have been providing to the public since day one.

Mayor Cantrell stated she will not allow for SWBNO to be criticized for doing the right thing because we are doing the right thing. Progress is being made as it relates to billing issues, and we have been open and honest about resources for money for bills which had gone unpaid, heavily on the commercial side. The Mayor did not want to target any specific entity because through a spirit of cooperation, we are trying to work through the issues, so we can get the dollars which are owed to this utility, and we are making progress. Mayor Cantrell stated we are winning in the public as it relates to the need to look for additional revenue streams in our city so we can get our fair share across the board. The Mayor wants SWBNO to stay focused, honest and transparent about where we are, where we need to go and how we are adequately taking the steps to get there, but we cannot do it alone and this is where the Board comes in.

Subsequent to the legislative changes which were adopted last year, we now have a City Council member serving on the Board as well as a retired Civil Engineer who will be appointed to the Board. In addition, every position on SWBNO was declared vacant at the beginning of 2019. As a result, the Selection Committee has submitted its results, and we are identifying the appointments for the current Board meeting moving forward. The Mayor hopes to have this information prior to the Governmental Affairs Committee of the New Orleans City Council by March 26, 2019 and with a City Council meeting happening on March 28, 2019. This is important because the Mayor would like to have the new compliment of the Board in place by our April 2019 meeting. A planning meeting has been scheduled for governance on May 17, 2019, placing us right at the top of hurricane season.

Mayor Cantrell stated we want to be prepared as best we can not only for hurricane season but insuring this utility is ready and we are able to communicate effectively with the people we serve. Which is the rationale behind the new Board structure, which the Mayor does not anticipate much change at all. There is a possibility we can run out of money. The Mayor stated we are keeping the finances at the forefront of everything we do. There is no time for politics. It is time for action, which is what we are about.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Director Lynes Sloss moved for approval of the Minutes of February 20, 2019. Director Lewis Stirling seconded. The motion carried.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Executive Director Ghassan Korban expressed his appreciation to Mayor Cantrell for speaking from the heart. Mr. Korban stated it was very invigorating and he appreciates her leadership. Mr. Korban believes it is warranted to focus on some of the issues which took place at the Public Works Committee meeting on Tuesday, March 19, 2019, specifically the story and inaccuracy in terms of the message it sends. Mr. Korban felt it was the responsible thing to do for the Mayor's sake, for the public's sake and for the City Council's sake. Mr. Korban apologized for not being more responsive at the time during the meeting to recognize things he may have been able to clarify, and he was not equipped sufficiently to respond in a meaningful way. Mayor Cantrell stated Mr. Korban did the right

thing.

Mr. Korban was grateful to have the opportunity at the Board of Directors' meeting to share what the leadership team knows and what they have learned. Mr. Korban stated while the math shown on the charts at the Public Works Committee meeting on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 was very accurate, the term "billed" was misleading. The term "billed" implied there were bills sent to the customers; however, in this reference, "billed" was more about metered water. The number was very inclusive and included numbers such as metered water which serves the Sewerage and Water Board building at 625 St. Joseph Street in particular. There is a meter associated with this building which is accounted for and it is part of the larger billed number that everybody saw at the Public Works Committee meeting. Although we meter this building, we do not necessarily send a bill to ourselves for the use of water. This applies to many other SWBNO facilities, municipalities, municipal facilities, schools and prisons. The large question then becomes should we continue to provide free water. Nevertheless, it is a number so inclusive it pushes the discrepancy between what we are billing versus what we are collecting, and the discrepancy amounted to \$134 million.

Mr. Korban stated while his team cannot give an accurate number at this time because the process goes through a lot of auditing, they know the \$134 million is way off in terms of what is potentially collectible. The number is closer to \$50 million. Mr. Korban stated part of the money is carried over from previous years to 2017 and 2018, and at some point, becomes less likely to be collected. The leadership team is going to be working very diligently to produce an accurate number very shortly.

