ATLANTIC CITY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

TRANSCRIPT OF REMOTE PROCEEDINGS

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

OPEN SESSION

November 18, 2022 COMMENCING AT 10:01 a.m. VIA ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

GARY L. HILL, Chairman

MOHAMMED DEDAR, Vice Chairman/Deputy
GLENN BANFIELD, Treasurer

MICHAEL ARMSTRONG, Executive Director

INDIA STILL, Deputy Executive Director

BRUCE WARD, Solicitor

CLAUDE SMITH, Deputy Executive Director of

Engineering

JOHN ECCLES, JR.
NYNELL LANGFORD
STEPHANIE DAVIES, Alternate #1
SAYED KAUSAR, Alternate #2

ALSO PRESENT:

WASTELLA JOHNSON, Board Secretary
ANITA THAPA
MICHAEL RILEY, ESQUIRE, Board Attorney
WES SWAIN, City Administrator

STENOGRAPHICALLY REPORTED BY:
WENDY L. WALINSKI, RPR, NJ CCR

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- 1 CHAIRMAN HILL: Let us do the call to
- 2 order and the opening statement.
- 3 Adequate notice of this meeting has
- 4 been provided as required by law by mailing to The
- 5 Press a list of the regularly scheduled meeting,
- 6 November 18th, 2022, at 401 North Virginia Avenue,
- 7 Conference Room, Atlantic City, New Jersey. A copy
- 8 of said notice was sent to the City Clerk to be
- 9 posted. All of the aforesaid complies with Chapter
- 10 231 of the Laws of 1975 known as the Open Public
- 11 Meetings Law.
- 12 Okay. So we're going to do a roll
- 13 call first.
- MS. JOHNSON: Yes.
- 15 Mr. Hill?
- 16 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes, present.
- 17 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?
- MR. DEDAR: Yes.
- 19 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?
- MR. BANFIELD: Present.
- 21 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?
- MS. LANGFORD: Here.
- MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Eccles is absent.
- Ms. Davies?
- MS. DAVIES: Here.



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                   MS. JOHNSON: And Mr. Kausar?
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                   MR. KAUSAR: Yes.
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                    CHAIRMAN HILL: Good morning. Let's
    do a flag salute, please.
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                    Mr. Dedar, could you lead us, please?
                    (The Pledge of Allegiance is
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    recited.)
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                    CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. I'm going
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    to ask our board secretary if there was any public
    participation via email or by telephone at this
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    point?
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                   MS. JOHNSON: No, there wasn't.
                   CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. There is none.
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    agenda, the open session meetings (sic) from our
    last meeting, which was October 9th (sic).
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                   Could you just read the short
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    resolution for that, please?
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                    MS. JOHNSON: Yes.
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    ACMUA held their board meeting on October 19th
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    commencing at 10.
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                   Now therefore be it resolved, it is
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    on the 18th day of November '22 that the board of
    directors of the MUA approves the transcript of the
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    open session meeting minutes for the meeting held on
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    October 19th, 2022.
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                   CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.
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                   Any comments, additions, changes?
                   Hearing none, I'll entertain a --
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    I'll entertain a motion to accept.
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                   And a second?
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                   MR. DEDAR: Second.
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                    (Whereupon, a discussion off the
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    record occurred.)
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                   CHAIRMAN HILL: Who made the motion
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   to accept?
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                   We had a second I know.
                   MR. DEDAR: Second.
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                   MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. Who made the
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    motion, though, first?
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                   MR. DEDAR: We could not find --
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                   Okay. Motion. I did the motion.
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                   CHAIRMAN HILL: All right. Thank
   you, sir.
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                   All right. So we have a first and a
  second.
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                   All those in favor, say "aye." Aye.
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Page 6 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Davies? 1 2 MS. DAVIES: Yes. 3 MS. JOHNSON: Okay. CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. Now, we'll 5 read the resolution for closed session, which is 5 b. 7 MS. JOHNSON: Yes. Whereas, the 8 Atlantic City MUA held their regularly scheduled 9 board meeting on October 19th. Now therefore be it resolved, on the 10 18th day of November '22 that the board of directors 11 12 of the MUA hereby approves the transcript for the closed session meeting for the meeting held on 13 14 October 19th, 2022. 15 CHAIRMAN HILL: Correct. Okay. And we won't have any comments there because that was 16 17 closed session minutes. 18 So I'll entertain a motion to accept. 19 MR. DEDAR: Motion. 20 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. 21 And a second? MR. KAUSAR: Second. 22 23 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. We'll do roll call. 24 25 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?



Page 7 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes. 1 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar? 2 3 MR. DEDAR: Yes. MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield? 5 MR. BANFIELD: Abstained. MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford? 7 MS. LANGFORD: Yes. 8 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Davies? 9 MS. DAVIS: Yes. 10 MS. JOHNSON: Okay. CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you so much. 11 12 Mr. Ward, are we on? I'm -- a lot of my comments will come throughout the meeting. 13 14 don't have any specifically. As we get into some of 15 the resolution, I'll make some comments. So we'll 16 move on to 7. 17 Mr. Ward, I know you've been working 18 hard on -- we've been doing the qualified purchase agent and the information, working with the City of 19 20 Atlantic City and us. We had some issues. I know 21 you've been working on that. Would you like -- before we start, is 22 23 there anything you want to say, or do you want to wait until the resolutions are read? 24 25 MR. WARD: Number 7 a, we want to



- 1 move that into closed session.
- 2 CHAIRMAN HILL: 7 a? Both of them?
- MR. WARD: Yes, 7 a (1) and (2).
- 4 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. (1) and (2).
- 5 Okay. Closed. Okay. So we're going to move them
- 6 from public to closed, and we'll discuss. There's
- 7 quite a lengthy work there anyway.
- 8 Okay. Moving on to 8. We did have a
- 9 committee meeting, an engineering -- I'm sorry -- an
- 10 engineering committee meeting this month. A very
- 11 detailed report was given by Mr. Smith. A lot of
- 12 the items that we discussed at that meeting or we --
- 13 and we've discussed prior at our board meeting was
- 14 what's happening at the MUA and the city or at the
- 15 plant we are going to be addressing throughout this
- 16 meeting at the end with resolutions. A lot of them
- 17 now are kind of getting finalized.
- 18 So we had a very good meeting. It
- 19 was a little bit long, but we got a lot done, and we
- 20 have more to do.
- 21 Mr. Smith, would you like to make any
- 22 other comments on that?
- 23 MR. ARMSTRONG: We can't hear you,
- 24 Claude.
- 25 MR. SMITH: Yeah. I'm taking --



- 1 putting myself on now.
- 2 MR. ARMSTRONG: Okay.
- 3 MR. SMITH: Yeah. I'm not sure if
- 4 everyone has actually read the report, but like you
- 5 said, it's actually concise in regards to covering a
- 6 lot of the items that we've been working on.
- 7 One of the items that I definitely
- 8 want to bring forth to light is the fact that we're
- 9 going to be doing a new water main, which is also on
- 10 the agenda, as well, too. You will see one
- 11 particular comment, which -- not comment, but one
- 12 particular line item, which is in the executive
- 13 director report. Actually, it's on the deputy
- 14 executive director engineering report, which is
- 15 SCADA system, which is one of the items that we
- 16 actually did discuss.
- 17 That item is intricate and pretty --
- 18 pretty important to the authority based on our plant
- 19 operation. There are some things that are being
- 20 currently looked at in regards to how we can
- 21 actually resolve this particular issue or to upgrade
- 22 our -- our SCADA system over at the plant.
- 23 We are -- plan on having a meeting
- 24 sometime soon with -- with the existent integrator
- 25 just to see pretty much where we are and where we



- 1 can actually go forward in doing some of this
- 2 particular work.
- 3 One particular suggestion was
- 4 actually made at the -- the engineering meeting,
- 5 and -- and I know Bruce is probably looking into
- 6 that and will be looking further into that, but as
- 7 we go along and we have more or additional
- 8 information in regards to that, we'll definitely be
- 9 sharing that with the board, as well, too.
- 10 CHAIRMAN HILL: Exactly. And I made
- 11 a point in engineering, when we get to some of the
- 12 big -- big items, to close -- closer to moving on
- 13 them, we'll get -- we'll get some updates from those
- 14 experts or the consultants that we're working with
- 15 to the full board.
- There's quite a lot of work going on,
- 17 with security, as Mr. Smith said with the SCADA
- 18 system. That will be very helpful for operations so
- 19 -- hopefully.
- So we'll move on from there. A lot
- 21 of the things, as I said, we are going to be
- 22 addressing through resolutions this morning that we
- 23 handled at engineering.
- 24 Mr. Armstrong, would you like to add
- 25 anything to that report? I mean, I know you're



- 1 next, but...
- 2 MR. ARMSTRONG: No. I'm -- I'm fine.
- 3 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. I think we're
- 4 in pretty good shape. Very good.
- 5 Okay. Personnel committee. I know I
- 6 signed one or two waivers for the state. Personnel
- 7 committee, Mr. Dedar, or Mr. Armstrong, would you
- 8 like to comment?
- 9 MR. DEDAR: Yes. I think that Mr.
- 10 Mike, he can explain better.
- 11 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay.
- MR. ARMSTRONG: Okay. Yeah. Nothing
- 13 changed other than the fact that we're moving along
- 14 with hiring employees. We did have some
- 15 resignations that -- that took place. I'll mention
- 16 some in executive session.
- But we're moving pretty quickly, and
- 18 the state is moving just as fast with signing off on
- 19 the waivers so that we can get new employees in
- 20 to -- in addition to the ones that we were
- 21 replacing, we're hiring additional laborers, as
- 22 well.
- 23 CHAIRMAN HILL: It's nice to see us
- 24 moving quickly on all of this because we know it's
- 25 been an issue.



- 1 MR. ARMSTRONG: I mean -- and quick
- 2 is a relative term --
- 3 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yeah.
- 4 MR. ARMSTRONG: -- given that, you
- 5 know, the state has to go through their process. We
- 6 have lost a couple of applicants having to go
- 7 through our process. So we're trying to get the
- 8 state to move a lot quicker and even our own process
- 9 to go a lot quicker so that we don't lose potential
- 10 candidates in the future.
- 11 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.
- MR. ARMSTRONG: Okay?
- 13 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. We'll move on
- 14 then to the executive director Mr. Armstrong's
- 15 report.
- 16 As mentioned, some personnel matters
- 17 we'll talk about in executive session. Do you want
- 18 to move on to number 2, Michael?
- MR. ARMSTRONG: Yes. With respect to
- 20 the proclamations, I'll have Stella read the
- 21 proclamations.
- 22 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.
- 23 MR. ARMSTRONG: And if the board so
- 24 wishes, then you can -- somebody can make a motion
- 25 to approve the proclamations.



