

ATLANTIC CITY
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

TRANSCRIPT OF REMOTE PROCEEDINGS

RE: REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE
ATLANTIC CITY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

OPEN SESSION

JULY 20, 2022
COMMENCING AT 10:02 a.m.
VIA ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

GARY L. HILL, Chairman
MICHAEL ARMSTRONG, Executive Director
BRUCE WARD, Solicitor
CLAUDE SMITH, Deputy Executive Director of
Engineering
GLENN BANFIELD, Treasurer
NYNELL LANGFORD
JOHN ECCLES, JR.
STEPHANIE DAVIES, Alternate #1
SAYED KAUSAR, Alternate #2

ALSO PRESENT:

WASTELLA JOHNSON, Board Secretary
ANITA THAPA

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1 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. I'm going to
2 call the meeting to order. Adequate notice of this
3 meeting has been provided as required by law by
4 mailing to The Press a list of the regularly
5 scheduled meeting, July 20th, 2022, at 401 North
6 Virginia Avenue Conference Room, Atlantic City, New
7 Jersey. A copy of said notice was sent to the City
8 Clerk to be posted. All of the aforesaid complies
9 with Chapter 231 of the laws of 1979, known as the
10 Open Public Meetings Law.

11 We'll do a roll call, please, Ms. --
12 Ms. Johnson.

13 MS. JOHNSON: Yes.

14 Mr. Hill?

15 CHAIRMAN HILL: Present.

16 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

17 MS. LANGFORD: Here.

18 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Davies? Ms.

19 Davies? Okay.

20 And Mr. Kausar?

21 MR. KAUSAR: Yes.

22 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. Can we
23 rise for the flag salute, please?

24 (The Pledge of Allegiance is
25 recited.)

1 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you so much.

2 We are going to be missing Mr. Dedar
3 as vice-chair today. He has a work thing. So
4 obviously then, Mr. Ward, when we go to voting,
5 we'll bring Ms. Davies on first. She'll be, you
6 know, voting for him, of course.

7 MR. WARD: Yes.

8 CHAIRMAN HILL: Stephanie, are you
9 okay with that?

10 MR. WARD: She might be muted.

11 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yeah. It doesn't say
12 it, but I'm hoping.

13 MS. JOHNSON: She's not muted.

14 CHAIRMAN HILL: If not, we'll have
15 Mr. Kausar then vote if she's not there. Okay?
16 We'll figure it out.

17 Okay. We need to move to number 5 on
18 our agenda. This is the approval of the open
19 session meetings (sic) for the board meeting that we
20 held June 15th, via Zoom, 2022.

21 So, Ms. Johnson, would you read that
22 resolution?

23 MS. JOHNSON: Yes. Whereas, the
24 Atlantic City Municipal Utilities Authority held
25 their regularly scheduled board meeting on June

1 15th, 2022.

2 Now, therefore, be it resolved on
3 this 20th day of July 2022 that the board of
4 directors of the MUA hereby approves the transcript
5 of the open session meeting minutes.

6 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you so much.
7 Any additions, deletions, or edits?

8 Hearing none, we'll do a roll call.

9 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

10 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

11 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. -- Ms. Langford?

12 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

13 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Davies?

14 MR. ARMSTRONG: She dropped off.

15 MS. JOHNSON: She dropped off? Okay.

16 With three, do we have a quorum?

17 CHAIRMAN HILL: We will.

18 MR. ARMSTRONG: We have a quorum.

19 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

20 MS. JOHNSON: Okay.

21 CHAIRMAN HILL: Mr. --

22 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Kauser?

23 MR. KAUSER: Yes.

24 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you, sir.

25 Okay. Moving on to 5 b. Maybe

1 Stephanie will come back, I hope. Closed session
2 meetings. These were the closed session meetings we
3 all were to review and read and then return to the
4 MUA offices for June 15th, 2022.

5 Could you please read resolution 5
6 b.?

7 MS. JOHNSON: Whereas, the Atlantic
8 City Municipal Utilities Authority held their
9 scheduled board meeting on June 15th, 2022.

10 Now, therefore, be it resolved it is
11 on this 20th day of July that the board of directors
12 of the MUA hereby approves the transcription of the
13 closed session meeting minutes.

14 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. We'll --
15 there's no edits or changes for this because it was
16 in closed session, so we'll just do a roll call to
17 accept.

18 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

19 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

20 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

21 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

22 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Davies? Still out.

23 And Mr. Kauser?

24 MR. KAUSER: Yes.

25 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. Number 6,

1 the chairman's -- I just wanted to make two quick
2 comments, and I wanted to, first of all, welcome the
3 NAACP convention here to Atlantic City. It's their
4 last day. It was amazing here for the city to see
5 so many wonderful people from all over the country
6 learn more about our city and our past and our
7 history.

8 I know that many of us have been
9 either members or associated with it somehow, so I
10 think it's a very proud moment to have the national
11 convention here at Atlantic City, and on behalf of
12 our municipal authority, I just wanted to put it on
13 the record that we, as the MUA, wanted to welcome
14 them into Atlantic City, New Jersey.

15 Also, we did all receive or should
16 have received an update from Mr. Armstrong with Mr.
17 Smith's input on some of the engineering projects
18 and major things that are happening. It's been a
19 very busy summer, as Mr. Smith can attest to, and I
20 really think it was a great idea to put it out
21 there, for not just the engineering committee, who
22 knows about this in detail, but all of the board
23 members.

24 One of my missions, of course, is to
25 make sure we're transparent and we're all up to date

1 on the projects, the monies, the issues that we all
2 face here as an organization. So I thank them for
3 doing that, and of course that went to Mr. Brown. I
4 don't believe he's on, but I know he received it,
5 and I asked him if there was any responses or
6 concerns. He did not respond back at that point, so
7 I think we should be in good shape.

8 We need to keep the state abreast of
9 our projects. We have a lot of things going on, and
10 I just am glad that they did that for all of us. So
11 we'll move from there.

12 Committee reports. There's --
13 probably the biggest committee was engineering. We
14 did have an emergency meeting that Mr. Eccles was
15 part of a few weeks ago, and as we go through this,
16 you'll understand why.

17 We had a power outage at the plant,
18 which affected a well. We have some issues we're
19 going to need to address very, very quickly, and we
20 might, just for everybody -- board members'
21 notification, we might need to have a quick
22 emergency meeting to approve some funding and some
23 resolutions for Calvi Electric dealing with power
24 and CTX, which is parts and hookups and so forth at
25 the well because one of our main issues is we need

1 to make sure our PFAS issue is still being treated
2 correctly. And the emergency that we experienced a
3 few weeks ago would in the future possibly affect
4 that, but I think we're on top of it with our
5 engineering firms people, so I just want to make
6 sure the board is aware that we did have an
7 emergency meeting. Then we had a regular meeting
8 the week after, and it's quite extensive here.

9 I'll let Mr. Smith go from here.
10 Just to give an update, we might need to pull a
11 quick emergency meeting to approve two funding
12 issues.

13 Is that basically it in a nutshell,
14 Mr. Armstrong?

15 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yes.

16 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. Very good. So
17 let's move on to water main replacements.

18 Mr. Smith, I know you've been busy
19 with all of this. Can we go from there?

20 MR. SMITH: Yes. Good morning,
21 everyone. At the -- at the current time, we're
22 still proceeding with our water main replacement
23 throughout certain locations within the City of
24 Atlantic City. Just to give you a brief location --
25 brief information of the locations that we're

1 currently working on, Wisteria Avenue, which is over
2 in the Chelsea Heights area, Texas Avenue is another
3 location adjacent to where -- the Texas Avenue
4 School, from Fairmount going back up to Atlantic
5 Avenue, and recently the contractor just moved over
6 to Drexel Avenue between New Jersey and -- New
7 Jersey and Connecticut Avenue.

8 Just to give you a little idea of
9 some of the reasons for this -- these particular
10 water main replacement projects, as well, too, in
11 coordination with the City of Atlantic City, based
12 on the roadway restorations that they're presently
13 moving forward with, we're working in conjunction
14 with them to get some of these locations done in
15 terms of replacement of water mains because of the
16 fact that it is a cost savings to the Atlantic City
17 MUA based on the road restoration that needs to be
18 done after the repairs or the excavations are
19 actually done on -- on these locations or these
20 roadways.

21 I just had a conversation with the
22 engineer, City Engineer yesterday in regards to one
23 of the projects that they've been pushing for for
24 2021 to have several roadways actually restored, and
25 two of the roadways that we're currently working on

1 was a part of that particular package of rest --
2 roadway restoration that needed to be done.

3 The last location, which is Drexel
4 Avenue, which the contractor's going to be working
5 on -- as a matter of fact, they started working on
6 that location yesterday, might do some saw cutting.
7 It's a one block replacement, so we expect that to
8 be done in a pretty timely manner to assist the city
9 in proceeding with doing the restoration that they
10 need to get done based on their 2021 grant
11 allocation that they have for doing roadway
12 restoration in the City of Atlantic City.

13 There are -- there is one other
14 location or two other locations that's going to be
15 worked on, as well, to -- as a part of our water
16 main replacement, also kind of incorporated into the
17 roadway restoration that we have with the City of
18 Atlantic City, and that's Mississippi Avenue, also
19 from Fairmount going back up to Atlantic Avenue, and
20 then you have Oriental Avenue, which goes for a
21 pretty good stretch of Oriental Avenue. That covers
22 the 2022 roadway restoration and water main
23 replacement project that we have. That's going to
24 be done of course in 2022.

25 Moving on --

1 CHAIRMAN HILL: Excuse me, Mr. Smith.
2 The Wisteria I know we were talking about, you said,
3 was about 95 percent done around -- when we had our
4 engineering committee.

