

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

# **Board Meeting**

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Wednesday, May 4, 2022

8:30 AM

**Board Room** 

# **CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING REMARKS:**

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

**Chairman Graves** 

Chairman Graves asked that we share a moment of silence in respect for the recent passing of Mr. Larry Papasan, former MLGW President. <u>Chairman Graves</u> added that an official resolution honoring Mr. Papasan will be presented at a later date.

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Chairman Graves** 

**ROLL CALL:** 

**Dana Jeanes** 

Attendee Name Title		Status Arrived	
Michael Pohlman	Board Member	Present	
Cheryl Pesce	Board Member	Present	200-10
Carl Person	Board Member	Present	
Mitch Graves	Chairman	Present	
Leon Dickson	Vice Chairman	Present	

#### **APPROVALS:**

Motion To: Approve Minutes of the Meeting of April 20, 2022.

**RESULT:** 

**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]** 

MOVER:

Cheryl Pesce, Board Member

SECONDER:

Michael Pohlman, Board Member

AYES:

Michael Pohlman, Cheryl Pesce, Carl Person, Mitch Graves, Leon

Dickson

#### CITY COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & UPDATE:

Dana Jeanes

Receipt of Certified Copies of City Council Resolutions dated April 19, 2022, items 19 through 24. (See Minute File No. 1469.)

#### PRESENTATIONS:

(None)

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

Ms. Chante Hart, 988 Roland, 38114 stated that she was present to inquire about the status of MLGW assisting customers with correcting the problem of water contaminated with lead from lead pipes. She added that her family has been impacted by this issue because of lead pipes in her 120-year-old home.

Ms. Cynthia Hart, 3146 Pacific Avenue, 38112 stated that she has an issue with trees on the wires causing outages and wiring problems in her neighborhood. She stated that she would like to know when MLGW will trim trees away from the wires or if there are plans for underground wiring in her neighborhood.

Mr. Quinton Clark, Manager, Water Engineering Operations, in response to Ms. Chante Hart's request, stated that MLGW has a lead services replacement program and that approximately 5,400 lead service line replacements have been completed thus far. He added that federal funds are being provided under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to assist in MLGW's future lead replacement services program for replacement lines running to customer homes but not inside the home.

Mr. Alonzo Weaver, SVP & COO, addressed Ms. Cynthia Hart's questions regarding tree trimming. He stated that MLGW's tree trimming does service the back property lines which are usually higher voltage lines. The trimming specifications for clearance are within 10-feet of each side on a single-phase line and within 15-feet on a three-phase line. However, the trimming does not prevent a damaged tree from falling on lines and causing damages. Mr. Weaver added that improvements are being made, including the addition of contractors to assist with tree trimming, which will allow the division to increase the number of miles to its initial level of charted trimming.

Ms. Carrie Dowdy, 1535 Ash Street, 38108 stated that her mother recently passed, and she is now attempting to have the utility services at her mother's home transferred into her name. She added that she provided the death certificate and other requested information to MLGW's research department but has not heard back from them yet. President Young asked Ms. Martrice Anderson, Director, Customer Care to assist Ms. Dowdy.

#### PRESIDENT'S BRIEFING:

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

(President's Briefing Continued on Page 50)

The original of the resolutions and documents relating to each item is filed in the vault of 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)

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Michael Pohlman, Board Member SECONDER: Leon Dickson, Vice Chairman

AYES: Michael Pohlman, Cheryl Pesce, Carl Person, Mitch Graves, Leon

Dickson

#### CHIEF CUSTOMER OFFICER

(None)

#### **CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER**

(None)

#### CHIEF PEOPLE OFFICER

1. Resolution to approve revisions to MLGW Human Resources Policy Number 22-11, Family Medical Leave Act. (J. T. Young/Jackie Jones)

2. Resolution to approve revisions to MLGW Human Resources Policy Number 22-06, Accommodation for Nursing Mothers. (J. T. Young/Jackie Jones)

## **COMMUNITY & EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

(None)

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

(None)

#### **ENGINEERING & OPERATIONS**

- 3. Resolution approving Change No. 1 to Contract No. 12174, Waste Management Services with Tradebe Environmental Services, LLC in the funded amount of \$100,000.00. (This change is to renew the current contract for the first of four annual renewal term for the period covering July 26, 2022 through July 25, 2023.) (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)
- Resolution awarding Contract No. 12356, Sheahan Filter Valve Replacement to Landmark Construction General Contractor, Inc., in the funded amount of \$785,400.00. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)