Mr. Korban believes it is very important for everybody to recognize the scale of the problem, and SWBNO is going to do everything it can to collect as much of that \$50 million as possible. Mr. Korban stated we do have a collection agency on board, but we have not been able to utilize it effectively because we want to be true to what is collectible and go after this amount. The collection agency is projected to start as early as April 1, 2019, targeting the more accurate and larger accounts to maximize the benefit of the effort. This is aligned with the City Council's desire for us to be more urgent about going after the money, and we will. We are working toward the same outcome and mission.

Mr. Korban recognized a new addition to his team. Ms. Cristy Harowski joined SWBNO the week of March 11, 2019 as a contract employee for the time being. Ms. Harowski is an employee of the Greater New Orleans Foundation (GNOF). Mayor Cantrell stated she supports the partnership with GNOF, with the understanding there are cash flow issues with our utility, being able to provide Mr. Korban with the support needed. The Mayor stated Ms. Harowski reports directly to the Executive Director of SWBNO. Mayor Cantrell believes Mr. Korban did the right thing by tapping great talent, Ms. Harowski was leaving the Business Council.

Mr. Korban touched on employees of SWBNO being allowed to appear at public meetings and voice their personal opinions and grieve their own matters on their own behalf. Mr. Korban stated it is important to note we all have work to do. The policy states employees must seek approval from their supervisor before making the decision to leave their posts to handle personal business. What leadership objects to is employees making a decision on their own and basically disappearing from the job site. In other words, employees must have approval for time away from work.

Mr. Korban stated the leadership team is very reasonable and is encouraging workers to grieve their issues; however, the team needs to know about it in advance. It is also important to know there are

many procedures in place which allow our employees to grieve any issues they may have outside the public arena. Mr. Korban stated this administration is very concerned about the well-being of our workers in terms of environment, safety and training. Mr. Korban further stated this administration cares about its employees and wants them to be happy working for SWBNO.

Councilmember Banks asked Mr. Korban to clarify statements about retaliation for workers who were at the Public Works Committee meeting to talk about their own issues. Councilmember Banks wanted to make sure the Board as well as the public are clear about SWBNO policy as it relates to employees who are in essence “whistle blowers” or have a grievance they want to talk about.

Mr. Korban stated there is a very strong and clear “whistle blower” policy. We have an independent entity which allows employees to share concerns, especially safety on behalf of other employees, and there is a process which protects them. There is a lot of oversight and redundancy which does not allow for retaliation. Mr. Korban was very adamant about not tolerating such behavior, especially when someone brings in a legitimate concern to the attention of the administration. Sometimes, discipline can be misconstrued as retaliation. For example, if an employee decides to just show up at a public meeting without first notifying his supervisor, the supervisor could opt to discipline the employee. In this situation, the action taken by the supervisor is not retaliation, it is the implementation of a policy and sending a message there are policies to be adhered to, and if you do not, you will be penalized. There is a difference between retaliation and holding people accountable to policies which are on the books.

Mr. Korban also stated administration did commit to providing written documentation officially to the Council as a result of the Public Works Committee meeting on Tuesday, March 19, 2019. Ms. Grinstead stated each department has its own internal policy on how much lead time you would need to ask for an excuse to be out. Our Operations divisions will often ask for a longer period of time because if somebody is out, they need to make provisions to replace them. Thus, Operations will ask for 24- to 48-hour notice or longer. Generally, internal departments will ask for 24-hour notice.

Drainage Pumping Status

114 of 120 drainage pumps are available during rain events. Repairs underway on the following pumps:

Station	Neighborhood	Total Pumps	Designed Total Capacity (cfs)	Pumps Out	Station Operational Capacity	Estimated Repair Completion
1	Broadmoor	11	6,825	1	99%	4/26/2019
6	17 th Street Canal	15	9,580	2	98%	5/31/2019
4	Gentilly	6	3,720	1	73%	3/29/2019
20	N.O. East	2	500	1	50%	4/19/2019

Mr. Korban stated Operations continues to hold firm on their commitment to finishing all the pumps which have been down. The dates have been steady. Six (6) pumps are down.