5 Are we -- are we pretty well complete
6 you would say?

7 MR. SMITH: With -- with the work
8 that we need to do on Wisteria Avenue, we're -- I
9 went out there yesterday to check on the contractor.
10 There's just a few items that needed to be
11 addressed, if you want to call it like a punch list.

12 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay.

13 MR. SMITH: And they were working on
14 that. So they're -- they're getting ready to move
15 from that particular location over to Drexel Avenue.

16 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

17 MR. SMITH: So -- yeah. In regards
18 to that location being done, I would consider it to
19 be completed by now.

20 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

21 MR. SMITH: I just have to go back
22 out and make some additional observation. If
23 there's any issues, then of course I'll be
24 discussing that with the contractor and of course
25 our consultant engineer that's working with us on

1 that project.

2 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. We can
3 continue.

4 MR. SMITH: Lead service line
5 replacements, the grant for lead service line
6 replacement. I did speak to Mr. Rutala, our Jim
7 Rutala in regards to that, and of course, the
8 federal EPA grant that was actually submitted back
9 in April, in my conversation with Mr. Rutala,
10 basically that takes about six months for any
11 responses to be received from -- received from them
12 in regards to that particular type of funding or the
13 grant.

14 We're still working on that. There's
15 a couple more grant situations that's out there,
16 which is also with the I-Bank. We did submit an
17 application to the I-Bank. They requested some
18 additional revision or questions that we had to
19 respond to, which we did. And the other one, which
20 is actually for the PFAS -- this one I'm going to
21 segue and let Mike kind of take that over a little
22 bit along with the PFAS to talk a little bit more
23 about that one because of the fact that we're still
24 waiting on the feasibility study from H2M in order
25 for Mike to proceed -- sorry -- for Jim to proceed

1 with that particular application.

2 Mike?

3 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yeah. The only thing
4 that I can say with respect to that is we did
5 receive the draft report from H2M. They were sort
6 of delayed in getting that to us. That draft report
7 is, according to Jim Rutala, necessary in order for
8 both the senate representatives, Cory Booker, and
9 Van -- Senator Van Drew to be able to review and
10 determine what our needs are specifically in
11 Atlantic City, and the goal -- Jim's goal is to try
12 to get money specifically earmarked for the Atlantic
13 City Municipal Utilities Authority.

14 The good news is that we've finally
15 received a report. We were hoping to get it back in
16 April, but we do have it now. It's in draft form.
17 I just need for Claude to review it and see if
18 it's -- you know, if there's anything -- I'm not
19 sure why it's in draft form, but I'm assuming they
20 want you to review it, Claude, and just say whether
21 or not it's okay. And -- and once that's done,
22 they'll put it in final form, and we can get it over
23 to Jim Rutala.

24 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yeah. Just a -- and
25 I wrote myself a note on that line, and you bumped

1 down there. This is great.

2 We've just got to be really
3 cognitive -- I'm sure Mr. Rutala is -- of the due
4 dates, the time frames. We desperately need that
5 help from the federal government obviously.

6 MR. ARMSTRONG: Right.

7 CHAIRMAN HILL: So we've just got to
8 make sure we're on -- we are on top of it. We were
9 waiting for H -- I was going to ask you if we needed
10 to make a call or -- or --

11 MR. ARMSTRONG: I did. I did.

12 CHAIRMAN HILL: -- yell at them
13 because --

14 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yeah.

15 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yeah. Okay.

16 MR. ARMSTRONG: I did last week, and
17 that's what prompted it.

18 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yeah. Okay. Very
19 good. Thank you.

20 MR. ARMSTRONG: Uh-huh.

21 MR. SMITH: The upper wellfield
22 infrastructure emergency, Gary kind of covered that
23 particular scenario. Right now we're in hold mode
24 for CTX and for Calvi Electric to get back to us in
25 regards to some coordination and planning and design

1 that they're doing to make sure that the pricing and
2 so forth that we've received, that everybody's on
3 the same page or are coordinated in getting that
4 done.

5 I did send out an email yesterday to
6 Polistina Associates, which is Gary Auer, and also
7 to -- to Hank from Calvi Electric. Basically they
8 said there's -- you know, they're working on that.
9 Hopefully that should be completed very soon.

10 If it is, hopefully, we'd be able to,
11 like it says, probably have an emergency meeting.
12 I -- I'm not going to be here next week, but at the
13 same time, I don't think that should prevent us from
14 reviewing what needs to be done and giving the
15 approval or go-ahead to start the work that needs to
16 be done in regards to this emergency repair services
17 that we need to get done or connectivity of our
18 power cable connection over at the wells from 18
19 going back to 16 or 16 going to 18.

20 CHAIRMAN HILL: Again, just review
21 for Mr. Banfield coming onboard, we might need to
22 have a quick emergency meeting after we get these
23 numbers reviewed for the board members' knowledge
24 again, just to review that. I don't know if you
25 heard me say that, Glenn, so that's what Mr. Smith's

1 talking about. Okay? Thank you.

2 MR. SMITH: For the formal dam
3 inspection, there's actually a resolution for that.
4 We'll wait until we get to that particular item on
5 the -- the bid agenda -- I mean -- sorry -- the
6 agenda, board agenda before we start talking about
7 that.

8 Treatment plant warehouse ceiling
9 repair, that was actually delayed based on some
10 information that we were -- we had provided to
11 Polistina Associates and them proceeding with
12 actually doing the bid specifications for that.

13 After some further reviews, the --
14 the engineering committee decided that we'll
15 actually turn that responsibility over to
16 Remington & Vernick in terms of getting that
17 particular proposal written.

18 Information was provided to them on
19 the -- the structural proposition or proposal that
20 was actually made to the authority, and they're
21 currently working on that at this particular time.

22 Number 6 is -- is us at number -- a
23 number of projects that we have assigned -- not
24 completely assigned, but have assigned to
25 Remington & Vernick in regards to doing for the

1 authority. They're in the process of working on
2 some of these things, but we're also waiting for the
3 contractor agreements to be actually supplied to
4 them and signed and returned to us so they can move
5 forward with these particular projects that we have
6 listed here.

7 As you can see, there are the UST
8 closure at the treatment plant and distribution
9 yard. Due to the current -- our current regulations
10 and upcoming regulations in regards to just some
11 maintenance and the -- the responsibilities that you
12 have with any UST tank, which is underground storage
13 tanks, we looked over the -- or are starting to look
14 over the feasibility of actually keeping any of our
15 underground storage tanks based on these particular
16 regulations that are out there and upcoming, as
17 well, too.

18 One of the things I had pointed out
19 when we had our meeting is that if you look around
20 and you see the number of gas stations that are
21 actually closing down --

22 CHAIRMAN HILL: I know.

23 MR. SMITH: -- because of how
24 stringent these particular rules have actually
25 become and are becoming just for maintaining it and

1 the response behind these underground storage tanks.

2 We have one gasoline storage tank
3 here and we have two tanks that are over in the --
4 the plant location that we're looking to remove. Of
5 course there's been talks about probably going to a
6 nearby gas station or having some form of a service
7 agreement actually arranged with a nearby gas
8 station so that at least we're still able to fuel
9 our vehicles for operation and so forth. This is
10 one of the things that Remington & Vernick will be
11 working on, and hopefully we can actually get this
12 done before the end of the year.

13 Now, the Huron Avenue water main
14 repair, I hate to beat -- or keep on going back to
15 this, but this was a repair that was actually done
16 back probably about January of this year. We -- we
17 did a cut and cap of our -- of our water main
18 adjacent to Route 30 just across from Emrocade
19 Boulevard (phon).

20 And after that particular work was
21 actually done, we saw some remnants of water on the
22 roadway. It lasted for a little bit, and then
23 afterward it disappeared.

24 I did contact Remington & Vernick and
25 discussed it, and we decided that we'd probably look

1 further into it. So far for the entire summer, that
2 area has been bone-dry. I'm not saying it's a
3 miracle, but you know, water seems to find its path
4 of least resistance, and probably that's where most
5 everything was actually drained at the time after
6 the cut and cap was actually done. But we have it
7 on the books slated to be investigated if need be.
8 Of course that investigation would not be done until
9 after the summer, but we'll keep it on the books
10 just in case if it's something that needs to be done
11 sooner or later that we can actually do that.

12 CHAIRMAN HILL: Excuse me. Mr.
13 Banfield indicated he was not hearing your report.

14 Mr. Banfield, do you hear it now?

15 MR. BANFIELD: No. I did hear it.
16 That's what I was saying. I did hear the report and
17 response. That's what I was saying.

18 CHAIRMAN HILL: All right. Thank you
19 so much.

20 All right.

21 MR. BANFIELD: Thank you.

22 CHAIRMAN HILL: Claude, we're at
23 boardwalk, I believe, which is --

24 MR. SMITH: Yeah.

25 CHAIRMAN HILL: Whether you want to.

1 MR. SMITH: Which is item number (c),
2 the boardwalk water main control points. Based on
3 observation and -- and evaluations that we had
4 looked at, we do not necessarily have enough control
5 points on -- on the water main that actually runs
6 the length of the boardwalk.

7 This is something that we felt is
8 necessary for if and when we do have any particular
9 type of emergency, or if we have a break, that we
10 need to have at least substantial control within a
11 certain point or certain points along the boardwalk
12 so that we're not putting the entire boardwalk and
13 the casinos out of service.

14 So this is one of the things that the
15 evaluation will be done by our Remington & Vernick.
16 That study will be done upon -- that's being done.
17 Of course, it leads to construction, so we'll be
18 looking forward to doing that particular project or
19 doing that study sometime soon.

20 CHAIRMAN HILL: And the emergency
21 repair?

22 MR. SMITH: Yeah. And the emergency
23 repairs -- as you know, throughout the winter
24 months, we do have water main breaks. We did not
25 have and do not have a contract for actually

1 dispatching or acquiring a company for doing
2 emergency water repairs.

