



"RE-BUILDING THE CITY'S WATER SYSTEMS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY"

Sewerage & Water Board OF NEW ORLEANS

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The Finance and Administration Committee met on Friday, October 8, 2021, via Microsoft Teams. The meeting convened at approximately 9:00 A.M.

1. ROLL CALL

Present:

Director Lynes Sloss
Director Ralph Johnson
Director Joseph Peychaud

Absent:

Director Janet Howard
Director Alejandra Guzman

2. CASH FLOW OVERVIEW

Mr. Grey Lewis, Chief Financial Officer, presented an update on the cash flow situation at the SWB, as it is critical that the SWB maintain sufficient cash flow levels to continue operations, and meet our bond requirements. Our 2021 water and sewer cash levels are up relative to our 2020 levels at the end of August, however there are additional expected expenses related to the recent hurricane, no rate increases in 2021 in both Water and Sewer, and there continues to be an increase in delinquent accounts attributable to the COVID pandemic. The F&A committee received an update on the resumption of normal collections in August which began with commercial accounts and will also include residential in October after some delay caused by Hurricane IDA. Management continues to strive to reduce expenses and manage cash to meet our financial requirements as well increasing collection activities for past due customers. Currently, we are on track to meet Days Cash on Hand and the Debt Service Coverage Requirements and management is working to normalize all transaction processing activities after the 2 week delay from the Hurricane as well as proceeding with the FEMA reimbursement process for the disaster response related expenses from Hurricane IDA. Additionally, there was a presentation from the consulting actuary Mitchell Bilbe and Chris Johnson of Rudd and Wisdom, Inc. on the January 1, 2021 actuarial valuation report for the

Pension plan to provide the Committee information relative the Board's 2021 contribution levels and current funded status of the Pension Plan.

3. ACTION ITEMS

- Resolution (R-103-2021) Authorizing Agreement Between the City of New Orleans, Department of Public Works and the Sewerage and Water of New Orleans for WIFIA Funded Projects
 - o **Director Ralph Johnson moved to accept R-103-2021. Director Joseph Peychaud seconded. The motion carried.**

- Resolution (R-104-2021) Request to Set Sewerage and Water Board Drainage Millage Rates for 2022
 - o **Director Joseph Peychaud moved to accept R-104-2021. Director Ralph Johnson seconded. The motion carried.**

- Resolution (R-121-2021) Seventh Supplemental Sewerage Service Revenue Bond Resolution
 - o **Director Joseph Peychaud moved to accept R-121-2021. Director Ralph Johnson seconded. The motion carried.**

- Resolution (R-122-2021) Resolution to Approve List of Law Firms to Provide Professional Legal Services
 - o **Director Ralph Johnson moved to accept R-122-2021. Director Joseph Peychaud seconded. The motion carried.**

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

CONTRACT AWARDS

- Resolution (R-080-2021) Award of Contract 2150 – Leonidas Street (S. Claiborne Ave – Fig St) and Fig Street (Leonidas St – College Ct) 43” Watermain Replacement – TM006 – FEMA Project Worksheet 21031 to Wallace C. Drennan, LLC
- Resolution (R-081-2021) Authorization for Professional Services Agreement with Pure Technologies U.S. Inc dba Wachs Water Services for On-Call Water Valve Operation Services – Solicitation # SWB-2021-07
- Resolution (R-095-2021) Award of Contract for Professional Engineering, Construction Administration, and Inspection Services with POWER Engineers, Inc. for West Power Complex Group 3 Projects
- Resolution (R-102-2021) First Renewal of Contract YG20-0049 with Lard Oil for Furnishing and Delivering Gasoline and Diesel Fuel
 - o **Director Ralph Johnson moved to accept Contract Awards. Director Joseph Peychaud seconded. The motion carried.**

CONTRACT CHANGE ORDERS

- Resolution (R-094-2021) Ratification of Change Order No. 3 and Final Acceptance Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Max Foote Construction Company, Inc. for Contract 1404 – Algiers Water Purification Plant Improvements
- Resolution (R-088-2021) Ratification of Change Order No. 4 Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and M. R. Pittman Group, LLC. for Contract 1377 – Water Hammer Hazard Mitigation Program Claiborne Ave Pumping Station and Off -Site Improvements
- Resolution (R-089-2021) Ratification of Change Order No. 5 Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Cycle Construction Company, LLC. for Contract 30109 – Sewer Pumping Station A Structural Rehabilitation
- Resolution (R-084-2021) Ratification of Change Order No. 4 Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Cycle Construction Company, LLC. For Contract 1403 – Demolition of Abandoned C7 and C8 Basins and Other site Improvements at the Carrollton Water Plant
- Resolution (R-096-2021) Change Order No. 2 Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Wallace C. Drennan, Inc. For Contract 30218 – Restoration of Gravity Flow Sanitary Sewer Mains by Point Repair at Various Sites Throughout Orleans Parish

- Resolution (R-105-2021) Change Order No. 1 Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Wallace C. Drennan, Inc. For Contract 30217 – Cleaning and CCTV Inspection of Sanitary Sewer Mains at Scattered Sites within Orleans Parish
- Resolution (R-106-2021) Change Order No. 1 Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Wallace C. Drennan, Inc. For Contract 30219 – Restoration of Gravity Flow Sanitary Sewer Mains by Excavation and Replacement from Manhole to Manhole, CIPP Lining from Manhole to Manhole, CIPP Lining of Service Laterals and Point Repairs at Various Sites Throughout the City of New Orleans
 - o **Director Joseph Peychaud moved to accept Contract Change Orders. Director Ralph Johnson seconded. The motion carried.**

CONTRACT ADMENDMENTS

- Resolution (R-082-2021) Authorization of Amendment No. 10 to the Agreement Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and CH2M Hill Engineers, Inc for Program Management, Design and Engineering Services for the Retrofit Power Plant Hazard Mitigation Grant Project
- Resolution (R-090-2021) Authorization of Contract Amendment No. 6 to the Agreement Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and G.E.C., Inc for Design and Engineering Services for the Waterline Replacement Program
- Resolution (R-093-2021) Authorization of Contract Amendment No. 6 to the Agreement Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Mott MacDonald, LLC for Design and Engineering Services for the Waterline Replacement Program
- Resolution (R-101-2021) Authorization of Contract Amendment No. 3 to the Agreement Between the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and Integrated Logistical Support, Inc. for Design and Engineering Services for the Waterline Replacement Program
 - o **Director Joseph Peychaud moved to accept Contract Amendments. Director Ralph Johnson seconded. The motion carried.**

4. **INFORMATION ITEMS** –

The information items were received.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT** –

None.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Finance and Administration Committee Meeting. The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:07 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynes Sloss, Chair