SWBNO SELF-GENERATED POWER

Unit	FREQUENCY	MEGAWATTS	STATUS	EST. RETURN
Turbine 1	25 Hz	~6 MW*	Available	
Turbine 3	25 Hz	~7 MW*	Available	
Turbine 4	25 Hz	20 MW	Out of Service	3/21/2019
Turbine 5	25 Hz	20 MW	Out of Service	3/31/2019
Turbine 6	60 Hz	15 MW**	Available	
Carrollton Freq. Changer (1&2)	Converts 60 to 25 Hz	8.5 MW	Available	
Station D Freq. Changer (3&4)	Converts 60 to 25 Hz	12 MW	Available	
Five EMDs	25 Hz	12.5 MW	Available	
TOTAL AVAILABLE	25 Hz	86 MW	66 MW	
TOTAL AVAILABLE	60 Hz	15 MW	15 MW	

*Actual capacity, not nameplate, due to age of machinery

**T6 can produce 3.75 MW of 25 Hz power through current frequency changer.

In terms of power, Mr. Korban stated we have spent a lot of money in the past 1 ½ years bringing the power capacity to what it needs to be, and we are in good shape. Mr. Korban stated it is also important to know, since we are still using a very old and fragile system, things are likely to go wrong; thus, it is important to continue to focus on the big picture and the long-term solution of replacing much of this equipment.

Mr. Korban stated Turbine 4 has recently been refurbished, but something went wrong at 1:30 AM on March 20, 2019. Due to the awareness, skill and diligence of our staff, with Mr. Robert Turner at the helm, they were able to switch around quickly enough and not lose any pressure in any meaningful way. With the use of the water hammer, they were able to maintain 60 psi throughout this change in shift and it was business as usual. Mr. Korban stated this happens all the time, and it is just part of our daily lives and legality we face on an ongoing basis. Therefore, they are not looking for recognition.

Mr. Korban stated Turbine 4 should be back in service within a day. Turbine 5 should be down for approximately three more weeks before they are able to bring it back on line. Because of the weather we are having, Turbine 6 is our workhorse for the time being, producing 60 Hz and powering the 60 Hz fresh water pumps to feed the city. Mr. Korban stated Pump A continues to be down at the Carrollton Water Plant (CWP); however, we are on track in terms of putting a used, inexpensive motor in it to bring it back on line. Once Pump A is on line, we are going to do the same thing for Pump B, proactively, so they are both on electric motors and not steam.

Mr. Korban wanted to make sure the Board was aware of some of the issues brought up at the March 19, 2019 Public Works Committee meeting so everyone would be using and sharing the same information as we move forward with the Public Works Committee. Mr. Korban stated the Public Works Committee talked a lot about collectible and uncollectible, as well as discrepancies. Hopefully, we are going to continue to be aligned and deliver the same message. Mr. Korban believes everyone wants to succeed, and we will have to work together to accomplish the goal.

There was a remark made about the pension payment. Mr. Korban stated we did roll out a payroll at

the beginning of 2019. There were some glitches, though not massive. There are some issues relative to the accuracy of the numbers appearing on somebody's stub relative to the pension plan. Mr. Korban stated sometimes those numbers may not be accurate; however, on the back end, those numbers are protected, and everything now is accurately reflected, and we are in good shape.

Chief Financial Officer Ms. Yvette Downs stated a presentation was given to the Pension Committee back in December 2018 including employer contributions to the pension plan. Her team would be happy to share the information again at the Trustee meeting. Ms. Downs also explained, while the payroll system was contracted through Cogsdale, it is a Microsoft product and is working the way it is supposed to work. A clearer pay stub has been created and has raised a lot of questions because it looks different. Ms. Downs stated the way some things are calculated is more in line with Civil Service than they were before. We have a mailbox now and we are trying to work through any questions people might have. Some of them are just clarifications and some are changes which must be made.