3 Pretty much predominantly a lot of
4 that work was based on the availability of Arthur
5 Henry for doing that particular work, and this is
6 the proposal that would be written by
7 Remington & Vernick for actually doing that
8 particular work, also the -- the evaluation and
9 analysis, as well as review of the work that's being
10 done, that would also be their responsibility in
11 terms of doing this particular project.

12 CHAIRMAN HILL: Is it -- is it
13 possible, Mr. Smith, like we've done with the
14 engineering companies, to get a pool of emergency
15 workers? I know Arthur Henry's like the only one
16 that does it.

17 MR. SMITH: Yeah.

18 CHAIRMAN HILL: But is there other
19 people that can bid on this?

20 MR. SMITH: There are -- there are --
21 yes. There's -- more contractors are starting to
22 come into the city that could actually do so.

23 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay.

24 MR. SMITH: If you -- if you look
25 at -- when we have our water main replacement

1 projects, you know, you do have -- if you want to
2 call it a pool of contractors that actually do it.
3 You know, it's -- it's up to them to whether or not
4 they would like to --

5 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.

6 MR. SMITH: -- take on the particular
7 task as an emergency type affair because they have
8 to respond within of course --

9 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.

10 MR. SMITH: -- a certain time frame
11 for doing any of this particular work once they're
12 actually called.

13 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. So there are
14 other companies? However, Arthur Henry is a local
15 company. They've been very good with the MUA. I'm
16 not saying anything. I'm just saying if we look for
17 it, we need another backup. We'll maybe hopefully
18 have it, you know.

19 MR. SMITH: Absolutely. And that's
20 the objective --

21 CHAIRMAN HILL: They're a good
22 company, Arthur Henry. No problems.

23 MR. SMITH: And that's the objective
24 of this, is to --

25 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.

1 MR. SMITH: -- actually have a pool
2 whereabouts you can actually call upon, you know,
3 more than one contractors if need be to do this
4 particular work --

5 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.

6 MR. SMITH: -- or emergency repair
7 work when necessary.

8 CHAIRMAN HILL: Correct. Very good.
9 That's a very long list of things, but again, I want
10 to go for board members', again, clarification. You
11 see that when -- in the beginning of the year, when
12 we did two contracts for engineering, Polistina and
13 Remington & Vernick, because Polistina's local,
14 great, and smaller. Remington is regional and
15 larger. So we can move things around where we think
16 each company is best suited for whatever needs we
17 have. So that's one of the reasons we did that ages
18 ago, in February, I guess.

19 Okay. So we're moving on to I guess
20 the -- well, we already talked about the water
21 treatment distribution, and we don't need you to do
22 that again.

23 How about for the EPA requests? I
24 guess that was dealing with -- we could give a quick
25 update on that letter that went out and maybe Larry

1 had a follow-up for us from the plant?

2 MR. SMITH: It's -- that's still
3 being worked on.

4 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.

5 MR. SMITH: That -- that I think is
6 actually due the 8th of August, if I remember
7 correctly. That -- that information will be
8 supplied to them. Of course this is the second
9 round of any request that was actually made by the
10 EPA. And --

11 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.

12 MR. SMITH: -- all the information is
13 actually being gathered to supply -- supply to them,
14 so that's still being worked on.

15 CHAIRMAN HILL: Question for Mr. Ward
16 on that. Mr. Ward, I'm assuming once we get a
17 response again back from the EPA, you'll review that
18 along with Larry and whoever else at the plant?

19 MR. WARD: Absolutely. Uh-huh.

20 CHAIRMAN HILL: Uh-huh. Thank you.

21 MR. WARD: Uh-huh.

22 MR. ARMSTRONG: And just remember,
23 too, that we employed Decotiis firm and their person
24 Kevin from there. He was an attorney there that
25 specializes in EPA and DEP issues like this, too.

1 Kevin and Bruce together have been reviewing it.

2 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yeah. Right. Very
3 good. I forgot about Decotiis there on that one
4 because they have an environmental specialist;
5 right?

6 MR. ARMSTRONG: Right.

7 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. Very good.
8 And the last one, Claude?

9 MR. SMITH: This is -- this is just
10 for informal purposes --

11 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.

12 MR. SMITH: -- because we have not
13 received any bills yet. This goes back to the same
14 water main break on Huron Avenue, Route 87 that
15 occurred back in January. This is on the South
16 Jersey Transportation roadway. And of course,
17 because of the emergency, they had to do some --
18 some work out there. They had to go back out there,
19 repair a sinkhole that had occurred at that
20 particular location of course. There's a bill
21 forthcoming. We haven't seen it yet. I don't know
22 what the cost is going to be, but upon receipt of
23 that particular bill, we'll all be aware of what
24 that cost is.

25 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. A very long

1 engineering report, but it's been very busy, as I
2 mentioned, this summer.

3 Does any board member have any
4 questions or concerns for Mr. Smith? The engineer
5 committee again, just to review, met twice this
6 month and now of course at the board meeting.

7 Questions? Okay. Fine. Thank you.

8 Moving on, personnel committee. I
9 believe there's a thing here, unless Mr. Armstrong
10 has something?

11 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yeah, actually items
12 under executive director 2, 3, and 4 were discussed.

13 CHAIRMAN HILL: Good.

14 MR. ARMSTRONG: But before we move
15 on, there was one thing that was discussed in the
16 engineering committee that I did get information
17 after the agenda was prepared.

18 Remember we talked about the
19 possibility of advertising on the water tower in
20 order to receive revenue --

21 CHAIRMAN HILL: Uh-huh.

22 MR. ARMSTRONG: -- for bonding in the
23 event that we have to bond for the water treatment
24 plant? We did come up with those costs.

25 Well, in the -- since that time, I

1 had reached out to an advertising agency, and they
2 indicated that there may be some interest, that they
3 had looked into it some years ago, and apparently
4 this was something that was discussed under Bruce's
5 tenure years ago. But there was no interest at the
6 time.

7 But they got back to me and said that
8 one company -- they floated it out there. One
9 company has expressed an interest, and they said
10 that they just need to know whether or not it's
11 something the board is interested in pursuing. And
12 it's just an idea I had originally come up with that
13 there are going to be significant costs to cover the
14 financing for the water treatment plant, which could
15 be in the neighborhood of \$120 to \$150 million, and
16 I haven't read H2M's report yet. That figure may
17 change because they did indicate to me they were
18 going to err on the side of caution. So they may
19 have raised that figure.

20 But one of the thoughts that I had
21 was that we would -- if we have to bond, even if we
22 receive grants, we're probably going to have to bond
23 ourselves for some significant amount, but maybe we
24 can find another source of revenue to pay the
25 premiums on the bonds. So one idea was to consider

1 advertising on the water tower that sits here in
2 front of the MUA because there's good visibility to
3 the -- all the hotels that -- on the boardwalk and
4 even potentially the one in the back can be seen
5 clearly from the hotels that are behind the MUA
6 distribution center.

7 And the person said that they had
8 some discussion with that in mind because he was
9 reluctant at first, but he said that he -- because
10 this had been explored before. And he said, but he
11 talked to -- he wasn't interested, but he floated it
12 around for us, and he said there is a company that's
13 interested, and if the board is so inclined, he
14 could put us in touch with that company, and we
15 could start to move forward in that direction.

16 And he was talking a pretty big
17 company like Coca-Cola, something with a symbol that
18 could be seen from far away, not necessarily read,
19 but the -- their logo or brand could be recognized,
20 you know, so...

21 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. I do remember
22 a couple of years ago when Mr. Ward was executive
23 director we ran this by. We did not move forward on
24 that for whatever reasons. And we were in a better
25 financial shape, as well, at that time, I believe,

1 so this is something -- we're not moving on this.
2 Just information purposes that we're looking into,
3 and as I mentioned to -- and when we brought this up
4 at engineering, I just want to make sure that we're
5 cognitive of the community and what their input, you
6 know, would be to a point that we need to know what
7 we're doing.

8 We just don't want something that
9 would be offensive or so forth. So we'll
10 investigate this. I kind of think we need to go
11 that route because of the cost of the new plant that
12 will be coming.

13 MR. WARD: And, Mr. Hill -- Mr. Hill,
14 you will recall that with your assistance, we were
15 able to get a \$10,000 contribution on the AC --

16 CHAIRMAN HILL: I can't -- I can't do
17 that anymore.

18 MR. WARD: Yeah.

19 CHAIRMAN HILL: That was it, once and
20 done.

21 MR. WARD: Yeah.

22 MR. ARMSTRONG: We did get an offer
23 from an organization -- nonprofit students
24 organization to come out and paint it for us at no
25 cost.

1 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.

2 MR. ARMSTRONG: But obviously there
3 would be some liability issues.

4 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yeah.

5 MR. ARMSTRONG: I believe that if a
6 company's interested and they're in the advertising
7 business, they would know how to put that up.

8 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. And they
9 would do that all inside of their proposal, so
10 we'll --

11 MR. ARMSTRONG: Right.

12 CHAIRMAN HILL: -- just move for
13 informational, and again, we're not going to move
14 quickly on that. Again, just myself I want to be
15 very cognitive of our community, you know, and what
16 their -- what their concerns or -- not, you know,
17 just -- I mean, we know it will help their water
18 bill not go up, so that might be a good thing.

19 MR. ARMSTRONG: Right. Right.

20 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you, Mr.
21 Armstrong.

22 Before you start, I want to welcome
23 Mr. Eccles back into our fold here. Mr. Eccles
24 since -- I appreciate you coming on. There are
25 two -- our two engineering committees, we just

1 finished that. So you're pretty much aware of where
2 we are. So we're down to Mr. Armstrong's report.
3 Okay?