- 1 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. We -- board
- 2 members, we've lost some people recently that have a
- 3 long history at the MUA, so we thought -- I spoke to
- 4 Mr. Armstrong -- that we should move forward on
- 5 honoring their service to the MUA and to the
- 6 community.
- 7 Ms. Johnson, could you read the
- 8 proclamation? It's not a resolution really. I
- 9 don't think it is. No.
- MR. ARMSTRONG: No.
- 11 CHAIRMAN HILL: But we should still
- 12 move on it. Okay.
- Ms. Johnson, please. And you're on
- 14 mute.
- MR. DEDAR: Mr. Chairman, is --
- 16 9 a (1) we're going to do in closed session?
- 17 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes. Correct. Yes.
- 18 Correct.
- MR. DEDAR: Okay.
- MS. JOHNSON: Whereas, Andrew Weber,
- 21 Esquire was hired by the Atlantic City Municipal
- 22 Utilities Authority in February of 2014 for legal
- 23 services as labor counsel;
- 24 And whereas, Andrew Weber, Esquire
- 25 graduated from Fairleigh Dickinson University and



- 1 Capital University Law School and was admitted to
- 2 the bar in New Jersey in 1973;
- 3 And whereas, Andrew Weber, Esquire
- 4 was appointed as chief counsel to former New Jersey
- 5 Governor Jim Florio;
- And whereas, Andrew Weber, Esquire
- 7 was the executive director of Willingboro Municipal
- 8 Utilities Authority.
- 9 Whereas, Andrew Weber, Esquire was a
- 10 former member of the New Jersey Supreme Court Ethics
- 11 Committee;
- 12 And whereas, in 1992, Andrew Weber,
- 13 Esquire was appointed chairman of the Casino
- 14 Reinvestment Development Authority;
- 15 And whereas, Andrew Weber was special
- 16 counsel to the City of Atlantic City;
- 17 And whereas, Andrew Weber was on the
- 18 board of trustees of Richard Stockton College of New
- 19 Jersey;
- 20 And whereas, Andrew Weber, Esquire
- 21 served more than 30 years of legal experience in
- 22 local, state, and federal government;
- 23 And whereas, Andrew Weber, Esquire
- 24 passed away on Saturday, October 22nd, 2022 and will
- 25 be sadly missed.



- 1 Now therefore be it resolved, by the
- 2 board of directors of the Atlantic City Municipal
- 3 Utilities Authority that Andrew Weber, Esquire is
- 4 hereby recognized for his great achievements with
- 5 the Atlantic City Municipal Utilities Authority, for
- 6 his accomplishments, and his high level of
- 7 achievements during his many years of dedicated
- 8 service.
- 9 Be it resolved that the family of
- 10 Andrew Weber, Esquire will be given a copy of this
- 11 proclamation resolution, as well as the original
- 12 being placed in the Atlantic City Municipal
- 13 Utilities Authority's records, adopted this 18th day
- 14 of November 2022.
- 15 MR. ARMSTRONG: You're on mute, Gary.
- 16 CHAIRMAN HILL: You know, Andy was a
- 17 very honest, good, hardworking man, and he worked so
- 18 many years with many of us, I know Ms. Langford and
- 19 myself, and -- and he really -- he cared about the
- 20 people and what he was doing, his work, and the MUA.
- 21 And we got a lot of good advice, and we knew that he
- 22 was having some issues. That's why we made the
- 23 little change last year, but Andy will be quite
- 24 missed.
- 25 Would anybody else like to make a



- 1 comment before we move on?
- 2 MR. ARMSTRONG: I've been knowing
- 3 Andy for a long time in his capacity as executive
- 4 director of the MUA. I was the solicitor and then
- 5 board secretary for a while. And, you know, having
- 6 gone to his services, appearing on behalf of the
- 7 MUA, there was just an unbelievable outpouring of
- 8 support for his family and recognition for Andy and
- 9 the service and his commitment and just his general
- 10 overall personality. He was just such a personable
- 11 guy --
- 12 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yeah.
- MR. ARMSTRONG: -- you know, and I
- 14 think that's -- by the turnout you can see how
- 15 people really felt about him. And, you know, he was
- 16 just a great person overall.
- 17 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yep. Very much so.
- 18 Okay. Everybody else?
- MR. WARD: I have -- yeah. I have
- 20 also had a long history of working with Mr. Weber,
- 21 and I am continuing to support his caseload, which,
- 22 as you would imagine, he was very, very busy, and
- 23 I'm working with his wife to clear out his caseload,
- 24 send -- send files to the appropriate place, and
- 25 assist her with her probate matters.



- 1 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. Hearing no
- 2 other comments, we'll move to accept or adopt the
- 3 proclamation officially.
- 4 I'll move that.
- 5 MR. BANFIELD: I'll second.
- 6 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you, sir.
- 7 Roll call, please.
- 8 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?
- 9 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.
- 10 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?
- MR. DEDAR: Yes.
- 12 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?
- MR. BANFIELD: Yes.
- MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?
- MS. LANGFORD: Yes.
- 16 MS. JOHNSON: And Ms. Davies?
- MS. DAVIES: Yes.
- 18 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. We also
- 19 lost a member of the executive team, who worked
- 20 very -- many, many years, Mr. Bill McLees. Some of
- 21 you might have known him. I know Ms. Langford does
- 22 and Mr. Ward does.
- So we'll read that proclamation,
- 24 please, Ms. Johnson.
- MS. JOHNSON: Whereas, William P.



- 1 McLees, an Atlantic City native born, soon after
- 2 graduation from college in 1960 was hired as a
- 3 senior clerk for the water department of the City of
- 4 Atlantic City;
- 5 And whereas, in July of 1964, William
- 6 P. McLees received the highest license issued by the
- 7 State of New Jersey to operate a water treatment
- 8 plant, T4;
- 9 And whereas, in 1965, William P.
- 10 McLees was promoted to supervisor of the water
- 11 treatment plant for the water department of the City
- 12 of Atlantic City where he supervised the overall
- 13 operation of the water treatment plant and the
- 14 chemical and bacteriological analysis laboratory;
- 15 And whereas, William P. McLees
- 16 progressed further in his career by becoming the
- 17 superintendent of the water department of the City
- 18 of Atlantic City in 1968;
- 19 And whereas, William P. McLees was
- 20 also a part-time licensed operator in charge of the
- 21 water treatment plant and distribution system from
- 22 1969 to 1974 for Atlantic County Medical
- 23 Institution;
- 24 And whereas, William P. McLees served
- 25 as deputy chief and president of the Atlantic City



- 1 Auxiliary Police Unit from 1969 to 1982;
- 2 And whereas, William P. McLees served
- 3 on the New Jersey Section of the American Water
- 4 Works Association from 1973 to 1979 and was
- 5 appointed chairman in 1978;
- And whereas, William P. McLees from
- 7 1980 to 1982 was the water and sewer licensed board
- 8 of examiners;
- 9 And whereas, William P. McLees in
- 10 1984 was one of the first managers to be transferred
- 11 from the City of Atlantic City Water Department to
- 12 the newly formed Atlantic City Municipal Utilities
- 13 Authority as deputy executive director where his
- 14 responsibilities as operations general manager
- 15 included all water supply issues for the City of
- 16 Atlantic City and other surrounding areas;
- 17 And whereas, William P. McLees during
- 18 his tenure was successful in obtaining federal
- 19 grants for plant improvements totaling over \$5.27
- 20 million;
- 21 Whereas, William P. McLees served in
- 22 many capacities of the water and sewer industries as
- 23 a dedicated member of his community volunteering
- 24 thousands of hours, such as American Public Works
- 25 Association, South Jersey Association of Water



- 1 Superintendents, New Jersey Water Supply Public
- 2 Advisory Committee of DEP, the Water Pollution
- 3 Control Federation, and New Jersey Statewide Water
- 4 Supply Master Plan Advisory Committee;
- 5 And whereas, William P. McLees for
- 6 his outstanding contributions to the water supply
- 7 industry, the New Jersey Section of the American
- 8 Water Works Association awarded him the George
- 9 Warren Fuller award, the highest honor of the
- 10 American Water Works Association;
- 11 And whereas, William P. McLees passed
- 12 away on Saturday, October 24th, 2022 and will be
- 13 sadly missed.
- 14 Now therefore be it resolved, by the
- 15 board of directors of the Atlantic City Municipal
- 16 Utilities Authority that William P. McLees is hereby
- 17 recognized for his great achievements with the
- 18 Atlantic City Municipal Utilities Authority and the
- 19 water and sewer industry, for his accomplishments,
- 20 and his high levels of achievements during his many
- 21 years of dedicated service.
- 22 Be it resolved that the family of
- 23 William P. McLees be given a copy of this
- 24 proclamation resolution, as well as the original
- 25 being placed in the archives of the Atlantic City



- 1 Municipal Utilities Authority's records.
- 2 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. That was
- 3 a mouthful.
- 4 MS. JOHNSON: Yes.
- 5 CHAIRMAN HILL: And thank you for all
- 6 your hard work.
- 7 Again, comments? I knew Mr. McLees.
- 8 He had just retired when I was appointed to the
- 9 board many years ago. And one thing I can say about
- 10 Bill, he was a no nonsense person.
- 11 Maybe you remember that, Stella. I
- 12 mean, he didn't --
- MS. JOHNSON: Yes.
- 14 CHAIRMAN HILL: -- want to deal with
- 15 anything, but what he had to do.
- MS. JOHNSON: Yes.
- 17 CHAIRMAN HILL: And a good guy in the
- 18 community, and he worked very, very -- again, he
- 19 cared so deeply for the MUA, and he will be missed.
- 20 I did know his wife and part of his family, as well,
- 21 so good people, and we will miss him.
- 22 Anybody else a comment?
- 23 Okay. Hearing none, we'll entertain
- 24 a motion to adopt the resolution for the
- 25 proclamation for Mr. McLees.



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1		Could I have a motion?
2		MR. DEDAR: Motion.
3		CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.
4		And a second?
5		MS. LANGFORD: Second.
6		CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.
7		Roll call, please.
8		MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?
9		CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.
10		MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?
11		MR. DEDAR: Yes.
12		MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?
13		Okay. Where is
14		CHAIRMAN HILL: We lost him.
15		MS. JOHNSON: Is he? We lost him?
16	Okay.	
17		MR. BANFIELD: Yes.
18		CHAIRMAN HILL: There he is.
19		MS. JOHNSON: There he is.
20		Okay. Ms. Langford?
21		MS. LANGFORD: Yes.
22		MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Davies?
23		MS. DAVIES: Yes.
24		CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.
25		Okay. That takes care of our



- 1 proclamations. Hopefully we won't do that again
- 2 soon. Yeah.
- 3 We'll be moving on to our deputy
- 4 executive director's report and -- of engineering
- 5 and see where we go from there. So that would be
- 6 9 b.
- 7 Statement? Okay. Again, we'll be --
- 8 MR. SMITH: As -- yeah. As stated
- 9 prior in regards to the report --
- 10 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. It's going to
- 11 come out. Go ahead.
- 12 MR. SMITH: Yeah. The report's
- 13 already there. Individuals are welcome to -- to
- 14 read the report. If they have any particular
- 15 questions on it, they can actually forward it to me,
- 16 or if they have it now, they can actually ask some
- 17 questions based on the report.
- 18 The operative of this report is
- 19 basically just a summary of chemicals that have been
- 20 used over the past month at the treatment plant in
- 21 regards to productivity and treatment process.
- 22 SCADA system, as I just mentioned, as
- 23 well, too, we do have some work that we have to get
- 24 done with the SCADA system. It is not necessarily
- 25 a -- an overnight modification or -- or upgrade of

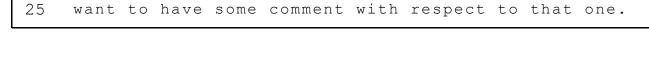


- 1 the system, but at the same time, we're looking at
- 2 ways that we can actually make this particular
- 3 accomplishment based on the ladder logics that's
- 4 actually been used to write the -- all the functions
- 5 or the functionality of the operation over at the
- 6 treatment plant.
- 7 They are somewhat proprietary and at
- 8 the same time probably hard to interpret by other
- 9 individuals, as well, too, based on the type of
- 10 SCADA system that's actually been written, but as
- 11 mentioned before, we are going to be trying to have
- 12 a meeting with the integrator and see pretty much
- 13 what we can actually work out and what direction we
- 14 can actually go in in regards to upgrading the SCADA
- 15 system itself.
- 16 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. Thank you.
- MR. SMITH: And modifying it.
- 18 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. We're
- 19 going to move into old business accepting some bids.
- 20 I'm very happy to see number 1 on the agenda. We've
- 21 been working on this for a while this -- for safety
- 22 reasons and so forth, the warehouse ceiling
- 23 building.
- 24 So we'll read the resolution, please,
- 25 for 10 a (1).