Councilmember Banks inquired as to how employees would get errors on their pay stubs. Ms. Downs stated for the first two weeks, they may not have had medical taken out or they may have had medical taken out twice. Then, her team had to look at the individual account to see why this person was double charged or not charged at all. There was a data transfer issue from the old system to the new system, but it didn't happen to everybody. There was also a problem two weeks ago with leave. Everyone's leave was inaccurate. This was corrected the week of March 11, 2019. Therefore, everyone's leave balances should be correct for the week of March 11, 2019 and March 18, 2019.

Councilmember Banks asked if there would be any more payroll issues or did they need a few more weeks to work out the kinks. Ms. Downs stated there are individuals who have specific questions about their rate and they are working the issues out with HR. If they have questions about their medical, then they would need to contact the benefits office. If anything needs to be refunded, it has been refunded, but it is on a case by case basis. This system is also capable of adding on bank accounts. There are always changes to be made, so we must work with people to make sure we make them correctly. The system is working the way it is supposed to work.

Director Dr. Duplessis asked Ms. Downs to talk about backup and redundancy to make sure the data we have on our employees and their individual cases, whether it relates to insurance, medical, or leave balances, we have something in place to make sure the data remains safe and we have safeguards there. Ms. Downs stated all our data is backed up, so if something does go wrong, we can recover the information. Ms. Downs stated we still have consultants on site to help us in such cases, and the issue was an anomaly. In this instance, the consultant was able to take the last data, the backup, and recreate those people's leaves, mimic the data, and upload it. In other words, the consultant had to rebuild their leave balances based on the data she had in there before.

Mr. Korban stated the leadership team is apologizing to the employees and he appreciates the fact this payroll issue brings anxiety and trepidation, whether it is one person or a thousand. It matters and people expect accurate paychecks, which they deserve. Mr. Korban stated the leadership appreciates their patience. Mr. Korban also stated any time you introduce a system, you will have some glitches, and we are trying to keep them to a minimum.

Mr. Korban stated there were a few more concerns brought up. There were some questions about budgeted amounts for personnel expenditures versus actual. There is a discrepancy. The actual numbers are less than the budgeted numbers, which is always good, but we were questioned as to why

we continued to budget more than the norm, the pattern. Mr. Korban stated they look at those numbers, but at the end of the day, we budget for all the vacancies on the books. Those are not theoretical numbers but, vacancies we intend to fill. Mr. Korban added once you fill them, you need the budgeted amount of money to support those vacancies. However, we did promise to take a tighter look at whether we can look at those numbers closer.

Finally, Mr. Korban stated we had a Water Loss Audit. Again, it is a baseline. We have not done an audit in a couple of years. It is important to know where you are in terms of water production and water loss. In terms of water loss, water mains break because we are not replacing them proactively. The team shared more extensive data in the Finance and Administration Committee meeting, but Mr. Korban wanted to give the Board an idea of how to respond in case somebody asked them about how much water are we losing on an annual basis percentage wise. Fifty-six percent (56%) of the water we produce ends up going without serving every purpose, which is an extremely high number. Mr. Korban stated our mission is to reduce this amount to a bare minimum. The national standard is 15% - 20%, and we want to be in this range as we move forward. We obviously have a long way to go.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Audit Committee Report

Director Ralph Johnson moved to accept the report of the Audit Committee. Councilmember Jay H. Banks seconded. The motion carried.

Finance and Administration Committee Report

Councilmember Jay H. Banks moved to accept the report of the Finance and Administration Committee. Director Nicole Barnes seconded. The motion carried.

Pension Committee Report

Director Lewis Stirling moved to accept the report of the Pension Committee. Director Robin Barnes seconded. The motion carried. Director Lynes Sloss' name was officially removed from the Pension Committee.