4 MR. ECCLES: Thank you, Gary. And I
5 just want to apologize for lateness, but
6 unfortunately, work commitments being what they are
7 with the courts being reopened, it's due to
8 circumstances beyond my control, so I just wanted
9 to --

10 CHAIRMAN HILL: No problem.

11 MR. ECCLES: This is not -- this not
12 how I like to operate.

13 CHAIRMAN HILL: No problem at all.
14 Okay, Mr. Armstrong.

15 MR. ARMSTRONG: I think Mr.
16 Banfield --

17 MR. BANFIELD: Yes. I have a
18 question for Mr. Armstrong. With the -- the
19 advertising, would that be just a fixed
20 advertisement, or could it be --

21 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yes. That's --
22 that's what we talked about. I know in our
23 engineering committee, there was some discussion
24 possibly about a digital billboard, but the person
25 ruled that out immediately. He said that that would

1 not work. They said -- because of the discussions
2 that he had and -- when they explored it when Mr.
3 Ward was executive director, he said that that was
4 completely ruled out.

5 MR. BANFIELD: Oh. It couldn't be
6 nothing like a revolving electronic --

7 CHAIRMAN HILL: He said no.

8 MR. BANFIELD: -- display or
9 anything?

10 MR. ARMSTRONG: I mean, I can bring
11 it up again.

12 CHAIRMAN HILL: We thought maybe. We
13 thought maybe.

14 MR. BANFIELD: Yeah.

15 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yeah.

16 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yeah.

17 MR. BANFIELD: Okay.

18 MR. ARMSTRONG: That's the kind of
19 business, you know, that he was in, and he wasn't
20 interested, but he floated it around with respect to
21 a permanent kind of like what -- my thought wasn't a
22 billboard because that's when -- I used to represent
23 billboard companies, and Gary's right, once you
24 start talking billboards in communities, people come
25 out like crazy, fight against it. And, you know,

1 something that blends in. I think just something
2 that's painted on it that's tastefully done is much
3 better than -- and even to the extent that it might
4 become a major attraction.

5 I mean, sometimes -- like Coca-Cola
6 is a -- appears to be a well-received brand that --
7 you know, that's community and family oriented in
8 some way. And it doesn't necessarily have to be
9 Coca-Cola. It could be just a family-oriented
10 brand, but something to me that creates an
11 attraction to some extent, as well, like it was when
12 it was painted as a hot air balloon.

13 I remember always coming to Atlantic
14 City, and if I had somebody new with me, I would
15 drive by here to show them the water tower that
16 looked like the hot air balloon, but --

17 MR. BANFIELD: Right.

18 MR. ARMSTRONG: -- something like
19 that I think would be attractive and kind of, you
20 know, make us a landmark that everybody would want
21 to see when they come to Atlantic City, but blends
22 in with the community and make people in the
23 community proud to -- to have it.

24 MR. BANFIELD: And the reason why I
25 asked that, because how long would that -- you know,

1 how long would we like be held to hold that company
2 to the -- how long they advertise?

3 MR. ARMSTRONG: That depends. That's
4 to be negotiated. It depends on the amount of
5 money. I would -- if we have -- let's say if we
6 have 10 or 20-year bonds, hopefully we could have it
7 long enough to cover the bond payments; right? I'm
8 sure Anita would agree with that. At least that's
9 something we would never have to worry about because
10 what we receive for that advertisement would not
11 only cover the bonds, but also cover the term of the
12 bonds if necessary, so...

13 CHAIRMAN HILL: All right. This
14 is -- this is just an idea we're floating.

15 MR. ARMSTRONG: Right.

16 CHAIRMAN HILL: We wanted again to be
17 transparent, what's-going-on conversations. There
18 has been no decisions at all made on this.

19 MR. BANFIELD: Okay. Now, if we --

20 CHAIRMAN HILL: No firms, no money,
21 no nothing. Right.

22 MR. ARMSTRONG: It's just an idea
23 now, and if you're interested, I could tell them
24 maybe to put some drawings together to see what it
25 would look like, if it was say, you know --

1 MR. BANFIELD: Did they say exactly
2 why like electronically it wouldn't work?

3 MR. ARMSTRONG: All I know from my
4 personal experience is they look at the number of
5 cars and the traffic and then the cost to build.
6 Then it's the question of whether or not that --
7 that water tower wasn't designed to hold something
8 like that --

9 MR. BANFIELD: Okay.

10 MR. ARMSTRONG: -- you know -- you
11 know, and they may have to retrofit. It might just
12 triple the cost, and then, you know, they may just
13 determine that the volume -- because I've seen --
14 when I used to represent billboard companies, I've
15 seen interest on both sides and no -- and community
16 support, but then the demands that are placed create
17 costs that make it just cost prohibitive that the
18 billboard company can't do it.

19 So, you know -- I mean, that's --
20 that's ideal, you know, what you're suggesting,
21 because you could do multiple entities, and then the
22 casinos could advertise there, you know, but you
23 know, I'll be honest with you, the first -- the
24 answer was no initially.

25 I called back and tried to give my

1 own ideas to somebody who's in the business, you
2 know, but the answer was still no. And then I
3 happened to get a call back a few days later and
4 said, you know what? I happened to be somewhere,
5 and I ran it by somebody, and they said, yes. So I
6 actually went away thinking it was -- it was over,
7 it was a done deal until I got the callback.

8 So I think once the discussion
9 starts -- and you could consider, too, whether or
10 not you put it out -- because the law may require --
11 which we'll probably have to research this -- may
12 require that you put it out for bid to see what --
13 let the bid -- bidding process determine the
14 payments and who gets it.

15 I know it's like that with cell
16 antennas. You have to put it out and whoever, you
17 know, bids the highest gets the best spot on
18 the tower and on the antenna, and then the next
19 lowest bidder gets the next spot and so on and so
20 forth. So it may be a situation like that. In
21 order to get the best possible revenue, it may be
22 something that has to be put out for bid.

23 MR. BANFIELD: Okay. Thank you.

24 MR. ARMSTRONG: You're welcome.

25 All right. The other three items

1 that I have relate -- that probably should have been
2 in personnel, number 2, number 3, and number 4. I
3 sent -- I thought I sent this -- these policies to
4 everyone, and I just realized I actually only sent
5 it to the person at the health committee afterwards,
6 but I did send it to you about 15, 20 minutes ago.

7 But each policy I'll put up on the
8 screen anyway. But the personnel committee --
9 everybody knows without going into detail as to what
10 happened out at the plant a few weeks ago. That --
11 that will be discussed in detail in closed session.

12 Mike Riley is in court. John, I'm
13 sure you can appreciate that. He couldn't be here
14 right now.

15 MR. ECCLES: No.

16 MR. ARMSTRONG: But he says that
17 he -- he'll try to make it in closed session, and in
18 fact, he'll take a break from court if he can.

19 But the -- as a result of that, I
20 went out there and had some conversations, but I
21 wanted to come up with three policy -- well, I came
22 up with three draft policies to address that
23 situation. The first was a policy -- although what
24 was done wasn't done with any ill-intent, but given
25 today's climate, I think there should be a policy

1 that addresses that type of conduct.

2 So the first one -- I'm going to put
3 one up on the -- that policy up on the screen for
4 those of you who don't have it in front of you or
5 don't -- aren't able to access your emails.

6 So bear with me one second.

7 MR. ARMSTRONG: Stella, it says I
8 need to have you --

9 MS. JOHNSON: Yes. I'm on it.

10 Are you able to now?

11 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yes. Okay. All
12 right. Everybody can see my screen? This is the --
13 let me see if I can make it a little larger.

14 Okay. This policy here is just a
15 draft. I took a harassment policy and adapted it
16 after having consulted with Mike Riley, labor
17 counsel, in providing -- which I believe I did
18 provide you with a copy, as well, is that correct,
19 Bruce?

20 MR. WARD: Yes.

21 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yeah. You got a copy
22 when we were in the personnel committee.

23 MR. WARD: I got it on the email,
24 yes.

25 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yeah. Okay. So

1 we -- both attorneys had a chance to review it. I
2 sent it around to the personnel committee and asked
3 anybody if they had any comments. If not -- I
4 didn't hear anything back, so I'm assuming that the
5 draft as written is a good start, and I welcome any
6 other comments from any board members who had not
7 had an opportunity to review it.

8 But it simply says: All employees
9 should be my mindful of the societal issues that may
10 have a tendency to create anxiety or fear in the
11 workplace and refrain from the display or discussion
12 of any written or graphic material that ridicules,
13 denigrates, insults, belittles, threatens, or
14 creates hostility, fear, anxiety, aversion, or
15 disrespect towards or within a coworker.

16 Okay. So it's a little less than
17 harassment, but it addresses if such a situation
18 like this arises again, you know, and how we deal
19 with it. And it makes the employees aware that that
20 kind of conduct is not tolerated here at MUA.

21 So if everybody's okay with this,
22 I'll give it to Ms. Dansby and to labor counsel and
23 have them incorporate it into our policy.

24 Gary?

25 CHAIRMAN HILL: Just a question. I

1 think it's very well done. But do we have to put a
2 consequence if indeed this happens?

3 MR. ARMSTRONG: I don't -- is there a
4 consequence? I don't think there's a consequence.

5 CHAIRMAN HILL: You know, I --

6 MR. ARMSTRONG: There's no
7 consequence in it.

8 CHAIRMAN HILL: There's no
9 consequence? So --

10 MR. ARMSTRONG: No. We're just
11 telling them --

12 CHAIRMAN HILL: -- we're just telling
13 them we don't want them to do this?

14 MR. ARMSTRONG: Correct. We will --
15 each -- all of our policies, you know, there may be
16 some that say, you know, certain --

17 CHAIRMAN HILL: Written up or
18 something, yeah. That's what I'm asking, I guess.

19 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yeah. This doesn't
20 do that. The harassment policy doesn't either. It
21 just tells them what conduct is prohibited.

22 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. All right.