- 1 MS. JOHNSON: Yes. Whereas, N.J.S.A.
- 2 40A:11-11 (5) authorizes contracting units to
- 3 establish a cooperative pricing system and to enter
- 4 into cooperative pricing agreements for its
- 5 administration;
- 6 Whereas, the North Jersey Water --
- 7 Wastewater Cooperative Pricing System has offered
- 8 volunteering -- voluntarily -- voluntary
- 9 participation in a cooperative pricing system for
- 10 the purchase of goods and services;
- 11 Whereas, on Friday, November the
- 12 18th, 2022, the governing body of the Atlantic City
- 13 MUA is -- has considered participation in a
- 14 cooperative pricing system for the provisions and
- 15 performance of goods and services through the period
- 16 ending November 24th, 2024 and each renewal
- 17 thereafter of the system;
- 18 Whereas, on Wednesday, November 18th,
- 19 this resolution shall take effect immediately upon
- 20 passing by the board of directors.
- 21 CHAIRMAN HILL: And it would be
- 22 Friday, the 18th, of course.
- MS. JOHNSON: Yes. Thank you.
- 24 MR. ARMSTRONG: Just for
- 25 clarification, which resolution was just read?





MR. ARMSTRONG: I think India may



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we -- go ahead.

- 1 CHAIRMAN HILL: Oh, that's great.
- 2 Ms. Still, would you like to comment?
- 3 MR. ARMSTRONG: As this falls under
- 4 her --
- 5 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yeah, it does. Yeah.
- 6 Right.
- 7 Ms. Still, would you like to comment
- 8 on that before we move?
- 9 MS. STILL: Yes. Good morning,
- 10 everyone. That -- it's pretty straightforward.
- 11 It's a cooperative pricing agreement that actually
- 12 was requested by Mr. Smith. There's, I think, a
- 13 vendor that he would like to use on -- that's part
- 14 of that arrangement.
- 15 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. Anybody have
- 16 a question on that?
- Okay. Hearing none, we'll entertain
- 18 a motion to accept 9 c.
- MR. DEDAR: Motion.
- 20 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.
- 21 And a second?
- MS. DAVIES: Second.
- 23 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.
- And a roll call.
- MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?



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                   CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.
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                   MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?
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                   MR. DEDAR: Yes.
                   MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?
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                   MR. BANFIELD: Yes.
                   MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?
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                   MS. LANGFORD: Yes.
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                   MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Davies?
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                   MS. DAVIES: Yes.
                   CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. Very good.
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    Thank you. And that will take effect today.
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                   So I believe now we're ready for
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                   MR. ARMSTRONG: No. We still have
    9 c, 9 c (2).
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                   CHAIRMAN HILL: Oh, (2)? Okay. I
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    don't have that for some reason. I must have --
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                   MS. STILL: Did you want your --
                   CHAIRMAN HILL: I didn't see it.
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                   Go ahead, India. What?
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                   MS. STILL: Did you want the update
    on the health insurance?
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                   MR. ARMSTRONG: Yeah. That's --
                   CHAIRMAN HILL: Oh, yeah. Is that on
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    yours? See, I don't -- I don't have that on 9.
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- 1 MR. DEDAR: Notice 9 c (1) and (2).
- 2 CHAIRMAN HILL: All right.
- 3 MS. JOHNSON: There's no resolution
- 4 for 9 c (2). And, Mr. Hill, that was the email that
- 5 was sent yesterday that had all the completed
- 6 resolutions.
- 7 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. All right.
- 8 So, India, do you want to give us the review first?
- 9 I know you've been doing -- and I appreciate you --
- 10 I asked you personally to look into that a little
- 11 bit.
- 12 Let's -- yeah. Let's get a report on
- 13 that, an update.
- 14 MS. STILL: Okay. Sure. And if you
- 15 bear with me because I'm going to be reading through
- 16 some notes that I had taken.
- 17 CHAIRMAN HILL: Sure.
- MS. STILL: On Friday, November 4th,
- 19 Debbie Dansby and Anita and myself met with Fairview
- 20 Insurance, Mr. Ryan Graham, and he said that -- I
- 21 think they're currently working with 20 to 30 public
- 22 entities, but not each one is a candidate to come
- 23 out of the state system.
- 24 So what they need to do is get our
- 25 data and then determine whether we are a candidate



- 1 to even come out of the system. Unfortunately, I
- 2 don't know what -- what's the basis, you know, of
- 3 their -- of their review is, whether we're able to
- 4 come out or not, so we'll -- once he has that data,
- 5 he'll let us know.
- 6 But he said that -- he gave us a
- 7 form, and he said it pretty -- the state won't give
- 8 us the information for 60 days once they receive the
- 9 form, and then after that, it's about a five to
- 10 six-month process to figure out whether -- what our
- 11 options are. He did say that the City of Newark and
- 12 the City of Trenton are definitely pulling out. The
- 13 City of Livingston is not a candidate to come out.
- 14 So, you know, Newark and Trenton are
- 15 going to impact the -- the system because they're --
- 16 they have a --
- 17 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yeah. Sure.
- MS. STILL: They're large cities.
- 19 MR. ARMSTRONG: India, if you -- if
- 20 you could, could you give some of the board members
- 21 some background as to why we're even considering
- 22 this because of the rate hike?
- 23 MS. STILL: Right. It's -- I think
- 24 it's 24 percent the premium is going up. And so
- 25 it's -- the -- the state worked out an agreement



- 1 with state agencies and -- you know, where -- where
- 2 they're not going to experience this premium hike.
- 3 However, local governments are getting the 24
- 4 percent hike.
- 5 And there's a -- these's just a lot
- 6 of fallout from this right now. The -- we do have a
- 7 couple of options. One is that Mr. Graham is
- 8 already speaking with the City of Atlantic City, the
- 9 mayor, about an interlocal agreement, and he said
- 10 this is something where they would pull all of
- 11 the -- the city entities into a plan, and he's --
- 12 he's going to let us know the outcome of that
- 13 conversation.
- 14 The other thing that -- there's a
- 15 possibility of joining a health insurance fund,
- 16 which is a regional arrangement. So we just have to
- 17 sit tight and wait to hear if we're even able to
- 18 pull out of the system and then see --
- 19 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.
- MS. STILL: Work from there to see
- 21 what the options are.
- 22 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. But at
- 23 least -- at least we're working on something,
- 24 another option, so that's good. Yeah.
- MS. STILL: Right. And -- yeah. And



- 1 he said that with respect to the unions, his
- 2 experience has been that the unions are being very,
- 3 I guess -- you know, they're -- they understand this
- 4 is a very difficult situation and that he said you
- 5 should just negotiate them with transparency.
- 6 He said that his experience is that
- 7 the unions are not really fighting on this issue and
- 8 that you should just try to talk to them about
- 9 looking at different plan options, lower costs, and
- 10 what have you. So...
- 11 CHAIRMAN HILL: As long as we're up
- 12 front with what we're doing, right.
- MS. STILL: Right.
- 14 CHAIRMAN HILL: Anybody have a
- 15 question on that update? Okay.
- 16 MR. BANFIELD: I have a question.
- 17 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes, sir.
- MR. BANFIELD: Will that affect the
- 19 coverage of the employees? Will they be reduced --
- 20 reduce services or anything?
- 21 MS. THAPA: Not really, but it's
- 22 definitely going to affect their health
- 23 contribution.
- MR. BANFIELD: And --
- 25 MS. THAPA: Yeah. We didn't change



- 1 any plan. We still have -- most of our employees
- 2 have --
- 3 MR. SMITH: Mr. Eccles, are you in?
- 4 MR. ECCLES: Yes, Claude. I can --
- 5 MS. JOHNSON: He's trying to get in.
- MR. ECCLES: I can hear you.
- 7 MR. SMITH: Are you seeing all the
- 8 other people, as well?
- 9 MR. ECCLES: I'm now only seeing you.
- 10 MR. SMITH: All right. I'll tell you
- 11 what, log off and log back on. Let Stella log you
- 12 in.
- 13 MS. JOHNSON: Okay. Now, how do we
- 14 do that?
- MR. SMITH: Yes. Yes.
- MR. ECCLES: Okay. Okay. Here goes
- 17 nothing.
- MR. BANFIELD: I have another
- 19 question.
- MR. SMITH: Stella --
- MS. JOHNSON: Yes.
- 22 MR. SMITH: -- Mr. Eccles is going to
- 23 be trying to log on, so just see if he is and give
- 24 him permission.
- MS. JOHNSON: Okay. There's no such



- 1 thing as a limit as to how many people; right?
- MR. WARD: No. No.
- MS. JOHNSON: Okay. No?
- 4 MR. ARMSTRONG: There's a limit, but
- 5 it's -- we -- I think it's like 100 people.
- 6 MR. SMITH: We're not -- we haven't
- 7 exceeded that limit.
- MR. ARMSTRONG: We're not even close.
- 9 Yeah.
- MS. JOHNSON: Okay. Participants.
- 11 Okay. Invite. Okay.
- MR. ARMSTRONG: You have to wait
- 13 until you see him pop up on the screen. If he --
- MS. JOHNSON: Okay.
- 15 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.
- 16 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yeah. Don't worry
- 17 about it until he pops up. We can continue. After
- 18 he pops up on the screen --
- 19 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yeah. We can. I
- 20 think we should.
- 21 Mr. Banfield's question is very good.
- 22 We're aware of, you know, the possibility of people
- 23 getting, you know, concerned about what we're going
- 24 to be doing, so that's why we want to be up front
- 25 with everything.



- But, Glenn, you had another question?
- 2 CHAIRMAN HILL: He went off. Glenn
- 3 is gone.
- 4 MR. ARMSTRONG: We lost him.
- 5 MS. JOHNSON: Yeah. Something on his
- 6 end.
- 7 CHAIRMAN HILL: All right. Well, if
- 8 he comes back, we can -- all right. I -- okay. Was
- 9 there anything, India, from you that you wanted to
- 10 finish up with?
- 11 MS. STILL: I'm -- I'm done. Thank
- 12 you.
- 13 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.
- 14 Mr. Armstrong, we can move on to 10?
- 15 MR. ARMSTRONG: No. We have a 9 d,
- 16 accounting and finance, which would be Anita, and
- 17 then we can move on to 10.
- 18 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. 9 d. Could we
- 19 read that, please?
- MS. THAPA: No. That's just the
- 21 reporting.
- 22 CHAIRMAN HILL: You're just going to
- 23 give the report for the county. Right. Okay,
- 24 Anita. Thanks. I don't have that. I must have
- 25 forgot to pull that.