#### **PRESIDENT**

(None)

#### SVP. CFO & CAO. FINANCE

5. Resolution requesting approval of GoldenTree Distressed Fund IV LP, a distressed debt manager, to manage \$15,000,000 for the benefit of the MLGW OPEB Trust Fund, as part of a reallocation. (Dana Jeanes)

- 6. Resolution requesting approval of GoldenTree Distressed Fund IV LP, a distressed debt manager, to manage \$40,000,000 for the benefit of the MLGW Retirement and Pension Fund, as part of a reallocation. (Dana Jeanes)
- 7. Resolution requesting approval of Brookfield Super-Core Infrastructure Partners, an Infrastructure fund, to manage \$30,000,000.00 for the benefit of the MLGW Retirement and Pension Fund, as part of a reallocation. (Dana Jeanes)
- 8. Resolution requesting approval of Brookfield Super-Core Infrastructure Partners, an Infrastructure fund, to manage \$12,000,000 for the benefit of the MLGW OPEB Trust Fund, as part of a reallocation. (Dana Jeanes)

# SVP, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

(None)

#### SHARED SERVICES

9. Resolution awarding a purchase order to Stribling Equipment for backhoe loaders, in the amount of \$1,270,520.00. (Randy Orsby) (REQUIRES CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL)

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

(None)

# PRESIDENT'S BRIEFING (Continued):

# 2. Spring Annual Water Aquifer Study Update - <u>Dr. Brian Waldron</u>

Dr. Brian Waldron, 9063 S. Wilderwood Lane, 38016, Director, CAESAR (Center for Applied Earth Science and Engineering Research) at the University of Memphis stated that he appreciates being present today. He thanked Mr. Quinton Clark, Manager, Water Engineering Operations for managing the project and President Young for his support and also Mrs. Cheryl Patterson, VP & General Counsel and her legal staff for making it possible for him to make a presentation today.

<u>Dr. Waldron</u> stated that he'll give an overview of the Spring 2022 Update on the Memphis Aquifer Research Project. He added that upcoming deliverables for August 2022 include studies of the impact of the Loosahatchie River, Wolf River and Nonconnah Creek and their exchange of water to the shallow aquifer. In closing, he stated that this has been a very detailed study of extensive, detailed information of subsurfaces. He will continue to keep MLGW updated on the progress of the study.

# 3. Other - J. T. Young

President Young stated that he wanted to acknowledge the influence Mr. Papasan had on him personally. He shared that Mr. Papasan participated in his interview process when he came to MLGW and that afterwards did a great job of being somewhat of a mentor to him. President Young stated that we collectively acknowledge Mr. Papasan's leadership of MLGW and will certainly feel the loss of his wisdom, his passion for philanthropy and his contributions to the community. This community and MLGW will miss him.

<u>President Young</u> stated there is an upcoming joint meeting of the City of Memphis and the division where the power supply consultant, GDS, will provide an update. He added that along these same lines that at the next Board meeting there are change orders that will be presented for out-of-scope activities with the GDS contract.

<u>President Young</u> stated that he wants to make mention that the division has been in discussion with the City of Memphis' on its RFP for a Smart City Initiative. He added that he wants to make the board aware that this is not an action, but rather informational meetings and the division will certainly be represented on the RFP team.

President Young stated that, as previously mentioned by Mr. Quinton Clark, under the American Rescue Plan Act, the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) notified the city that it will receive \$98.3M in funding allocated to water, wastewater and storm water infrastructure projects. He stated that the division has worked with the city's administration and MLGW has been allocated \$33.6M for projects with a 15% match for a total of approximately \$39.5M for three primary projects: filter backwash systems, emergency generator upgrades at Allen and Mallory Water Pumping Stations and full lead service line replacement. He added that the division is also in discussions to collaborate with Shelby County Government on some additional projects.

Lastly, <u>President Young</u> stated that the next Outage Improvement Advisory Team (OIAT) Meeting is scheduled for 9am this Friday at the Ben Hooks Library. He thanked Chairman Graves for his support and for serving on the OIAT. <u>President Young</u> gave a brief update on the OIAT's progress.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

(None)

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:12 a.m.

(See Minute File No. 1470.)

Chairman

Secretary-Treasurer

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