23 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yeah. That's all.
24 Yeah. I mean, because I think this is going to vary
25 because even with the situation, there was no -- the

1 person was suspended with pay.

2 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.

3 MR. ARMSTRONG: There was nothing
4 other than he's going to meet with Mike and his
5 union representative --

6 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.

7 MR. ARMSTRONG: -- to tell him
8 that -- I mean, because technically he didn't
9 violate any policy because the policy wasn't in
10 place.

11 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. We didn't
12 have -- we didn't have a policy, so --

13 MR. ARMSTRONG: Exactly.

14 CHAIRMAN HILL: -- that's why this is
15 here.

16 Okay.

17 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yeah. So there's not
18 much that we could have done other than to tell him
19 that it just wasn't in good taste.

20 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. Okay.

21 MR. ARMSTRONG: Now, the other policy
22 that I came up with to address this type of conduct
23 was -- what I learned from this is that there are
24 various individuals who own -- legally own weapons
25 and they go to the gun range. And when they --

1 often times come to work and they bring those guns
2 with them and they're in their vehicles, in private
3 vehicles on MUA property. The --

4 Let me just -- I want to pull up that
5 policy. Okay. And they bring those weapons --
6 although they're legally owned, they're bringing
7 them on MUA property. But in discussion with Bruce
8 and Mike Riley, I came -- I came across a policy
9 that was developed by Fed Ex in New Jersey. It
10 actually went through the courts, and the court
11 upheld this policy.

12 Even though the weapons are lawfully
13 licensed and in the vehicle -- private vehicles, but
14 if they're on personal -- private or the employer's
15 property, the employer has the right to say that
16 there shall be no weapons at all on their property.

17 CHAIRMAN HILL: Good.

18 MR. ARMSTRONG: I think this is a
19 good policy. It would make employees feel more
20 comfortable knowing that, you know, there aren't any
21 weapons. Also oftentimes things that give rise to
22 tragedies are just things that occur on the spur of
23 the moment. You know, somebody gets angry at work,
24 and then all of sudden, it's convenient to go to
25 their car and grab a weapon.

1 You know, I -- I think it's -- you
2 know, having had my experience in -- in this area as
3 a young attorney, I know that oftentimes people
4 don't engage in what's called a cooling off period,
5 and that's what leads to very serious violent crimes
6 because it's -- it's a term used in -- called heat
7 of passion. Things -- many crimes, most crimes
8 occur because it's in the heat of passion and people
9 have access to weapons.

10 So I think that in the long run, it
11 would be a good idea to have a policy like this, one
12 where, you know, no weapons, licensed or unlicensed
13 obviously would be permitted on the premises. And
14 this policy has been upheld by the courts.

15 Everybody's okay with this one?

16 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

17 MR. BANFIELD: Yeah.

18 MR. ECCLES: Yes. Yes, very much. I
19 think that's excellent, and I'm -- I'm glad -- I'm
20 glad to see that it was also upheld by the courts,
21 so we have -- we have a precedence that says --

22 MR. ARMSTRONG: Right.

23 MR. ECCLES: -- not only can we have
24 this, but it's also been challenged and upheld by
25 the courts. So that's a good -- that's a very good

1 thing.

2 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yeah. And all I did
3 was, everywhere where you see authority --

4 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

5 MR. ARMSTRONG: -- that's where --
6 that's where Fed Ex was. I didn't change any of the
7 words. I just changed Fed Ex to authority.

8 MS. THAPA: It's not on the screen,
9 though, Mr. Armstrong.

10 MR. ARMSTRONG: It's not on the
11 screen?

12 CHAIRMAN HILL: No.

13 MR. ARMSTRONG: Oh. It says I'm
14 sharing. It doesn't say no fire arms or weapons are
15 permitted on authority property?

16 CHAIRMAN HILL: No.

17 MS. THAPA: That's the older one.

18 MR. ARMSTRONG: Oh. Okay. I'm sorry
19 about that. Let me see.

20 CHAIRMAN HILL: I mean, we figured
21 out what you were saying, but --

22 MR. ARMSTRONG: Oh, okay. I
23 apologize. What about now?

24 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yeah. You've got it.

25 MR. ARMSTRONG: Okay.

1 CHAIRMAN HILL: I totally --

2 MR. ECCLES: Bingo.

3 CHAIRMAN HILL: -- agree with this,
4 totally. Too many crazy people. All right.

5 MR. ARMSTRONG: Now, anybody need to
6 read it before I pull it down?

7 MR. BANFIELD: I've got it.

8 MR. ARMSTRONG: Okay. All right.
9 Also what came out of that was we wanted to make --
10 we did call the police department, the local police
11 department. They came out. They investigated.
12 They said no crime was committed.

13 But one thing they didn't mention
14 that I discovered on my own, and I talked to Mike
15 Riley about this, is that I want to create a poster
16 to be posted throughout the MUA. And it's based on
17 the Red Flag Laws. And it -- just like any other
18 poster that you see that tells employees their labor
19 rights, their civil rights that -- posted outside of
20 human resources and conspicuous places like the
21 cafeteria, I want this Red Flag poster to be posted,
22 and it tells individuals what their rights are with
23 respect to -- I'm going to share my screen again --
24 if, in fact, they notice someone themselves, what
25 their rights are to report that in New Jersey.

1 Okay? So they don't have to wait on
2 us. If they have a feeling that someone is in
3 possession of a weapon and poses a potential threat,
4 they can call and make a complaint directly with the
5 police department, and this poster would tell them
6 how to do that. And I would like to have this
7 prepared by labor counsel and, you know, do whatever
8 legal research is necessary -- I just happened to
9 get this information off the Internet -- and create
10 a poster based on what the law states and how to
11 communicate.

12 Here you'll see it initially was
13 enacted for a family member -- a household member to
14 report and file a petition, but it also says that,
15 you know, others, you know -- someone else can
16 report it right here or a law enforcement officer
17 may file a petition. So an employee could actually
18 go to a police department themselves.

19 Now, when I mentioned this to the
20 employees out at the plant, they really liked this
21 idea. And they wanted to have -- see that something
22 like this was in place in the event that they had
23 concerns, but not specific concerns right now, but
24 in the event they wanted to know that they could
25 take matters into their own hands to attempt to

1 protect their own lives. You know, they don't have
2 to wait and tell us to call the police or something
3 like that.

4 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. Just a -- just
5 a comment. Once we -- or I'm assuming we will
6 approve this or we'll put it up. I think it's a
7 great idea. I guess we should notify the
8 Pleasantville Police Department and the Atlantic
9 City Police Department that we are, indeed, doing
10 this, so they're going, like, what's going on? I
11 got this call from an MUA employee. And I mean,
12 even though it's -- you know, it's part of New
13 Jersey's Red Law policy, I guess maybe their
14 communications officers or whatever. I'm just
15 suggesting it, that we notify our police department.

16 MR. ARMSTRONG: Okay. And just so
17 you know, speaking to the Pleasantville Police
18 Officer who came and investigated our call, she
19 indicated that they get calls like this all the
20 time.

21 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. Good.

22 MR. ARMSTRONG: And she says it's
23 common for people to have those practice shooting
24 targets in her department, but she says she has seen
25 cases where companies and employees have called

1 because they're -- they've seen them laying around
2 at other businesses because of the large practice
3 range that's out at the FAA facility, you know.

4 I didn't realize it was there until
5 about two months ago, and Claude and I were coming
6 back from observations out there, and we just saw --
7 we can hear it, the -- you know, the -- the rounds.
8 But then we saw the number of cars and police cars
9 from all over coming in there. It's very large.
10 It's probably the largest practice range in Southern
11 New Jersey given all the police cars from different
12 places that were coming there. So -- and then
13 individuals who probably just own weapons probably
14 go there.

15 So that's probably why she said it's
16 not uncommon to see or get complaints about people
17 discussing or carrying these target practice
18 posters, you know, so I just think this would make
19 employees -- matter of fact, I know it would,
20 because I talked to several employees individually,
21 as well as collectively, and they all said they
22 would feel much better knowing that they had their
23 own options.

24 Okay? So we'll -- I'll -- Mike and I
25 will come up with something, and then we'll submit

1 it to you, and we'll vote on it probably at the next
2 meeting.

3 CHAIRMAN HILL: All right. I was
4 just going to -- I was just going to ask if you
5 wanted us to take action now or let's wait for
6 review and clarification, and we can move on this in
7 the next meeting.

8 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yes, this one, but
9 the other two, if those are okay --

10 CHAIRMAN HILL: Got it.

11 MR. ARMSTRONG: -- in the form that
12 are written, then we can move and at least get the
13 other two in place.

14 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay.

15 MR. ARMSTRONG: This one hasn't
16 been -- hasn't been drafted yet.

17 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. So we would
18 do the firearm policy, the intimidation policy,
19 correct, today?

20 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yes.

21 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. And it's
22 really not a resolution. It's a -- I guess a vote
23 of acceptance and/or...

24 MR. ARMSTRONG: I could put it in the
25 form of a resolution so we can --

1 CHAIRMAN HILL: Do you want to do
2 that?

3 MR. ARMSTRONG: Normally it could be
4 a motion, to be honest with you, but --

5 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.

6 MR. ARMSTRONG: -- considering it's
7 going to be adopted into your --

8 CHAIRMAN HILL: Manual.

9 MR. ARMSTRONG: -- employment
10 manual --

11 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.

12 MR. ARMSTRONG: -- it's probably best
13 to have the exact wording, and I'll --

14 MR. WARD: That's what I --

15 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.

16 MR. ARMSTRONG: And I'll put the
17 wording in the resolution.

18 CHAIRMAN HILL: So why don't we do
19 that under new business then?

20 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yes.

21 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. Since we're
22 just doing the reports now. Is that okay with
23 everybody?

24 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yes. Yep.