- 1 Go ahead. I'll look at it later.
- 2 MS. THAPA: Okay. So the financial
- 3 reports and cash management are for the month of
- 4 September. As of September, we -- our revenue is
- 5 about 12.6 million. And as of September, as well,
- 6 we collected -- our cash -- our collections is about
- 7 13 -- 13.8 million, which is pretty good, but that
- 8 includes about 700,000 in connection fee.
- 9 We did do the lien this time just to
- 10 be updated on the lien. We had reported to the city
- 11 about 500,000 worth of lien accounts to the city,
- 12 which is ongoing. The lien sale date is December
- 13 16th, so everybody, whoever is on the lien list will
- 14 have to go and -- will have to go to the city and
- 15 pay there, and the city will -- once they pay there,
- 16 the city will give back us the money. So that's
- 17 about that.
- 18 Balance adjustment is just for the
- 19 reporting for the board members, just for their
- 20 information. Shutoffs, obviously, this is November.
- 21 We're not going to do any shutoffs. It has been --
- 22 it has been -- we are -- we were not doing any
- 23 shutoff two weeks -- two weeks ago.
- 24 And as far as the audit updates for
- 25 2021, we still haven't -- have the report from the



- 1 state about GASB 75, which is related to the
- 2 health -- health benefits. So last year I think it
- 3 came out in January. So at this rate, I think the
- 4 2021 audit will not be finalized probably until next
- 5 year, which is not good, but --
- 6 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yeah.
- 7 MS. THAPA: -- that's what it is.
- 8 And as far as the budget, we -- the
- 9 state approved our introduced and -- introduced
- 10 budget, but under conditional --
- 11 CHAIRMAN HILL: Review.
- MS. THAPA: You know, they just
- 13 approved it on the condition that we approve our
- 14 2023 rates, which we will be holding the public
- 15 hearing in -- next week on Tuesday, November 22nd
- 16 and on December 2nd, I believe at 10 a.m., so
- 17 when --
- 18 MR. ARMSTRONG: Anita, when you --
- 19 MS. JOHNSON: December 1st.
- MS. THAPA: I'm sorry?
- 21 MR. ARMSTRONG: When you say state --
- 22 when you say state, can you clarify which department
- 23 that is?
- MS. THAPA: The state is department
- 25 of community affair, division of local government.



- 1 CHAIRMAN HILL: DCA. DCA.
- MS. THAPA: DCA.
- 3 MR. ARMSTRONG: Not the local finance
- 4 board?
- 5 MS. THAPA: No. No. We -- it's from
- 6 the DCA.
- 7 CHAIRMAN HILL: And then we will
- 8 officially adopt in December's board meeting.
- 9 MS. THAPA: December, yes.
- 10 CHAIRMAN HILL: We have to have our
- 11 public hearings, which is on the agenda today.
- 12 Right.
- MS. THAPA: Uh-huh. Yes.
- 14 MR. BANFIELD: I'm sorry. I was
- 15 kicked out.
- 16 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. We just
- 17 finished up the report from Anita, but we -- I did
- 18 mention you -- you left us or whatever. So you had
- 19 a second --
- MR. BANFIELD: The question was --
- 21 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. One minute,
- 22 Mr. Banfield.
- 23 So, Anita, anything else for your
- 24 report?
- MS. THAPA: No. I think that's it.



- 1 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. Anybody else,
- 2 any other of the board members have a question for
- 3 Anita on that? Okay. Thank you. Thank you.
- 4 Mr. Banfield, now, your second
- 5 question?
- 6 MR. BANFIELD: Yeah. The question
- 7 was will that affect the -- will they -- will they
- 8 have to pay into the cost of coverage?
- 9 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yes. That's --
- 10 that's the whole point, but this it was a big
- 11 announcement by the governor's office that those
- 12 costs would increase. They're increasing
- 13 significantly, and that cost is obviously going to
- 14 be passed on to the employees, and it's going to be
- 15 a significant cost to us because this is a
- 16 percentage that the employees pay based on their
- 17 annual salary.
- 18 So if the cost of the insurance goes
- 19 up, then the -- obviously, it would go up in
- 20 proportion to each employee who pays a certain
- 21 percentage. That's why most -- for two reasons a
- 22 lot of municipalities and public entities want to
- 23 get out of it because it increases the cost to them
- 24 as a unit and also to the individual employees.
- So the only option would be to



- 1 consider the private market and see whether or not
- 2 there are cheaper rates in the private market. It's
- 3 not unusual for municipalities and public entities
- 4 to go back and forth, though. You see it
- 5 occasionally.
- But once you're in a state system,
- 7 there may be some limitations on when you can
- 8 withdrawal. Just like our -- when we were in the
- 9 JIF with the insurance coverage. There's a minimum
- 10 of three years, six months' notice. That's what
- 11 India was looking into, you know, and what she was
- 12 referring to is what are the requirements for us to
- 13 get out. That information is being gathered right
- 14 now.
- 15 MR. BANFIELD: Okay. Thank you very
- 16 much.
- 17 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. It's a
- 18 process, and we're just looking at all of the
- 19 options right now.
- MR. BANFIELD: Thank you.
- 21 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay? All right.
- 22 MR. SMITH: Mr. Eccles was trying to
- 23 get on again. He popped up on my screen. I'm not
- 24 sure exactly where he's trying to get on through,
- 25 but he popped up on my screen again just trying to



- 1 get I guess into the meeting.
- MS. JOHNSON: I don't believe he's
- 3 doing the right -- under Zoom. He said something
- 4 about Teams. We don't have anything --
- 5 CHAIRMAN HILL: Oh, I hate Teams.
- MS. JOHNSON: -- on Teams. We
- 7 don't --
- 8 CHAIRMAN HILL: I hate that thing.
- 9 MS. JOHNSON: I told him to go under
- 10 Zoom and look at the email.
- 11 CHAIRMAN HILL: He has to go under
- 12 the Zoom one. Right.
- 13 Well, we're going to move forward.
- 14 He can come on later.
- Okay. I think we're ready now to
- 16 accept some bids going to --
- There we go. Got him?
- MR. ARMSTRONG: There he is.
- MS. JOHNSON: Yes. Yes.
- 20 CHAIRMAN HILL: I don't see him, but
- 21 I'm sure he's there.
- MS. JOHNSON: Yes. He's there.
- 23 Here's there.
- 24 CHAIRMAN HILL: John, you with us?
- MS. JOHNSON: Now he's just got to



- 1 unmute.
- 2 MR. ECCLES: Literally or
- 3 figuratively? Yeah.
- 4 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yeah. Well, both.
- 5 We're -- welcome, Mr. Eccles. We're at --
- MR. ECCLES: Thank you. And I
- 7 apologize --
- 8 CHAIRMAN HILL: No problem.
- 9 MR. ECCLES: -- for being late. I
- 10 was using --
- 11 CHAIRMAN HILL: I know.
- MR. ECCLES: I was using a different
- 13 link.
- 14 CHAIRMAN HILL: That Team thing.
- 15 That Team -- I hate that Team thing. I had to use
- 16 that this week for something. I don't like it, but
- 17 whatever.
- MR. ECCLES: I'm sorry.
- 19 CHAIRMAN HILL: Whatever. Okay. We
- 20 are going now to old business on the agenda. And,
- 21 again, a lot of these things that we're talking
- 22 about we've already discussed. We now have some
- 23 finalized numbers and so forth.
- 24 So we'll start with, as I mentioned
- 25 earlier, a situation that we've been trying to deal



- 1 with for a while, the -- at the water treatment
- 2 plant, which is the building. So we have some
- 3 information now.
- 4 So, Ms. Johnson, could you read
- 5 10 a (1), please?
- 6 MS. JOHNSON: Excuse me. Be it
- 7 resolved, by the board of directors of the Atlantic
- 8 City MUA that the bid of Quinn Construction for
- 9 structural repairs to the water treatment plant
- 10 warehouse ceiling building that was received
- 11 publicly at a meeting of the purchasing board held
- 12 on November 10th, 2022 is hereby accepted in the
- 13 amount of \$162,020 and an alternate bid in the
- 14 amount of \$27,550 for a total of \$189,570.
- 15 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. I don't know
- 16 Quinn Construction at all.
- Mr. Smith, do you have any history
- 18 with them? I know they were referred and
- 19 recommended by our engineering people.
- 20 MR. SMITH: No. In the construction
- 21 department aspect of it, no, I don't have any
- 22 experience with them. Apparently there was no
- 23 negative --
- 24 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.
- 25 MR. SMITH: -- feedback from RVE in



- 1 regards to that particular company.
- 2 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.
- MR. SMITH: But just to, you know,
- 4 bring everybody up to speed on this. This is the
- 5 second time that we actually put this out for bid.
- 6 We had two bidders. One was Quinn
- 7 Construction, Inc. and JPC Group. Of course Quinn
- 8 was the lowest responsible bidder, and they fell
- 9 within the engineer's estimated cost for doing that
- 10 particular repairs to the warehouse ceiling
- 11 building.
- 12 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.
- MR. SMITH: So as --
- 14 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yeah. I have no -- I
- 15 have no problem with them, and I know I've read the
- 16 comments Remington & Vernick said, so --
- MR. SMITH: Sure.
- 18 CHAIRMAN HILL: They're the experts,
- 19 so...
- 20 Okay. So anybody else have a comment
- 21 for this resolution? We really should get this done
- 22 for safety reasons.
- 23 So I'll entertain a motion to accept.
- MS. DAVIES: Motion.
- 25 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.



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                   MR. DEDAR: Second.
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                   CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. And roll
    call to fix our --
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                    (Whereupon, a discussion off the
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    record occurred.)
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                   CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. Roll call.
                   MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?
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                   CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.
                   MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?
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                   MR. DEDAR: Yes.
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                   MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?
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                   MR. BANFIELD: Abstained.
                   MS. JOHNSON: Okay. Ms. Langford?
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                   MS. LANGFORD: Yes.
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                   MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Eccles?
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                   MR. ECCLES: Yes.
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                   CHAIRMAN HILL: All right. Let's get
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    this fixed.
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  Avenue water main replacement. I know there were
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24 some issues there.
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                   Let's read the resolution first and
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- 1 then we can have a comment.
- 2 MS. JOHNSON: Be it resolved, by the
- 3 board of directors of the Atlantic City Municipal
- 4 Utilities Authority that the bid of South State for
- 5 North Florida Avenue water main replacement, which
- 6 bids was received and publicly opened and read at
- 7 the purchasing board meeting held on November 10th,
- 8 2022, is hereby accepted in the amount of \$687,695.
- 9 CHAIRMAN HILL: Wow. This is why
- 10 we're having Mr. Rutala look to help get us some
- 11 grant money for some of these projects. It's just
- 12 amazing.
- Mr. Smith, would you like to comment
- 14 on this project at all? I know we've been working
- 15 on it.
- 16 MR. SMITH: Yeah. This, of course,
- 17 came about with the fact that we needed to do some
- 18 work on Florida Avenue, as well, too. You might be
- 19 kind of concerned about the cost of these water main
- 20 replacements, but I think this is the direction that
- 21 it's going to be going in from here on out with
- 22 costs, especially with materials costs going up on
- 23 a -- on a consistent basis, and on top of it, even
- 24 with materials being a bit scanty or scarce in
- 25 regards to doing some of these particular projects.