ACTION ITEMS

Director Robin Barnes moved to accept **Resolution (R-056-2019) Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and the Greater New Orleans Foundation**. Director Dr. Tamika Duplessis seconded.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following persons appeared before the Board of Directors to make comments:

- Mr. Lloyd Lazard asked for clarification on the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA). Mr. Lazard would like details to be made public in the future.
- Mr. Pat Bryant thanked SWBNO for the work they do. Mr. Bryant stated he believed any gift to the City must be brought to the Board of Trust. He asked if vetting was presented to the Board of Trust. Mr. Bryant also inquired as to who sanctioned the idea.
- Mr. Happy Johnson, a public advocate, made another request for an annual public address

entitled “The State of the Sewerage and Water Board.”

Director Sloss asked for an explanation of the Board of Trustees. Ms. Grinstead stated SWBNO is a distinct entity from the City of New Orleans and, therefore, is not under the specific charter Mr. Bryant mentioned. Which is why this agreement was brought to the Board for its review and approval.

Special Counsel Ms. Yolanda Grinstead read the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement into the record.

Councilmember Banks stated the CEA is a good thing and asked Mr. Korban to explain what he would be doing and why we are doing this. Mr. Korban stated he had looked at our organizational chart and his leadership team and noticed there were some gaping holes and some positions which did not reflect his mission or the way he sees things in terms of what this utility should be focusing on. On March 15, 2019, there was an all-day leadership training exercise looking at the overall organization from leadership to how we function consistently to advance the mission of which we are in charge. Mr. Korban stated there was a clear gap in aiding him in certain paths and Ms. Christy Harowski will fill the role of his Chief of Staff. Primarily for now, her duties will be external communications, predominantly with the City Council and the state legislature in terms of our needs, projects or whatever issues for which we need to be made aware which requires the Board’s help, recognizing specific current issues needed to be addressed in a very focused manner, keeping Mr. Korban focused on some of the issues which are time sensitive, keeping tabs on current tasks other leadership teams are performing, and making sure all the logistics are aligned.

Councilmember Banks wanted to know how long Ms. Harowski would be serving as Chief of Staff. Mr. Korban stated he wanted to be fiscally responsible because he could not hire somebody when her position was not even in the budget. He, then, approached the Greater New Orleans Foundation (GNOF) and asked what they could do to help us. GNOF found a way to fund this position at least to the end of the year, possibly a year. Mr. Korban asked the Board to allow him to officially and responsibly introduce the position in the budget with SWBNO funding, while seeking and obtaining approval from Civil Service because this will be part of a holistic change in several other positions which the leadership team will be asking for as a package. The employer of record for Ms. Harowski is GNOF. The foundation pays her salary, but she is 100% SWBNO assigned. Councilmember Banks clarified for the public this CEA offers support for Mr. Korban until we can get other mechanisms in place to fill positions internally.

Mayor Cantrell acknowledged everyone seemed to be on one accord and she agreed with the redundancy; however, she will not say that SWBNO has not provided adequate information to the public, particularly at the start of the Board meeting. The Mayor appreciated the fact everyone was saying the same thing.

Ms. Grinstead noted the CEA also reflects the day to day management of the consultant, Ms. Harowski, will be by the Executive Director.

Mr. Korban stated there is no reporting requirement to GNOF. There is no communication required from SWBNO to GNOF in terms of assignments or work performance. The foundation has done its part in terms of availing Ms. Harowski and funding her position. Part of GNOF’s mission of helping SWBNO succeed. Ms. Grinstead stated we have a confidentiality provision as well.

Mayor Cantrell stated it has been demonstrated time and time again the partnership between the Greater New Orleans Foundation and the City of New Orleans. This is not anything new, but it is a step in the right direction as we provide the Executive Director with the resources needed to be effective. The Mayor stated we are here to do a great job, and we need the tools. As President of SWBNO and Mayor of the City of New Orleans, Mayor Cantrell wants to provide leadership across the board.

The Mayor called for the vote. The motion carried, and the CEA passed.