25 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. Great.

1 Great -- great work, guys. And a thank you to the
2 personnel committee for putting their input into
3 this.

4 MR. ARMSTRONG: And the last thing I
5 circulated was a letter that I did last week to our
6 new state monitor, Chris Brown. I sent it to
7 everyone.

8 Did everyone see it?

9 MR. WARD: Yes.

10 MR. ARMSTRONG: Okay.

11 MR. WARD: Very good letter.

12 MR. ARMSTRONG: Thank you. I just
13 want to make sure everybody -- it gives -- it's a
14 status report -- a status report that describes
15 the -- not everything that's going on in the MUA.
16 It would be 50 pages with everything that's in
17 there.

18 But it's the most pressing issues
19 that the MUA faces is in the report that I did to
20 Chris Brown last week, which centers around
21 staffing, PFAS, EPA investigation primarily. So if
22 you get a chance -- if you haven't read it, I would
23 suggest that you read it. It will give you a
24 snapshot of the MUA, and if you're ever approached
25 about any of those pending issues, you'd have some

1 idea.

2 It deals with hiring, how many
3 employees we normally have, how many employees we
4 need, of which employees we need, which employees we
5 plan to hire. We've already put out some
6 advertisements, and we're getting resumés back.
7 Those positions are listed in that letter, so if you
8 know anyone, I suggest looking into -- looking at
9 that letter. On page 2 it describes in detail which
10 positions and how many people we need, especially --
11 you know, we like to encourage local people to
12 apply, as well.

13 So I had planned on doing an updated
14 status report, and maybe -- it depends on when the
15 change is necessary or whether it will be --
16 probably not later than quarterly just to keep you
17 informed, keep the state informed as to main issues
18 that are affecting the authority.

19 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. I think
20 that's a very good idea, quarterly.

21 We're going to move on I believe --
22 if you're finished, Mr. Armstrong?

23 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yes.

24 CHAIRMAN HILL: -- to accounting and
25 finance.

1 Anita, talk about some money.

2 MS. THAPA: Yes. Good morning,
3 everyone. Okay? So the financial reports for -- is
4 for the month of May. Just for the quick update,
5 our revenue we recognized for the -- as of May is
6 about 6.6 million, and also, operating expenses, we
7 spent about 3.7 million on there.

8 Forecast management, as you see, it's
9 also for the month of May. And as you see, most of
10 our money is in our money market accounts. We do --
11 we -- last year we did invest it in New Jersey --
12 New Jersey Cash Management Fund, which is about 3
13 million we invested there.

14 As you see, the interest rate has
15 been slightly -- not that much, but slightly
16 increasing. Hopefully it will increase -- you know,
17 it will go in that range hopefully. But as far as
18 the interest, as you see, we haven't earned that
19 much for the money that we have available.

20 And for the balance adjustment, it's
21 just for the board reviews. It's not -- it's just a
22 general balance adjustment that we do on our
23 customers' accounts. And as far as the shutoffs, we
24 started shutoff back the first week of July, and we
25 kind of decided to do the shutoff in the big -- on

1 the first week of July and also at the last week
2 of -- each month. I'm sorry. First week of each
3 month and last week of each month up to
4 probably October -- at the end of the October.
5 That's when the liens are going to start this year.
6 And the balance we are shutting off from the
7 customer is about -- outstanding balance about \$250
8 there.

9 So that's it for my reports. And as
10 usual, if any board member has any questions, please
11 feel -- reach out to me.

12 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you, Anita.
13 Very good.

14 Old business. We have one bid to
15 accept. We can -- this is for chemicals that we
16 need to do our work, and it's the granular
17 activation carbon resolution. 10 a. (1) is where
18 we're at.

19 Ms. Johnson, could you read that
20 resolution, please?

21 MS. JOHNSON: Yes. Be it resolved,
22 by the board of directors of the Atlantic City
23 Municipal Utilities Authority that the bid of Calgon
24 Carbon Corporation was received and publicly open
25 and read at a meeting of the purchasing board held

1 on July 12th. Be it said that the same bid is
2 hereby accepted from the Calgon Carbon Corporation
3 for the water treatment plant in the amount of
4 500 -- 535,000, for the William J. Hughes FAA
5 Technical Center for \$429,600 for a total of
6 \$964,600.

7 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right, a lot of
8 money. Okay.

9 Any questions, comments?

10 MS. THAPA: I do have a question
11 maybe to Claude or -- is this for -- for a year, or
12 is this -- are we going to spend everything in this
13 year, like all the 900,000?

14 MR. ARMSTRONG: I can't hear you.

15 MR. SMITH: This -- this is not
16 necessarily in one particular year. It depends on
17 what the needs are in regards to satisfying the PFAS
18 or the breakthrough that occurs within the filter
19 beds. There's no way of actually telling when that
20 might actually occur.

21 Of course as we monitor our PFAS
22 situation, as well as the filtration process of
23 the -- the carbon filters, that's when that
24 determination will be made if it's going to be all
25 spent in one year or it might take two years to

1 actually spend that entire fund.

2 MS. THAPA: Okay.

3 CHAIRMAN HILL: You were asking that
4 because of budget reasons, correct, Anita, I'm
5 assuming?

6 MS. THAPA: Yes. We only -- I mean,
7 I only budgeted for 600,000, so -- otherwise we have
8 to kind of make adjustment.

9 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yeah. Right.

10 MS. THAPA: Yeah.

11 MR. SMITH: See, that's the thing
12 that you don't necessarily know. You might budget
13 for a certain amount.

14 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.

15 MR. SMITH: Of course the cost of
16 these products have actually escalated over a
17 period -- over the year. Some things have gone up
18 over 30 -- 30 plus percent or even more
19 unfortunately. So --

20 MS. THAPA: It seems like it's going
21 to be every year I guess, right, going forward?

22 MR. SMITH: This particular product?

23 MS. THAPA: Yes. Or until --

24 MR. SMITH: It all depends. It can
25 be a yearly product. It could be less than a year

1 of that product. It all depends upon when you have
2 the breakthroughs in regards to monitoring PFAS or
3 any of the other contaminants that's actually out
4 there while you're actually doing your filtration
5 process.

6 MS. THAPA: Uh-huh. Okay.

7 CHAIRMAN HILL: That brings me to
8 just a comment for the audit committee, which will
9 be meeting soon. I think Mr. Banfield is -- is
10 chairman of that or part of that.

11 The cost of things have gone up, as
12 we all know. We're just saying that. So we need to
13 look at that in our budget for the next year,
14 obviously when you go -- when you start that process
15 I believe at -- I sat on that for many years. I
16 believe it starts in October maybe, Anita, we start
17 the budget process?

18 MS. THAPA: October we have to
19 finish, so meeting kind of starts at the end of
20 July, but with the board, we may meet in August.

21 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. Okay.

22 MS. THAPA: At the end of the August
23 before September board.

24 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. Exactly.
25 Very good. Okay.

1 So we're going to be accepting that.

2 I need a motion to accept 10 a.

3 MR. BANFIELD: I make a motion.

4 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

5 A second?

6 MR. ECCLES: I'll second.

7 MS. DAVIES: Second.

8 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. Roll

9 call.

10 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

11 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

12 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

13 MR. BANFIELD: Yes.

14 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Nynell? Ms.

15 Langford?

16 Okay. You have to unmute. Or you

17 can nod your head I guess.

18 CHAIRMAN HILL: Nynell, you're on

19 mute.

20 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

21 MS. LANGFORD: I'm sorry. Yes.

22 MS. JOHNSON: Okay. Mr. Eccles?

23 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

24 MS. JOHNSON: And Ms. Davies?

25 MS. DAVIES: Yes.

1 MS. JOHNSON: Okay.

2 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you, Stephanie.

3 Okay. Moving on to new business.

4 We're at regular abatements, and there are seven of
5 them. I'm assuming they all followed the
6 directions. We all followed the rules and
7 regulations.

8 We've been in the past doing all of
9 them in one, but we still need to read in public
10 record the amounts, so forth for the abatements. I
11 believe we can still do that, Mr. Ward; correct?

12 MR. WARD: That should be okay. That
13 should be sufficient.

14 CHAIRMAN HILL: All right. So far
15 nobody's told us we can't, so I guess -- I guess
16 we'll do it.

17 So sorry, Stella. We just -- you
18 know, you don't have to read the names, just the
19 address and the abatement issue for each property.
20 Thank you.

21 MS. JOHNSON: Address 2722 Arctic
22 Avenue in the amount of \$311.85. Address 712 North
23 Ohio Avenue, the rear, in the amount of \$745.63.
24 The address 2627 Pacific Avenue in the amount of
25 \$1,596.67. Address 1512 Drexel Avenue in the amount

1 of \$417.91. The address 108 South South Carolina
2 Avenue in the amount of \$1,065.31. I believe that
3 is 31. Yes. Address 1717 Hummock Avenue in the
4 amount of \$210.14, and lastly, address 511 Robinson
5 Avenue in the amount of 169.28.

6 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. I know
7 last month we had one or two recusals for some of
8 them.

9 Is there -- if there's any board
10 member that has a recusal for a certain address,
11 just let us know while we're voting. Okay?

12 MR. ECCLES: Yes. Gary, the only one
13 that I would have a recusal for would be resolution
14 11 a. (1), the first one.

15 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. Very good.

16 Okay. Then we'll go forward. I'll
17 move these abatements. I'll make the first motion.
18 I need a second, please.

19 MS. LANGFORD: Second.

20 MS. DAVIES: Second.

21 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. And we'll
22 do roll call.

23 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

24 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

25 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

1 MR. BANFIELD: Abstain on 1717.

2 MS. JOHNSON: Abstained on --

3 CHAIRMAN HILL: Which is number 6.

4 Number 6.

5 MR. BANFIELD: Number 6, yes.

6 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. Okay?