- 1 But in regards to this particular
- 2 location, it's a very busy roadway. Of course we're
- 3 doing four-inch water main replacements throughout
- 4 the city, and this is one of the locations that
- 5 we're going to be doing on that particular service.
- 6 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. Yeah.
- 7 MR. WARD: And Mr. Smith --
- 8 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay.
- 9 MR. WARD: Mr. Smith --
- 10 MR. SMITH: Yes.
- 11 MR. WARD: -- this -- this would also
- 12 conform with the infrastructure act, which requires
- 13 the authority to do one mile of --
- 14 MR. SMITH: Yes. It does conform to
- 15 the Water Quality Accountability Act, which we are
- 16 required to do one one-fiftieth -- 150th of the
- 17 replacements that needs to be done in the city, so
- 18 yes, it's one mile per year. So yes. We are
- 19 with -- I would say we are pretty much within
- 20 compliance of trying to keep up with that particular
- 21 type of regulation in regards to water main
- 22 replacements throughout the City of Atlantic City.
- 23 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. Any other
- 24 questions or comments?
- 25 Hearing none, I'll accept a motion to





- 1 MR. ARMSTRONG: No. We can -- we can
- 2 keep it. What we're going to do with it, if we
- 3 could, because it's -- time is of -- of the essence.
- 4 CHAIRMAN HILL: I was going to say
- 5 aren't we -- we don't want to get into another
- 6 whole --
- 7 MR. ARMSTRONG: Right. What we can
- 8 do is going -- I'll mention a modification that
- 9 probably needs to occur is paragraph 2, instead of
- 10 saying professional service is going to say
- 11 extraordinary unspecified service --
- MR. WARD: Okay.
- 13 MR. ARMSTRONG: -- and N.J.S.A.
- 14 40A:11-5(1) (m), as in Michael, and still subject to
- 15 legal review though.
- MR. WARD: Okay.
- 17 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. Yeah. I
- 18 understand what --
- 19 MR. ARMSTRONG: And this --
- 20 CHAIRMAN HILL: I understand what Mr.
- 21 Armstrong's saying because we have to have this done
- 22 by December 30th I believe.
- 23 MR. ARMSTRONG: Right. It won't
- 24 affect -- just to be clear, it won't affect our
- 25 ability to have insurance coverage because we're



- 1 with the JIF for three years.
- 2 CHAIRMAN HILL: That's what I
- 3 thought. Right.
- 4 MR. ARMSTRONG: But in terms of
- 5 having an insurance broker on, you know, assisting
- 6 the authority by January 31st. So if there's an
- 7 issue that needs to be brought back to the board,
- 8 Bruce, after reviewing it, can bring it back in the
- 9 December meeting if necessary.
- 10 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.
- MR. ARMSTRONG: Okay?
- 12 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. So --
- 13 MR. ARMSTRONG: But if you can vote
- 14 on the resolution subject to that change and legal
- 15 review.
- 16 CHAIRMAN HILL: And legal review.
- 17 Okay. So let's go back to where we started, which
- 18 was a reading of the resolution.
- MS. JOHNSON: Okay. Whereas, there
- 20 is a need by the Atlantic City Municipal Utilities
- 21 Authority for insurance broker to represent the MUA
- 22 for a 12-month period from November 18th, 2022
- 23 through November 19th, 2023 for a review of the
- 24 existing insurance policies and to negotiate renewal
- 25 of these policies;



- 1 Whereas, Fairview Insurance Agency is
- 2 so licensed by the state and recognized by the
- 3 insurance community, and therefore, hereby awarded a
- 4 contract to provide insurance brokerage services for
- 5 a review of the existing insurance policies and to
- 6 negotiate the renewal of insurance coverage on
- 7 behalf of the MUA.
- 8 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.
- 9 MR. ARMSTRONG: If I may add one more
- 10 thing that I neglected to mention earlier, and also
- 11 I'm not sure how it was advertised because I don't
- 12 have it in front of me, but I know the discussion
- 13 came up before. There's two years remaining left on
- 14 our JIF policy, and if at all possible, if we can
- 15 approve the broker, make another amendment up to two
- 16 years, subject to legal review, assuming that legal
- 17 review permits, based on how it was advertised, to
- 18 appoint a broker for the balance of the -- of the
- 19 remainder of the JIF contract up to two years.
- 20 So --
- 21 CHAIRMAN HILL: Can we do that
- 22 without Bruce looking at it if we can -- if we are
- 23 allowed to do that?
- MR. ARMSTRONG: I was going to ask
- 25 that it be approved up to two years --



- 1 CHAIRMAN HILL: Up to two years?
- 2 Okay.
- 3 MR. ARMSTRONG: -- subject to legal
- 4 review.
- 5 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. Gotcha.
- 6 MR. ARMSTRONG: Assuming that Bruce
- 7 agrees that it can be done that way. Because --
- 8 CHAIRMAN HILL: Bruce, are we on the
- 9 same page here?
- 10 MR. WARD: Yes, but I'm going to need
- 11 some time to review. Yeah.
- 12 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. That's fine.
- 13 That's okay.
- 14 MR. WARD: Subject to review.
- 15 CHAIRMAN HILL: But we can still move
- 16 forward for our time constraint?
- 17 MR. WARD: Yeah.
- 18 CHAIRMAN HILL: Also, one other
- 19 comment, and this is the company also that Ms. Still
- 20 was talking about that she's working with for the
- 21 health thing, so they are already --
- 22 obviously they're doing their job here, so...
- 23 All right. So anybody else have a
- 24 comment or a question about this?
- MR. ECCLES: Only just to make --



- 1 make clear that the -- that -- that Mr. Ward is okay
- 2 with us proceeding --
- 3 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.
- 4 MR. ECCLES: -- with this with the
- 5 modifications stated by him and Mr. Armstrong, as
- 6 long as they're both on board.
- 7 MR. WARD: Yes, subject to the
- 8 review.
- 9 CHAIRMAN HILL: Subject to review,
- 10 right. Very good.
- 11 Okay. I'll entertain --
- MR. ECCLES: Thank you, Bruce.
- 13 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.
- 14 MR. BANFIELD: Question, Mr.
- 15 Chairman.
- 16 CHAIRMAN HILL: I'm sorry?
- MR. BANFIELD: Yes. Why would -- why
- 18 would we need a three-year review?
- 19 CHAIRMAN HILL: No. We don't need a
- 20 review for two years. We're going to review it
- 21 right away. This would be for --
- 22 MR. BANFIELD: Okay. Well, I
- 23 thought --
- 24 CHAIRMAN HILL: -- two years.
- MR. BANFIELD: -- this was talking



- 1 about renewal -- to review a two year?
- 2 MR. ARMSTRONG: No. No. It's
- 3 what -- here's -- the JIF is our insurance carrier
- 4 for three years. The broker -- current broker
- 5 obtained that contract for us, so in a sense --
- 6 they're the only ones who applied and for the sake
- 7 of consistency and our insurance is not going to
- 8 change for another two years, we want you to
- 9 consider allowing them to remain the broker up to
- 10 two years. And that would cover the length of the
- 11 insurance agreement with the JIF, which is three
- 12 years, instead of having to come back year to year
- 13 and just keep appointing the same broker who got the
- 14 three-year contract.
- Do you see what I mean?
- MR. BANFIELD: Yes.
- MR. ARMSTRONG: Okay. So that's why
- 18 I said if it's possible and Bruce agrees --
- 19 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.
- 20 MR. ARMSTRONG: -- you agree to do it
- 21 for two years. If it's not, then it's assumed that
- 22 it would be at least one year, and you just have to
- 23 do it again next year.
- 24 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. We already
- 25 have one year done. We finished --



- 1 MR. ARMSTRONG: Right.
- 2 CHAIRMAN HILL: We finished one year,
- 3 so now, we have two years left, is what he's saying.
- 4 MR. ARMSTRONG: Right. Yeah. And
- 5 India wants to say something, as well.
- 6 CHAIRMAN HILL: Go ahead.
- 7 MS. STILL: I was going to say that
- 8 once he -- if he determines that this is under the
- 9 statute for EUS, extraordinary unspecifiable
- 10 services, insurance brokers can have a three-year
- 11 contract. Professional services are for one year.
- MR. ARMSTRONG: Right.
- 13 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.
- MS. STILL: So we --
- 15 CHAIRMAN HILL: That's why you're
- 16 looking into it. Uh-huh.
- MS. STILL: Yes.
- MR. WARD: And I am already.
- 19 CHAIRMAN HILL: Are you?
- MR. WARD: Yeah.
- 21 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay?
- 22 MR. ARMSTRONG: All right. Very
- 23 good.
- MR. BANFIELD: Thank you.
- 25 CHAIRMAN HILL: Again, Glenn, does



- 1 that answer your question?
- MR. BANFIELD: Yes. Thank you.
- 3 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. No.
- 4 Thank you. It's confusing. I get it.
- Okay. We're looking for a -- I'll
- 6 entertain a motion to accept the proposal for the
- 7 insurance broker.
- 8 MR. ARMSTRONG: As amended.
- 9 CHAIRMAN HILL: As amended, right,
- 10 and under review.
- 11 I'll move that.
- 12 And can I have a second, please?
- MR. ECCLES: I'll second.
- 14 CHAIRMAN HILL: Mr. Eccles seconds,
- 15 and we'll do a roll call.
- MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?
- 17 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.
- MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?
- MR. DEDAR: Yes.
- MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?
- MR. BANFIELD: Yes.
- MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?
- MS. LANGFORD: Yes.
- 24 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Eccles?
- MR. ECCLES: Yes.



