

# Board of Light, Gas and Water Commissioners 220 S. Main Street Memphis. TN 38103

# **Board Meeting**

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Wednesday, April 7, 2021

8:30 AM

**Zoom Electronic Meeting** 

CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING REMARKS:

Chairman Graves

Chairman Graves explained the need for the electronic meeting due to COVID and the Governor's order.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** 

**Chairman Graves** 

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ROLL CALL:** 

**Dana Jeanes** 

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Michael Pohlman	Board Member	Present	
Steven Wishnia	Board Member	Present	
Carlee McCullough	Board Member	Late	8:53 AM
Mitch Graves	Chairman	Present	A promotive contract of the co
Leon Dickson	Vice-Chair	Present	

**Advisory Board Members:** 

Kevin Young – Present Dwain Kicklighter – Absent

Several SLC staff members attended the meeting. A roll call was not taken.

#### **APPROVALS:**

**Motion To:** Approve Minutes of the Meeting of March 17, 2021.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Leon Dickson, Vice-Chair

SECONDER: Steven Wishnia, Board Member

AYES: Pohlman, Wishnia, McCullough, Graves, Dickson

**Motion To:** Approve Minutes of the Meeting of March 31, 2021.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Steven Wishnia, Board Member

SECONDER: Leon Dickson, Vice-Chair

AYES: Pohlman, Wishnia, McCullough, Graves, Dickson

#### CITY COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & UPDATE:

Dana Jeanes

Receipt of Certified Copies of City Council Resolutions dated March 16, 2021, Items 17 through 27. (See Minute File No. 1458.)

#### PRESENTATIONS:

(None)

#### **GENERAL STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

Chairman Graves read two public comments received through the Corporate Communications Dept. from corpcomm@mlgw.org.

#### PRESIDENT'S BRIEFING:

1. Review of Consent Agenda - J. T. Young

(President's Briefing Continued on Page 36)

The original of the resolutions and documents relating to each item is filed in the vault on the fifth floor of the MLGW Administration Building, 220 South Main. The original documents shall control in the event of any conflict between the description and these minutes and the original documents.

# **CONSENT AGENDA**

(Items 1 through 9)

## CHIEF CUSTOMER OFFICER

(None)

### CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

(None)

#### CHIEF PEOPLE OFFICER

(None)

#### **COMMUNITY & EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

(None)

#### **DESIGN CONSTRUCTION & DELIVERY**

(None)

#### **ENGINEERING & OPERATIONS**

- 1. Resolution approving payment of annual sewer discharge fee for the 2020 filter backwash discharge to City of Memphis in the amount of \$572,504.87. (Nick Newman) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)
- 2. Resolution awarding Contract No. 12284, Uniform Rental and Cleaning, to Clean Uniforms, in the funded amount of \$101,640.00. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)

#### **PRESIDENT**

(None)

#### SVP, CFO & CAO, FINANCE

3. Resolution approving Change No. 15 to Contract No. 10793, Professional Portfolio Software with Advent Software, Incorporated, in the funded amount of \$33,408.11.

(This change is to renew the current contract for an additional year for the period covering May 11, 2021 through May 10, 2022. MLGW is requesting approval of continuous maintenance support of the acquired system, which can only be performed by Advent Software, Incorporated.) (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)

4. Resolution approving Water PILOT payments to be made to the City of Memphis to be borne by the City's Water System for the City's fiscal years ending June 30, 2021 through June 30, 2025. Incremental payments for fiscal years 2021 and 2022 equate to \$2,000,000 per fiscal year; fiscal year 2023 payment equates to \$2,100,000; fiscal year 2024 equates to \$2,200,000; and fiscal year 2025 equates to \$2,300,000. In addition, the resolution allows incremental water payments at the same level at the City's year ending after June 30, 2025. (Dana Jeanes)

# SVP, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

(None)

#### SHARED SERVICES

- 5. Resolution awarding Contract No.12233, Water Laboratory Emergency Generator Replacement to Barnes and Brower, Inc., in the funded amount of \$152,464.00. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)
- 6. Resolution awarding a purchase order to Summit Truck Group for the purchase of cab and chassis dump body trucks in the amount of \$367,556.00. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)
- 7. Resolution awarding a purchase order to AutoNation Ford Memphis, for transportation fleet vehicles in the amount of \$1,688,329.33. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)

#### **VP & GENERAL COUNSEL**

8. Resolution awarding a purchase order to Inspired E-Learning for MLGW's online Ethics and Compliance Training Programs for thirty-six-month subscription in the amount of \$91,334.00. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)

Motion To: Add On Item No. 9 to Consent Agenda

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Michael Pohlman, Board Member

SECONDER: Leon Dickson, Vice-Chair

AYES: Pohlman, Wishnia, McCullough, Graves, Dickson

9. Resolution approving an amended rate schedule for the law firm of Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC for legal services rendered concerning water rights litigation, patents, environmental, tort and contract litigation, regulatory matters and other legal matters uniquely related to the utility industry. (Cheryl Patterson) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)

# PRESIDENT'S BRIEFING (Continued):

2. Fourth Quarter, 2020 Corporate Scorecard - <u>Von Goodloe</u> began the presentation discussing lost time and light duty days. We are above our target and working to improve that. The average speed of answer was discussed extensively by the Commissioners with <u>Jim West</u> and <u>J. T. Young</u> also responding to some of their questions. <u>Jim West</u> explained that there are multiple "moving parts" involved and the way processes have changed due to COVID and employees working remotely. In addition, he explained that two phone lines are tied up for call center employees working remotely. He added that we are looking at solutions to alleviate this problem. <u>Von Goodloe</u> pointed out that the net income in all three divisions is "in the green". <u>Supplier Diversity goals have been affected due to COVID as well as tree trimming. <u>Dr. Goodloe</u> stated he expects to see improvement in that area. He pointed out that beginning in 2021, there will be a new goal adding operational efficiency to the report with an accumulative goal of \$91,000,000 in savings.</u>

# 3. Other - J. T. Young

<u>President Young</u> informed the Commissioners that the lease to Summer Trees was not renewed. He commended multiple employees and departments for their hard work in a successful transition.

<u>President Young</u> informed the Board that the GDS contract was approved by the City Council yesterday. <u>Alonzo Weaver</u> added that a kickoff planning meeting will be scheduled soon.

Commissioner McCullough asked about MLGW being named in the lawsuit between WastePro and the City of Memphis. Cheryl Patterson responded stating MLGW was named in the lawsuit because of the fees that are attached to the utility bills we send out.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

(None)

#### ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

(See Minute File No. 1459.)

Approved Without Interlineation

Mitch Graves

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These Minutes Compiled by Undersigned and are/Correct

Secretary-Treasurer