CORRESPONDING RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were approved at the March 13, 2019 Finance and Administration Committee Meeting:

R-002-2019 – Ratification of change Order No. 1 and Final Acceptance for CO-17-0010 – Emergency Repairs for Turbine 3 Phase I

R-029-2019 – Reconciliation and Final Acceptance for Contract 30203 – Restoration of Gravity Flow Sewer Mains by Point Repair at Various Sites throughout Orleans Parish

R-031-2019 – Reconciliation and Final Acceptance for Contract 2126 – Water Main Point Repair, Water Service Connection, Water Valve and Fire Hydrant Replacement at Various Sites throughout Orleans Parish

R-032-2019 – Reconciliation and Final Acceptance for 2136 – Emergency Repair Contractor for Winter Freeze (INGA) – Water Main Point Repair, Water Service Connection, Water Valve and Fire Hydrant Replacement at Various Sites throughout Orleans Parish

R-035-2019 – Reconciliation and Final Acceptance for Contract 2135 – Emergency Repair Contractor for Winter Freeze (INGA) – Water Main Point Main Repair, Water Service Connection, Water Valve and Fire Hydrant Replacement at Various Sites throughout Orleans Parish

R-039-2019 – Ratification of Change Order No. 1 and Final Acceptance for Contract CO-17-0019 – Emergency Repairs for Turbine 3 Phase II

R-040-2019 – Final Acceptance for Contract ME 17-0020 – Emergency Temporary Generators at Eight (8) Drainage Underpass Stations

R-041-2019 – Final Acceptance for Contract EE 17-0023 – Accelerate Scope Associated with Power Emergency Event for Contract 6259

R-044-2019 – Final Acceptance for Contract EE 17-0015 – EMD SCADA Project

R-045-2019 – Final Acceptance for Contract EE 17-0007 – Emergency Generator Rentals at Station “D”

R-046-2019 – Final Acceptance for Contract EE 17-0011 – Furnishing 6.6 KV.3000A Switchgear Equipment for STG No. 4

R-021-2019 – Amendment No. 5 to the Agreement between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and G.E.C., Inc. for Hurricane Katrina Related Drainage Restoration – Broad Underpass Pump Station Design

R-023-2019 – Ratification of Change Order No. 2 for Contract 30014 – Cleaning and CCTV Inspection of Sanitary Sewer Mains as Scattered Sites within Orleans Parish

R-038-2019 – Contract Amendment No. 8 Stanley Consultants, Inc. Water Hammer Hazard Mitigation Project

R-042-2019 – GEE CEE, Construction, Co. LLC

R-043-2019 – Amendment No. 7 to the Agreement between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Jacobs

R-054-2019 – Amendment No. 3 to Professional Services Agreement with Richard CPAS

Director Lewis Stirling moved to approve the Corresponding Resolutions in globo. Director Alejandra Guzman seconded.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Lloyd Lazard stated he has a problem with contracts which have been reconciled. Mr. Lazard was concerned about the use of the term “ratification” and wanted to know at what point will we deal with change.

Mayor Cantrell called for the vote. The motion carried.

PRESENTATION ITEMS

Green Infrastructure in New Orleans

Mr. Scott Finney, who manages the Stormwater Permit AMS 4 Municipal Separate Storm and Sewer System in the Department of Environmental Affairs for SWBNO, introduced his staff. Ms. Anna Patterson, Senior City Environmental Planner, and Mr. Cameron Bonnet, the On-staff Landscape Architect, gave the presentation on Green Infrastructure in New Orleans. Mayor Cantrell thanked the presenters, along with the neighborhood leaders and the Greater New Orleans Foundation for partnering with SWBNO.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – None

INFORMATION ITEMS

The following items were submitted for informational purposes only:

Preliminary Financial Results through January 31, 2019
Report of the General Superintendent
Report of the Special Counsel
FEMA February Project Worksheet Status
DBE Participation on Contracts

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:33 AM.