- 1 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you very much.
- Okay. Here's this word pool,
- 3 p-o-o-l. We've been trying to do that with our
- 4 engineering services, as well as other things. I
- 5 think it's kind of smart, especially with the way,
- 6 you know, labor is and -- and the situations.
- 7 So we're going to accept licensed
- 8 backup operator company pool, which is resolution
- 9 10 c, everybody.
- 10 Could we read that, please?
- MS. JOHNSON: Whereas, the Atlantic
- 12 City Municipal Utilities Authority has the emergent
- 13 need for licensed operator services on an as-needed
- 14 basis;
- 15 Whereas, the Atlantic City MUA
- 16 recognizes the necessity to preplan for said
- 17 expected licensed operator services by creating a
- 18 list of independent licensed operators to be on an
- 19 as-needed basis in a pool.
- Now therefore be it resolved, for the
- 21 following independent licensed operator firm shall
- 22 be added to the list of on-call as-needed firms
- 23 qualified to provide service to the MUA, which would
- 24 be Chapman Environmental Services, for a term of one
- 25 year from the date of the contract, of the original



- 1 contract.
- 2 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. Exactly.
- 3 Very good.
- 4 Comments?
- 5 MS. THAPA: I do have a comment to
- 6 probably Mr. Armstrong. Remember the pool we did
- 7 was back in March. If we're including in this
- 8 pool -- this company in March, then should it be
- 9 one-year contract?
- 10 MR. ARMSTRONG: No. It's one year
- 11 from the date that we appoint them.
- MS. THAPA: Uh-huh.
- MR. ARMSTRONG: So they're --
- 14 MS. THAPA: So it doesn't matter the
- 15 pool -- like when we --
- MR. ARMSTRONG: No.
- MS. THAPA: When the pool was
- 18 initially approved? No? Okay.
- MR. ARMSTRONG: No. Because those
- 20 are -- those people were appointed on that date and
- 21 it's good to have some overlap anyway in a pool, you
- 22 know, but Chapman, it was a totally different and
- 23 separate RFQ.
- 24 CHAIRMAN HILL: Oh, okay.
- MR. ARMSTRONG: Yeah. So you



- 1 can't --
- 2 CHAIRMAN HILL: No.
- MR. ARMSTRONG: You can't backdate it
- 4 prior to --
- 5 CHAIRMAN HILL: No.
- MR. ARMSTRONG: -- that -- you know,
- 7 a date that they didn't apply. It would be unfair
- 8 to them.
- 9 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.
- 10 MS. THAPA: But how about like, you
- 11 know, when we go out for -- when the contract is
- 12 over in probably February, we have to go out --
- MR. ARMSTRONG: For the others.
- MS. THAPA: So this one --
- 15 MR. ARMSTRONG: For the others
- 16 though. Chapman will continue to stay on the list
- 17 for one year.
- MS. THAPA: Okay.
- 19 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yeah. The others
- 20 would have to -- we'd have to go out again to renew
- 21 the others so that they could be added to the pool
- 22 again before their contract ends.
- MS. THAPA: Okay.
- MR. ARMSTRONG: All right?
- 25 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. So we're going



- 1 to --
- No other comments? I'm looking for a
- 3 motion to --
- 4 MR. WARD: Yes. It's Eatontown, New
- 5 Jersey, not New Hampshire.
- 6 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yeah. Yeah. Yeah.
- 7 I saw that.
- 8 MR. WARD: Little, small error,
- 9 little -- little change.
- 10 CHAIRMAN HILL: Little -- little --
- 11 little change.
- MR. WARD: Little.
- MS. JOHNSON: Oh.
- MR. ARMSTRONG: Oh, yeah. That's it.
- 15 We have to make sure that gets changed.
- MS. JOHNSON: Thank you. Thank you.
- 17 CHAIRMAN HILL: No problem. Okay.
- 18 We're looking for -- I'll entertain a motion to
- 19 accept.
- MR. DEDAR: Motion.
- 21 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.
- 22 And a first -- and a second?
- MR. ECCLES: I'll second.
- 24 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you, Mr.
- 25 Eccles.



Page 61 And roll call, please. 1 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill? 2 3 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes. MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar? 5 MR. DEDAR: Yes. MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield? MR. BANFIELD: Yes. 7 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford? 8 9 MS. LANGFORD: Yes. MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Eccles? 10 MR. ECCLES: Yes. 11 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. Moving on to 12 10 d with Calvi Electric Company. I believe there 13 14 was a correction -- I believe there was a correction 15 for some emergency repairs. We've been working with Calvi for many years. 16 17 So let's read that first, and then we 18 can get a comment. 19 MS. JOHNSON: Whereas, the underground electrical power transmission cable 20 21 wires that support the groundwater well productivity of the MUA upper wellfield at FAA suffered 22 23 deterioration over the years of service; Whereas, the MUA has been charged 24 with the responsibility of producing safe drinking 25



- 1 water to its customers and is faced with an emergent
- 2 matter;
- 3 Whereas, emergency contracting is
- 4 necessary in order to provide new electrical cable
- 5 wire installation to repair the transmission
- 6 service;
- 7 Whereas, Calvi Electric Company has
- 8 been working with the MUA, Polistina & Associates,
- 9 and CTX in developing, designing, and planning for
- 10 the installation of the new power cable wire
- 11 installation;
- 12 Whereas, at the regular meeting held
- on October 19th, 2022, the MUA's board of directors
- 14 by Resolution 198 approved 200,000 for emergency
- 15 work;
- 16 Whereas, the cost to furnish all
- 17 labor, equipment, materials, tools, means, methods
- 18 necessary was required by the contract should have
- 19 been in the amount not to exceed 260,000.
- Now therefore be it resolved, by the
- 21 board of directors that the chairman is hereby
- 22 authorized to execute and the vice chairman for
- 23 Calvi Electric for emergency power cable
- 24 installation project not to exceed \$260,000.
- 25 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. So we're just



- 1 changing it for \$60,000. And I know Polistina
- 2 looked over this, as well.
- 3 So do we have any comments, Mr.
- 4 Smith? Would you like to comment? I mean, we've
- 5 been going -- we've been working on this for a long
- 6 time.
- 7 MR. SMITH: No. There's not much to
- 8 be commented on.
- 9 CHAIRMAN HILL: No. It's just the
- 10 way it is. Right.
- 11 MR. SMITH: Exactly. We just have to
- 12 move forward with this.
- 13 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.
- MR. SMITH: And hopefully get this
- 15 installed, you know, as soon as possible.
- 16 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yeah. Did we have
- 17 any -- any idea on a time frame for this with Calvi?
- 18 MR. SMITH: The project is actually
- 19 moving along. And you have several phases that's
- 20 actually going on. There was additional conduit
- 21 installation that was actually done between well 16
- 22 going back to well 18, and if you recall, there was
- 23 prior installation from well 18 going back to well
- 24 20. That was done in the earlier part of the -- of
- 25 the year.



- 1 Right now they have to install the
- 2 transformer boxes at each of these particular well
- 3 sites. And now the contractor, which is Calvi, can
- 4 actually come in and start doing their --
- 5 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.
- 6 MR. SMITH: -- cable measurements.
- 7 Once they do the cable measurements, they can
- 8 actually order the cable, the power cables, and then
- 9 start pulling power cables to make the connections.
- 10 So this is just, of course, another
- 11 phase of actually trying to get the reconnection of
- 12 all of those wells from 16 going back to 20.
- 13 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. Okay.
- Any other comments?
- 15 Okay. We'll look for a motion to
- 16 accept.
- 17 I'll move it, Calvi Electric, 10 d.
- Do I have a second?
- MR. DEDAR: Second.
- 20 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.
- 21 And a roll call, please.
- MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?
- 23 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.
- 24 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?
- MR. DEDAR: Yes.



Page 65 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield? 1 MR. BANFIELD: Yes. 2 3 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford? MS. LANGFORD: Yes. 5 MS. JOHNSON: And Mr. Eccles? MR. ECCLES: Yes. CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. There's an 7 Thank you. There's an amendment for 8 amendment. 9 resolution 10 e. Could we read that, please? 10 MS. JOHNSON: Yes. Whereas, the 11 12 Atlantic City Municipal Utility Authority and a pool of licensed backup operator companies entered into 13 14 an agreement for providing emergency professional 15 services for operator services for the MUA; 16 Whereas, it has become necessary to 17 increase the original contract amount; 18 Whereas, the cost of this work shall increase the contract by \$210,000. 19 20 Now therefore be it resolved, by the 21 board of directors of the MUA that the original 22 Resolution Number 72 of March 28th, 2022 is hereby 23 amended to include the sum not to exceed 390,000 for licensed backup operating services. 24 25 CHAIRMAN HILL: Why? There's --



- 1 right. I mean, it's just -- why are we increasing
- 2 it so much? Is it --
- MS. THAPA: Mr. Armstrong? So
- 4 basically --
- 5 CHAIRMAN HILL: I mean, that's a
- 6 big --
- 7 MS. THAPA: Because of the --
- 8 CHAIRMAN HILL: -- a big change.
- 9 MS. THAPA: Yeah, because of the --
- 10 MR. ARMSTRONG: I'm sorry. I was
- 11 talking to Mike Riley. I'm sorry.
- 12 CHAIRMAN HILL: No problem. I'm just
- 13 curious why -- you know, why we're amending it so
- 14 much in the end of the year?
- 15 MR. ARMSTRONG: Because we had
- 16 individuals -- remember we had the plant manager
- 17 leave. And WRM was also agreeable to become the
- 18 licensed operator for the plant, number one. And
- 19 number two, the real reason -- the biggest reason is
- 20 because the EPA investigation caused WRM to spend a
- 21 lot more time than they would normally.
- 22 They bill us by the hour. So what
- 23 I -- I don't expect it to be that high in 2024, and
- 24 there's some other options that I'm going to talk to
- 25 you about in personnel that could significantly drop



- 1 the cost in 2024, as well.
- 2 CHAIRMAN HILL: Is that -- is this
- 3 for Steve? Steve works for that company?
- 4 MR. ARMSTRONG: Steve? I'm not
- 5 familiar with a Steve.
- 6 CHAIRMAN HILL: Not Steve. Larry. I
- 7 meant Larry. I'm sorry.
- 8 MR. ARMSTRONG: Larry, yes. Larry.
- 9 CHAIRMAN HILL: I meant Larry. I
- 10 meant Larry.
- 11 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yeah. Larry is the
- 12 one who was doing -- putting in the extra hours.
- 13 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yeah. He did a lot
- 14 of work. Okay.
- 15 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yeah. He did a
- 16 real -- a lot of work.
- 17 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. Any other
- 18 comments?
- 19 Okay. Moving forward. We will
- 20 entertain a motion to amend the licensed backup
- 21 operator company pool. We need a motion.
- MR. DEDAR: Motion.
- 23 CHAIRMAN HILL: Second?
- MR. BANFIELD: Second.
- 25 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.