7 MS. JOHNSON: Okay. He's abstaining

8 on 11 a. (6)?

9 CHAIRMAN HILL: Correct.

10 MR. BANFIELD: Yes on everything

11 else.

12 MS. JOHNSON: Okay.

13 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

14 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

15 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

16 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Eccles? Abstaining

17 on 11 a. (1)?

18 MR. ECCLES: I would -- yes. I would

19 just abstain on 11 a. (1) and vote yes as to all the

20 others.

21 MS. JOHNSON: Okay.

22 MR. ECCLES: Thank you.

23 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Davies?

24 MS. DAVIES: Yes.

25 MS. JOHNSON: Okay. That was Ms.

1 Davies.

2 CHAIRMAN HILL: All right.

3 MS. JOHNSON: And I think that's it.

4 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you so much.

5 B, 11 b. is just a request for
6 proposal qualifications for our annual audit
7 services. It's a resolution 11 b. We do this all
8 the time. We need to go out for the RPQ.

9 So could we have a -- could you read
10 the resolution, please?

11 MS. JOHNSON: Yes. Resolution 11 b.
12 (1) we're reading?

13 It is: Be it resolved, by the board
14 of directors of the Atlantic City Municipal
15 Utilities Authority that the request for
16 qualifications/proposals for providing accounting
17 services for the preparation of the 2022 annual
18 audit and providing accounting services as required
19 by the authority's permanent bond resolution, that
20 the authority be and hereby given to the authority
21 executive director to advertise with such statement
22 of qualifications/proposals to be authorized to be
23 held on Thursday, September 8th, 2022 at 11 a.m.

24 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you very much.
25 Questions?

1 This is something we do all the time.

2 I'll entertain a motion to accept.

3 MR. BANFIELD: I'll motion.

4 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. And a
5 second?

6 MR. ECCLES: I'll second.

7 MS. DAVIES: Second.

8 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. Roll
9 call.

10 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

11 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

12 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

13 MR. BANFIELD: Yes.

14 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

15 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

16 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Eccles?

17 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

18 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Davies?

19 MS. DAVIES: Yes.

20 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. And b.

21 (2) is backup licensed operators. This is for the
22 water distribution and treatment plant system. And,
23 again, this is an RPQ.

24 Could we read the resolution, please?

25 MR. ARMSTRONG: If I can --

1 CHAIRMAN HILL: Sure.

2 MR. ARMSTRONG: -- just with that, we
3 already went out earlier, but what we're finding is
4 that the companies that we have, it's just there's
5 such a shortage of backup operators they maybe
6 have -- start to have issues with being able to
7 provide operators, as well.

8 So we've -- there was another -- a
9 couple other companies I guess out there. We
10 reached out to, you know, one at least, said that if
11 we opened it back up, they would apply to be on our
12 pool list.

13 CHAIRMAN HILL: Oh, okay. So --

14 MR. ARMSTRONG: So we're trying to --

15 CHAIRMAN HILL: Oh. So we're trying
16 to double -- double down, so to speak?

17 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yeah. We're trying
18 to expand the list, open --

19 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay.

20 MR. ARMSTRONG: -- it up so that
21 others -- not to take anything from anybody who has
22 anything.

23 CHAIRMAN HILL: No.

24 MR. ARMSTRONG: But to expand the
25 options so that we can -- because we found ourselves

1 in the situation where we needed to --

2 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.

3 MR. ARMSTRONG: -- call on current
4 companies, and no one had someone available, but the
5 other companies did, but they weren't on our pool
6 list.

7 CHAIRMAN HILL: So must -- must we go
8 back out I guess for this? You're saying they were
9 denied.

10 MR. ARMSTRONG: Well, we --

11 CHAIRMAN HILL: I guess it --

12 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yeah. They said --
13 they said there wasn't enough time. They saw the
14 RFQ the first time, but it wasn't enough time by the
15 time they saw it.

16 CHAIRMAN HILL: I've got you.

17 MR. ARMSTRONG: So Stella reached out
18 to them and said if you want to --

19 CHAIRMAN HILL: Reach out about it.

20 MR. ARMSTRONG: You know, so we're
21 putting it out -- getting your permission to put it
22 out again to give other companies a chance.

23 CHAIRMAN HILL: Got it.

24 MR. ARMSTRONG: And we're going to
25 send it to them this time.

1 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.

2 MR. ARMSTRONG: So that they have
3 enough time to log onto the expanded list.

4 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yeah. Yeah. We're
5 doubling down. Very good.

6 Could we read the resolution, Stella?

7 MS. JOHNSON: At this time, we don't
8 have one, but --

9 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay.

10 MR. ARMSTRONG: We just wanted your
11 permission to do an RFQ. That's --

12 CHAIRMAN HILL: Exactly.

13 MR. ARMSTRONG: RFP. Or RFQ.

14 CHAIRMAN HILL: An RFP for the backup
15 license?

16 So we'll just -- all in favor I say,
17 I guess accept? Yes?

18 MR. BANFIELD: Accept.

19 CHAIRMAN HILL: Anybody opposed?

20 Okay. That carries.

21 We're at 11 c., facilities locating
22 and marking service contract with USIC, and this is
23 something new here for new business under 11 c. (1).

24 Could we read the resolution first,
25 please?

1 MS. JOHNSON: Yes. Whereas the
2 Atlantic City Municipal Utilities Authority owns and
3 operates the water department in the City of
4 Atlantic City.

5 The MUA is responsible for locating
6 and marking out the location of its water mains
7 throughout its distribution city -- within the City
8 of Atlantic City for routine and emergency
9 contracts.

10 Whereas the MUA by resolution 94 of
11 July 15th 2020, entered into a three-year agreement
12 effective June 18th, 2020 with automatic renewal
13 until June '23, USIC Locating Service was based on
14 an amount not to exceed 17,500. Whereas due to USIC
15 Locating Services exceeding the threshold of
16 \$17,500, the MUA went out to bid on two separate
17 occasions, but did not receive any responsive bids.

18 Whereas in 2022, due do USIC
19 exceeding the threshold amount of \$17,500, the MUA
20 attempted to find other companies to solicit for
21 locating and marking services, but none of the
22 companies showed interest. Therefore, be it
23 resolved by the board of directors of the MUA that
24 the agreement with USIC Locating Services be amended
25 to an amount not to exceed 60,000 a year until the

1 ending of their agreement in June 2023.

2 CHAIRMAN HILL: Wow.

3 Claude, could you comment on that
4 before we vote on this, Claude, exactly what -- I
5 mean, I think we all understand what happened,
6 but...

7 MR. SMITH: Yeah. Basically --
8 basically, as it does state that we -- we are
9 responsible for -- for having mark-outs, whether or
10 not it's for emergencies or for regular mark-outs.

11 Of course you know about the 811 dig
12 before -- I mean call before you dig, which is
13 somewhat similar. We had a small contract a couple
14 years back with USIC for doing these particular
15 mark-outs.

16 Of course, as time went on, and of
17 course a number of calls that have actually come in
18 for doing -- whether or not it's regular mark-outs
19 or emergency mark-outs, that exceeded what the bid
20 threshold actually was. We went out on two
21 different occasions for -- for proposals, did not
22 receive any responses. And due to that particular
23 scenario, the -- the cost of the work that was being
24 done was actually exceeding whatever the bid
25 threshold is.

1 Anita had some concerns in regards to
2 the auditing aspect of it, and of course, in order
3 to satisfy not having to exceed that bid threshold,
4 we put a monetary amount on it at not to exceed a
5 certain amount of dollars for that particular
6 contract.

7 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. And
8 obviously -- and you're right. If we have more --
9 more mark-outs, it's going to cost more.

10 MR. SMITH: I really don't know why,
11 you know, we can't get any -- any responses.
12 It's -- it's -- I mean, they're kind of willing to
13 do the work, but at the same time, in terms of
14 the -- the package that actually goes out and -- and
15 we had a discussion about that, as a matter of fact.
16 I know one of the things was about the
17 indemnification about the -- response to the
18 indemnification. We spoke about that. We somewhat
19 modified the indemnification of that particular
20 proposal that went out and still yet we did not get
21 any responses.

22 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. Thank you.
23 Any other questions?

24 Okay. So we'll look for a movement
25 on that resolution, which is 11 c. Do we have a

1 movement on that?

2 MS. DAVIES: I'll make a motion.

3 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you, Stephanie.

4 I'll second that going out -- or the amendment.

5 So we'll do roll call.

6 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

7 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

8 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

9 MR. BANFIELD: Yes.

10 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. -- Ms. Langford?

11 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

12 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Eccles?

13 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

14 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Davies?

15 MS. DAVIES: Yes.

16 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

17 And finally, 11 d. But we have
18 something else now to do. 11 d., this is the
19 inspection of our dam, which is mandatory. We need
20 to move on this.

21 And we'll read the resolution first
22 and move forward then with questions.

23 MS. JOHNSON: Whereas, the Atlantic
24 City Municipal Utilities Authority owns and operates
25 the water department in the City of Atlantic City,

1 New Jersey.

2 Whereas there exists the need for
3 specialized engineering services for the authority
4 to perform the following: Formal inspection of
5 Doughty Pond and Kuehnle Pond dams.

6 Whereas French & Parrello Associates
7 is recognized by the engineer community and is
8 licensed in the State of New Jersey proposed a lump
9 sum of \$7,850 for providing engineering services
10 associated with the formal inspection of Kuehnle
11 Pond dam and Doughty Pond dam.

12 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. Very good.
13 Just I have a quick question. I know at
14 engineering, we were going to also I think put this
15 out to Remington & Vernick; correct? Did we get any
16 answer on that back?

17 MR. SMITH: We did -- we did get a --
18 we did get a cost response, yes.

19 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay.