Page 68 And roll call, please. 1 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill? 2 3 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes. MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar? 5 MR. DEDAR: Yes. MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield? MR. BANFIELD: Yes. 7 8 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford? 9 MS. LANGFORD: Yes. MS. JOHNSON: And Mr. Eccles? 10 MR. ECCLES: Yes. 11 12 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. Emergency repairs. We are at f now, water main Absecon 13 14 Boulevard, and this company Garrison we've dealt 15 with before. So we'll read resolution 10 f. 16 17 MS. JOHNSON: Whereas, the Atlantic 18 City MUA owns and operates its own water department; 19 Whereas, a water main break occurred at the intersection of Route 30 on North Riverside 20 21 Drive on or about June 8th; Whereas the six-inch and four-inch 22 23 water main required a complete shutdown in order to perform repairs at the break that occurred at the 24 25 intersection of Route 30;



- 1 Whereas, the Atlantic City MUA hired
- 2 Garrison.
- 3 And now therefore, by the board of
- 4 directors of the MUA that Garrison be hired in the
- 5 amount of \$8,760.
- 6 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. Comments?
- 7 MS. THAPA: Just that's a correction,
- 8 Stella. I think the break was around in May,
- 9 instead of June.
- MS. JOHNSON: Okay. Break in May.
- 11 Okay. Okay. Thank you.
- 12 CHAIRMAN HILL: Hearing no other
- 13 comments, I'll entertain a motion to accept.
- MR. ECCLES: I'll make a motion.
- 15 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.
- MR. DEDAR: Second.
- 17 CHAIRMAN HILL: And a second?
- MR. DEDAR: I did second.
- 19 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.
- 20 Roll call.
- MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?
- 22 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.
- MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?
- MR. DEDAR: Yes.
- 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 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.
- 7 And number -- and g is just for
- 8 discussion. Ms. Thapa already spoke about that.
- 9 This is -- every year we -- we have to do this at
- 10 public hearing. The rates are there in the rate
- 11 hearings, and I want to at this point thank Mr.
- 12 Banfield, Ms. Langford, and Anita and her whole
- 13 staff for working hard on this budget.
- 14 You know, I had looked at -- it's --
- 15 it is what it is, and we're trying to do the best we
- 16 can, and I know -- Glenn, I don't know if you'd like
- 17 to make a comment. You weren't at the last meeting
- 18 when we -- we officially adopted the original -- the
- 19 beginning one. Now we -- after the public hearings,
- 20 we will adopt in December the final budget. That's
- 21 how it works.
- MR. BANFIELD: Yeah.
- 23 CHAIRMAN HILL: Since you weren't at
- 24 the last meeting and we did discuss, you know, quite
- 25 a bit, would you like to make any comment as



- 1 chairman?
- 2 MR. BANFIELD: No. Well, just I
- 3 thought that it was reasonable that we -- you know,
- 4 the rates would have to be -- you know, to cover the
- 5 cost of operations and of course salaries and
- 6 things, so I -- even though I wasn't at that
- 7 meeting, I approved that budget.
- 8 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yeah. You would
- 9 have -- you would have been in support of it?
- MR. BANFIELD: Yes.
- 11 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yeah. I would assume
- 12 since it came from you guys. Okay. Very good.
- 13 Anybody else have -- so the
- 14 meetings -- and anybody from the board is welcome to
- 15 attend those public meetings, as well, for your
- 16 information.
- Before we move to new business, I
- 18 want to jump -- my brain -- to Mr. Ward. Mr. Ward,
- 19 would you let me -- will you fill us in or fill me
- 20 in about -- after you do the review with the
- 21 insurance thing, just so we're all on the -- I'm on
- 22 the same page?
- 23 MR. WARD: I think the only thing
- 24 that I want to review is the extraordinary --
- MR. CHAIRMAN: That's what I meant,



- 1 yeah. That's what I meant.
- MR. WARD: -- statute, and if that
- 3 is -- if that's applicable, then we can move
- 4 forward.
- 5 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay.
- 6 MR. WARD: Because I've already done
- 7 the memorandum on the number of years of a -- an
- 8 insurance broker, so I've done that.
- 9 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.
- 10 MR. WARD: And the insurance broker
- 11 can run up to three years.
- 12 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. All right.
- 13 Just, you know, let us know how you make out with
- 14 that. Thank you.
- 15 MR. WARD: I'll make sure to do that.
- 16 Uh-huh.
- 17 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. We're going to
- 18 move on to new business, which of course we start
- 19 with our abatements. All of these abatements listed
- 20 here under 11 a (2) to (8), Atlantic City residents.
- 21 No public participation is necessary for them to
- 22 appear. I think you got all of that in your packet
- 23 for those.
- 24 When we -- we're going to have Stella
- 25 read. She doesn't have to read all of them, just



- 1 the names, the address, and the amount maybe would
- 2 be good to put into one resolution, please --
- MS. JOHNSON: Okay.
- 4 CHAIRMAN HILL: -- I believe or --
- 5 well, must we do each one separately? We usually do
- 6 them together.
- 7 MS. JOHNSON: Yes, we do.
- MR. DEDAR: We usually do them all
- 9 together.
- 10 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. And if
- 11 there's any board member that has an individual
- 12 item, an individual number that they need to recuse
- 13 themselves, then we just mention that when you go to
- 14 vote. Okay?
- So, Stella, ready?
- MS. JOHNSON: Yes. I'll start off
- 17 with the first paragraph and then proceed from
- 18 there.
- 19 CHAIRMAN HILL: Very good. Exactly.
- MS. JOHNSON: Whereas, Resolution 395
- 21 of 1994 provides for rules, rates, and regulations
- 22 governing the assessment and collection of water
- 23 rates and charges for the water department of the
- 24 Atlantic City MUA;
- 25 Whereas, the property owned by Bralin



- 1 Holdings, 1419 Drexel Avenue, in the amount of
- 2 \$988.96.
- 3 CHAIRMAN HILL: Juana.
- 4 MS. JOHNSON: Juana Contreras, 8
- 5 North Chelsea Avenue in the amount of \$5,030.49;
- IN 727, LLC located at 727 North
- 7 Indiana Avenue in the amount of \$931.17;
- 8 Driton Jonuzi located 1731 Atlantic
- 9 Avenue in the amount of \$1,599.31;
- 10 Yiong Mei located at 107 South Texas
- 11 Avenue in the amount of \$286.07;
- 12 Fotini Michaelidis located 726 Drexel
- 13 Avenue in the amount of \$764.25;
- 14 Michael and Fotini Michaelidis
- 15 located at 1311 Drexel Avenue in the amount of
- 16 \$484.33;
- 17 And finally, Abdus Sattar, M.D. and
- 18 Kaz Akter located at 2611 Fairmount Avenue in the
- 19 amount of \$402.18.
- 20 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you very much.
- 21 Comments?
- Hearing none, we'll entertain a
- 23 motion to accept all of those.
- MR. ECCLES: I'll make the motion.
- 25 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.



Page 75 And a second? 1 2 MR. DEDAR: Second. 3 MR. BANFIELD: I'll second. CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. 5 And roll call. MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill? 7 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes. 8 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar? 9 MR. DEDAR: Yes. MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield? 10 MR. BANFIELD: Yes. 11 12 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford? MS. LANGFORD: Yes. 13 MS. JOHNSON: And Mr. Eccles? 14 15 MR. ECCLES: Yes. CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. Moving on to 16 17 soliciting bids, going out for bid for insertion 18 valves. This would be resolution 11 b. 19 And we'll read the resolution, 20 please. 21 MS. JOHNSON: Yes. Be it resolved, 22 by the board of directors of the MUA that the 23 advertisement, proposal form, and the specifications and instructions for furnishing, delivering, and 24 25 installing insertion valves are hereby approved and



- 1 adopted to be advertised and to be received and
- 2 opened by authorized personnel of the MUA on a date
- 3 to be later announced.
- 4 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. Any comments?
- 5 We're just going out for a bid.
- 6 Hearing none, I'll accept a motion to
- 7 accept.
- 8 MR. DEDAR: Motion.
- 9 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.
- 10 And a second?
- MR. ECCLES: I'll second.
- 12 CHAIRMAN HILL: And roll call.
- MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?
- 14 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.
- MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?
- MR. DEDAR: Yes.
- 17 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?
- MR. BANFIELD: Yes.
- 19 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?
- MS. LANGFORD: Yes.
- 21 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Eccles?
- MR. ECCLES: Yes.
- 23 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. Moving on
- 24 to our annual report, which we much do obviously
- 25 every year, 2023, with Polistina & Associates. This



- 1 is resolution 11 c, and we'll read that resolution.
- MS. JOHNSON: Be it resolved, by the
- 3 board of directors of the MUA that the proposal
- 4 received from Polistina & Associates, LLC to provide
- 5 services for performing professional services for
- 6 the 2023 annual report be and said proposal is
- 7 hereby accepted for a lump sum not to exceed \$1,000.
- 8 CHAIRMAN HILL: Obviously we have to
- 9 do this and very reasonable.
- 10 So comments? I'll move it.
- 11 Can we have a second?
- MS. LANGFORD: Second.
- 13 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you, Ms.
- 14 Langford.
- 15 And roll call.
- MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?
- 17 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.
- MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?
- MR. DEDAR: Yes.
- MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?
- MR. BANFIELD: Yes.
- 22 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?
- MS. LANGFORD: Yes.
- 24 MS. JOHNSON: And Mr. Eccles?
- MR. ECCLES: Yes.



- 1 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.
- 2 Moving on to CTX Infrastructure.
- 3 This a resolution for emergency installation of
- 4 transformers.
- 5 So we'll read the resolution, which
- 6 would be 11 d.
- 7 MS. JOHNSON: Whereas, the
- 8 underground electrical power transmission wires that
- 9 support the groundwater well productivity of the MUA
- 10 at the FAA Tech -- Tech Center suffered
- 11 deterioration over years of service whereby power
- 12 transmission has been disrupted affecting continuous
- 13 productivity of the water supply;
- 14 Whereas, the authority's desperately
- 15 working to repair the deteriorating transmission
- 16 wires;
- Whereas, emergency installation of
- 18 transformer access boxes at well stations 16, 17,
- 19 18, 19, and 20 are necessary in order to provide the
- 20 authority's electrical contractor to bring the
- 21 electrical feed conductors into the existing
- 22 transformer's foundation;
- 23 Whereas, CTX has completed phase I
- 24 and II of the horizontal drilling for the
- 25 installation of the PVC conduits project and has



- 1 performed satisfactory work for the MUA;
- Whereas, the cost to furnish all
- 3 labor and equipment, et cetera is in the amount not
- 4 to exceed \$49,309.50.
- 5 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. Okay. And
- 6 obviously, a lot of this is because we are finally
- 7 catching up with all the things we haven't taken
- 8 care of in the past. And that's what's happening
- 9 here.
- 10 Any other comment?
- 11 Hearing none, we'll look for a motion
- 12 to accept.
- MS. LANGFORD: Motion.
- MR. BANFIELD: Motion.
- 15 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. Ms. Langford
- 16 did first.
- 17 And a second?
- MR. BANFIELD: I second.
- 19 CHAIRMAN HILL: And a second, Mr.
- 20 Banfield? Thank you.
- 21 Roll call.
- MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?
- CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.
- 24 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?
- MR. DEDAR: Yes.