20 MR. SMITH: And that was actually
21 compared. I sent --

22 CHAIRMAN HILL: I'm sorry?

23 MR. SMITH: Yeah. We did get a cost
24 response from them on that. I did send you an
25 email, Mr. Eccles, just to inform you what that

1 response was, as well as the -- the documentation
2 that came along with both responses.

3 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. But we're
4 still -- we're going to go with French & Parrello.

5 Also, I do want to say, though,
6 they've worked with us for many years, so they're
7 very aware of our dam and our situation; correct?

8 MR. SMITH: Yes. They did the last
9 formal inspection.

10 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay.

11 MR. BANFIELD: Excuse me. Mr.
12 Chairman?

13 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes, sir.

14 MR. BANFIELD: Where's exactly the
15 Kuehnle dam located? I know where the Doughty one
16 is, but where's the Kuehnle one?

17 MR. SMITH: Have you -- have you
18 driven on the parkway, Mr. Banfield?

19 MR. BANFIELD: Yeah. I've driven on
20 the parkway.

21 MR. SMITH: Okay. If you're driving
22 on the parkway coming -- coming south, I don't know
23 exactly what milepost it is, but as you're driving
24 down the parkway before you get to --

25 MR. WARD: It's about 35.

1 MR. SMITH: It's about exit --
2 milepost 35? If you --

3 MR. WARD: No. No. 34 is 30.

4 MR. BANFIELD: Yeah. 34 is 30.

5 MR. WARD: So it's about 33. It's
6 about 33 milepost.

7 MR. SMITH: Okay. If you -- if you
8 look towards your right as you're driving down,
9 you'll see an open space, which is -- it's like a --
10 an under path of a roadway, but it's not a roadway.
11 If you look to that particular location, you see the
12 mouth of the reservoir or the dam itself.

13 MR. BANFIELD: Is that past -- is
14 that past the Northfield exit?

15 MR. SMITH: Say it again.

16 MR. WARD: Before.

17 MR. BANFIELD: Is that past the
18 Northfield exit or --

19 MR. SMITH: No. That's -- that's --
20 that's way before you get to the Northfield exit.

21 MR. WARD: Before.

22 MR. SMITH: It's -- it's more when
23 you're getting to around by where the -- getting
24 towards the expressway actually. So it's prior to
25 getting towards -- getting to the expressway exit.

1 MR. BANFIELD: Okay. Thank you.

2 MR. SMITH: But -- but the only
3 access to that particular reservoir is actually
4 through the FAA Tech Center property.

5 MR. BANFIELD: Yeah. I was wondering
6 because both of them -- both accesses through the --
7 well, the -- the Doughty one is right off of Doughty
8 Road. And the other one is through the FAA?

9 MR. SMITH: Yes.

10 MR. BANFIELD: Okay. I just didn't
11 never know where that one was. Thank you.

12 MR. SMITH: You're welcome.

13 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. So we're
14 going to be moving on this resolution for the dam
15 inspection.

16 May I have a motion, please?

17 MR. BANFIELD: Motion.

18 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

19 A second?

20 MS. LANGFORD: Second.

21 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

22 Roll call.

23 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

24 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

25 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

1 MR. BANFIELD: Yes.

2 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

3 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

4 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Eccles?

5 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

6 MS. JOHNSON: And Ms. Davies?

7 MS. DAVIES: Yes.

8 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. We're
9 going to be adding, based on Mr. Armstrong's report
10 right now under new business, if we can come up with
11 either Mr. Ward or Mr. Armstrong to accept the
12 policies that you reviewed with the entire board, as
13 well as the personnel committee for firearm policy
14 and intimidation policy so we have it on public
15 record.

16 Either one of you gentlemen like to
17 put that together for us?

18 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yeah. If we can have
19 a --

20 MR. WARD: Yeah.

21 MR. ARMSTRONG: -- motion, we'll
22 follow with a resolution based on the policies that
23 were presented previously.

24 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. We all
25 reviewed that. We had discussions.

1 Anybody else have another discussion
2 item? We don't have to read it again. We did that.
3 Okay. We'll -- I'd be happy to move those -- those
4 two policies. So could we have -- and we need a
5 second.

6 MS. LANGFORD: Second.

7 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

8 And a roll call.

9 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

10 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

11 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

12 MR. BANFIELD: Yes.

13 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

14 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

15 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Eccles?

16 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

17 MS. JOHNSON: And Ms. Davies?

18 MS. DAVIES: Yes.

19 CHAIRMAN HILL: Fine. Very good.

20 Thank you for that work, again, personnel committee
21 and administration. I think it's important we're
22 proactive, and it's just too much issues out there,
23 so good job on that.

24 Okay. Monthly bills. This is
25 basically -- of course, you had the report in front

1 of you -- resolution 12 a. for Anita to pay the
2 monthly bills.

3 So can we read the resolution,
4 please?

5 MS. JOHNSON: Whereas the Atlantic
6 City Municipal Utilities Authority has indebtedness
7 to the following companies for services rendered in
8 the amount of \$680,401.09.

9 CHAIRMAN HILL: Questions or comments
10 on the bills?

11 I'll entertain a motion to accept?

12 MS. LANGFORD: Motion.

13 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

14 Second?

15 MR. BANFIELD: Second.

16 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

17 Roll call.

18 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

19 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

20 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

21 MR. BANFIELD: Yes.

22 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

23 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

24 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Eccles?

25 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

1 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Davies?

2 MS. DAVIES: Yes.

3 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. We're
4 going to be going into executive session. I believe
5 we'll have to go into a -- out of this and into a
6 separate room.

7 We'll talk about labor negotiations,
8 and we're going to get a review and update about the
9 security/intimidation issues that we discussed last
10 executive session in June. So we'll do that all
11 together.

12 So I need a motion to accept going
13 into executive session.

14 MR. ECCLES: I'll make a motion.

15 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

16 And a second?

17 MR. BANFIELD: Second.

18 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

19 Roll call.

20 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

21 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

22 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

23 MR. BANFIELD: Yes.

24 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

25 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

1 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Eccles?

2 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

3 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Davies?

4 MS. DAVIES: Yes.

5 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. So now I
6 believe we need to leave open and go into closed,
7 and we'll be right back.

8 MS. THAPA: Good day, everybody.

9 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you, Anita.

10 MR. ARMSTRONG: Thank you, Anita.

11 CHAIRMAN HILL: We have a lot to go.

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13 (Whereupon, the closed session was
14 excerpted.)

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16 AUTOMATED VOICE: Recording in
17 progress.

18 CHAIRMAN HILL: All we need is --
19 Stella is there, and Mr. Kausar.

20 MS. JOHNSON: Yeah. That's who I was
21 waiting for. He was having a problem finding the
22 button, so I told him if he dropped off, to call
23 back in.

24 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.

25 MS. JOHNSON: I don't have the same

1 information on my end to tell him how to get in and
2 out.

3 CHAIRMAN HILL: That's okay.

4 MS. JOHNSON: So he'll call back in.

5 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. No problem. I
6 think we can move forward.

7 Okay. So now we need a motion to go
8 out of executive session. We just discussed
9 security issues and labor negotiations.

10 So could I have a motion?

11 MR. ECCLES: I'll make a motion.

12 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

13 Second?

14 MR. BANFIELD: I'll second.

15 CHAIRMAN HILL: Roll call.

16 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

17 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

18 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

19 MR. BANFIELD: Yes.

20 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

21 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

22 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Eccles?

23 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

24 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Davies?

25 MS. DAVIES: Yes.

1 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. So we
2 have no action to take for -- after our -- our
3 closed session.

4 Again to repeat, we did discuss
5 security issues and labor negotiations, and we'll
6 have follow-ups on that in the future.

7 At this time, if there's no other
8 business, I'll look for a motion to accept for
9 dismissal for adjournment?

10 MR. ECCLES: I'll make -- I'll make a
11 motion to adjourn.

12 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

13 Second?

14 Roll call.

15 MS. LANGFORD: Second.

16 MS. DAVIES: I'll second.

17 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

18 Roll call, please.

19 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

20 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

21 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

22 MR. BANFIELD: Yes.

23 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

24 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

25 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Eccles?

1 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

2 MS. JOHNSON: And Ms. Davies?

3 MS. DAVIES: Yes.

4 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

5 Mr. Armstrong? Yes.

6 MR. ARMSTRONG: There was one FYI.

7 The individual who said he was a retired dentist,
8 historian, takes pictures around the world of
9 aqueducts, he wanted to know whether or not he could
10 have access to our Pleasantville plant to take
11 pictures, and I told him no --

12 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

13 MS. JOHNSON: -- that for homeland
14 security reasons --

15 CHAIRMAN HILL: No. No.

16 MR. ARMSTRONG: -- that that would
17 not be allowed and prepared a letter to him.

18 CHAIRMAN HILL: Very good. Thank
19 you. Yeah. No.

20 MR. ARMSTRONG: Just FYI in case he
21 tries to contact you.

22 CHAIRMAN HILL: To reach out.

23 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yeah.

24 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. Exactly. No.
25 No. No.

1 MR. ARMSTRONG: All right?

2 CHAIRMAN HILL: No. Very good.

3 I want to wish everybody a good
4 middle summer. I can't believe it's the end of
5 July.

6 And also, thank you for all your time
7 and energy and work on behalf of the MUA and the
8 City of Atlantic City.

9 Have a great day. Thank you,
10 everybody.

11 MR. BANFIELD: Thank you.

12 MR. ARMSTRONG: Thank you.

13 MR. ECCLES: Thank you. Thank you,
14 Gary.

15 MR. KAUSAR: Take care. Take care,
16 everybody.

17 MS. JOHNSON: Okay. Take care, Mr.
18 Sayed.

19 MR. KAUSAR: You're welcome.

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21 (Whereupon, the regular monthly
22 meeting concluded at approximately 12:00 p.m.)

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