- 1 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?
- 2 MR. BANFIELD: Yes.
- MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?
- 4 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.
- 5 MS. JOHNSON: And Mr. Eccles?
- MR. ECCLES: Yes.
- 7 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.
- 8 Moving on. Clarifier pin
- 9 investigation at the water treatment plant with
- 10 Remington & Vernick, resolution. Remington &
- 11 Vernick is one of our engineering people, of course.
- 12 Resolution 11 e, could we read that,
- 13 please?
- 14 MS. JOHNSON: Yes. Whereas, there is
- 15 a need to evaluate and coordinate the work of the
- 16 MUA's water treatment plant clarifier.
- Be it resolved, by the board of
- 18 directors of the MUA that the proposal received from
- 19 Remington & Vernick for the water treatment plant
- 20 clarifier shear pin investigation be and said
- 21 proposal is hereby accepted for a lump sum not to
- 22 exceed \$4,000.
- 23 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. And of
- 24 course, Remington & Vernick has a long history of
- 25 doing these kind of investigations and will get back



- 1 to us. Any other comment?
- 2 Hearing none, we'll entertain a
- 3 motion to accept.
- MR. ECCLES: I'll make the motion.
- 5 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.
- And a second?
- 7 MR. DEDAR: Second.
- 8 CHAIRMAN HILL: And thank you.
- 9 Roll call.
- 10 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?
- 11 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.
- MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?
- MR. DEDAR: Yes.
- 14 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?
- MR. BANFIELD: Yes.
- 16 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?
- MS. LANGFORD: Yes.
- MS. JOHNSON: And Mr. Eccles?
- MR. ECCLES: Yes.
- 20 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. Thank you.
- 21 We are now going to move on to f,
- 22 this is a software and cloud service agreement with
- 23 Edmunds GovTech, and that will be resolution 11 f.
- MS. JOHNSON: Yes. Whereas, the
- 25 Atlantic City MUA is in need of certain software



- 1 support agreements for accounting and billing
- 2 software;
- 3 Whereas, Edmunds GovTech is a sole
- 4 service provider of the Edmunds software;
- 5 And whereas, the pro -- the
- 6 proposal/invoice submitted by Edmunds GovTech was
- 7 determined to be cost-effective and responsive to
- 8 the Atlantic City MUA's needs;
- 9 Whereas, the MUA's administrative
- 10 staff are recommending the renewal of Edmunds
- 11 GovTech at a cost not to exceed \$21,800 to provide
- 12 services for the period of January 1, 2023 through
- 13 December 31st, 2023.
- 14 CHAIRMAN HILL: Comment? Maybe Anita
- 15 can answer, how many -- we've had them for a while,
- 16 if I -- am I correct?
- 17 MS. THAPA: Yes, since 2005, I
- 18 believe.
- 19 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yeah. Exactly. So
- 20 obviously they're doing good work.
- 21 All right. Anybody -- anybody else
- 22 have a comment? It's just a renewal for the
- 23 services that they provide.
- MR. DEDAR: How much the amount, Mr.
- 25 Chairman? Can I --



- 1 CHAIRMAN HILL: 21-8 I believe.
- MS. JOHNSON: Yes.
- MS. THAPA: That is an estimate
- 4 because the -- for the annual renewal --
- 5 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.
- 6 MS. THAPA: -- for the service is
- 7 like about 16,000. I don't have -- for the cloud
- 8 service because we do have the cloud service with
- 9 them, as well.
- 10 CHAIRMAN HILL: Oh, we do?
- MS. THAPA: So that's about 4,000.
- 12 So I estimated that one, but 16,000 --
- 13 CHAIRMAN HILL: That's 21, right.
- 14 MS. THAPA: Yeah. 16,000 is
- 15 definitely the actual price, the one that, you know,
- 16 we provided to you with the backup, but the other
- 17 part is an estimation because the bill hasn't come
- 18 yet.
- 19 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay.
- MR. DEDAR: So our contract was
- 21 16,000; right? So you approximately say it's going
- 22 to be up to 21,000?
- 23 MS. THAPA: Yeah. That's including
- 24 cloud service that we have with them.
- MR. DEDAR: All right. Thank you.



- 1 MS. THAPA: And usually every year we
- 2 didn't do this one because it would be under the
- 3 threshold 17-5, but it looks like, you know, we kind
- 4 of started doing the resolution this year because --
- 5 in case it goes over 17,500.
- 6 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. All right.
- 7 Any other comments?
- 8 All right. Very good. And we'll
- 9 look for a motion to accept.
- MR. DEDAR: Motion.
- 11 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.
- 12 And a second?
- MR. ECCLES: Second.
- 14 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.
- 15 Roll call.
- MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?
- 17 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.
- MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?
- MR. DEDAR: Yes.
- MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield? Okay.
- 21 He -- I saw him on mute. I have to unmute him.
- 22 CHAIRMAN HILL: He's on his cell
- 23 phone I believe.
- MS. JOHNSON: Okay. I'll go to the
- 25 next.





- 1 statute is \$737,707.
- Now therefore be it resolved, by the
- 3 board of directors of the MUA appropriations payment
- 4 to the City of Atlantic City in the amount of
- 5 575,000.
- 6 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yep. Every year
- 7 we -- we do this since the law was passed, for the
- 8 new board members. The way the budget is,
- 9 whatever's an excess, we must give the city back
- 10 some of that money even though we have all of these
- 11 projects that are costing us all of this money. I
- 12 don't understand who put this law together, but --
- 13 MR. DEDAR: It doesn't make sense,
- 14 Mr. Chairman.
- 15 CHAIRMAN HILL: It makes no sense.
- 16 MR. DEDAR: Yes. Actually, there's
- 17 nothing. We have a lot of things to do.
- 18 CHAIRMAN HILL: I mean, here we're
- 19 trying to beg for money all over the place, but yet
- 20 we've got to -- I just don't get it. But, again, I
- 21 didn't write the law, so that's my comment.
- 22 So anybody else have a comment?
- 23 MS. THAPA: Just a quick. I know
- 24 last year we kind of negotiated with them because
- 25 usually they expect us -- you know, the budget --



- 1 budgeted amount. Hopefully -- they haven't reached
- 2 out to us yet. Hopefully they agree --
- 3 CHAIRMAN HILL: They will.
- 4 MS. THAPA: -- with that. And the
- 5 amount, 575 is a little bit more than last year, so
- 6 hopefully they're happy with it. But I think last
- 7 time they were kind of not happy because we didn't
- 8 give the whole budgeted amount.
- 9 And this 575 is also kind of
- 10 estimated because so far we only have like --
- 11 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.
- MS. THAPA: -- our, you know,
- 13 expenses through November. December is estimated.
- 14 Then --
- 15 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.
- MS. THAPA: Actually November and
- 17 December. So this 575 is also based on the
- 18 estimated for the month of November and December.
- MR. SMITH: Yeah. But the reason for
- 20 that particular scenario was the fact that our
- 21 operating costs was much less than what we had
- 22 projected or estimated, so therefore --
- MS. THAPA: Right.
- 24 MR. SMITH: -- what we proposed to
- 25 them back then was what was 5 percent of the



- 1 operating budget, not necessarily what was actually
- 2 budgeted, so same --
- MS. THAPA: Yeah. And just -- yes.
- 4 And just for the --
- 5 CHAIRMAN HILL: So it looks like it
- 6 will -- it will look like it's going to be very
- 7 close to this.
- 8 MS. THAPA: Yes. Yes. And just for
- 9 the record, that -- maybe -- I don't know if we
- 10 should put impact on COVID-19, pandemic. I mean,
- 11 a --
- 12 CHAIRMAN HILL: Revenue.
- MS. THAPA: In capital project it
- 14 might be good, but maybe we need to move that --
- 15 remove that maybe?
- 16 CHAIRMAN HILL: I don't know. It's
- 17 up to Bruce.
- 18 Bruce, do you think we should do
- 19 that?
- MR. WARD: Well, how much --
- 21 CHAIRMAN HILL: I don't think they're
- 22 going to care, but...
- 23 MS. THAPA: Yeah. Probably not.
- 24 MS. JOHNSON: So remove that section
- 25 or not?



- 1 MS. THAPA: No. I mean, we can ask
- 2 Mr. Ward and then --
- 3 CHAIRMAN HILL: Mr. Ward, do you have
- 4 a comment on that maybe?
- 5 MR. WARD: Well, can we clarify what
- 6 our financial impact due to COVID-19 was? I mean,
- 7 did that impair our operating revenue? I don't
- 8 know. I mean, I think we had to do water anyway
- 9 during COVID. We had to suffer some --
- 10 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.
- 11 MS. THAPA: Yeah. I mean, I didn't
- 12 realize that. Last year we put that because it
- 13 definitely was a COVID-19 situation.
- 14 CHAIRMAN HILL: Maybe you should just
- 15 leave it in. I don't know.
- MS. THAPA: Okay.
- 17 CHAIRMAN HILL: What do you think,
- 18 Bruce? Should we just leave it in?
- MR. WARD: Yeah. I would leave it
- 20 in.
- 21 CHAIRMAN HILL: Use the same --
- 22 MR. WARD: I think I would leave it
- 23 in.
- 24 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yeah. I would leave
- 25 it in. I don't think we need to -- no. Who knows?



- 1 MR. WARD: Yeah.
- MS. THAPA: Okay. Okay. Thank you.
- 3 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay.
- 4 MR. DEDAR: Mr. Chairman, I'm sorry
- 5 to go further. Can you explain a little bit?
- 6 Because it's very confusing to me. Why is the MUA
- 7 paying to the --
- 8 CHAIRMAN HILL: To everybody.
- 9 MR. DEDAR: -- city and who makes the
- 10 law and when we can bring in some new law?
- 11 Even I work for the city. I love to
- 12 see city's money coming in. That's fine. But
- 13 again --
- 14 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.
- 15 MR. DEDAR: -- as the MUA part, why
- 16 we are paying to the city? Is there any other
- 17 particular reason or anything?
- 18 CHAIRMAN HILL: It's based on a
- 19 statute.
- Go ahead, Mr. Armstrong.
- 21 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yeah. The statute
- 22 requires that we pay the city up to 5 percent if
- 23 they choose to request that.
- 24 CHAIRMAN HILL: And they do.
- MR. ARMSTRONG: Right.



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                   MR. WARD: For many years they didn't
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    know the law, and for many years --
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                   CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.
                   MR. WARD: -- we did not have to pay
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    this, and then -- but someone went to another
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    municipality and found out, so --
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                   CHAIRMAN HILL: Yeah.
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                   MR. WARD: -- that's where we are.
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                   MR. ARMSTRONG: Right. And the --
    it's one of those things where you kind of just do
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    it because if they start to look at your revenue
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    stream, they consider bringing you in as a
    department and taking more, you know. So it's --
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    it's just a way to avoid, you know, having the city
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    try to consume you as a public works department.
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                   CHAIRMAN HILL: I often would like to
    ask, well, what do they do with our money? But
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    that's a moot question. I'm sorry. Just saying.
    What do you do with it?
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20
                               Spend it.
                   MR. DEDAR:
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                   CHAIRMAN HILL: All right.
                                                Exactly.
22
    Yeah. Okay.
                 Well, it is what it is, guys.
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                   So we'll look for a motion to accept.
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                   Come on, somebody.
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MR. DEDAR:

Motion.

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Page 92 MR. ECCLES: I'll -- I'll make the --1 2 CHAIRMAN HILL: All right. Mr. 3 Eccles? Then we'll have a second? 5 MR. ECCLES: Did I make the motion, or do you want me to second it? 7 MR. DEDAR: No. You make the motion, 8 John. 9 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yeah. I think -yeah. You can make the motion, Mr. Eccles. 10 11 And then a second will be --MR. DEDAR: Me. 12 CHAIRMAN HILL: -- Mr. --13 14 See, the city guy. Okay. Roll call. 15 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill? 16 17 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes. MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar? 18 19 MR. DEDAR: Yes. 20 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield? Okay. 21 MR. BANFIELD: Yes. 22 MS. JOHNSON: Okay. 23 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. There you are, Glenn. 24 25 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?



- 1 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.
- MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Eccles?
- 3 MR. ECCLES: Yes.
- 4 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. Chelsea
- 5 Heights main replacement project. This was -- it's
- 6 kind of a discussion item. They've been doing some
- 7 work, and it's -- it's a little bit -- I know we
- 8 talked about it in engineering, so I'm going to ask
- 9 for comments. This is just discussion.
- 10 Mr. Smith, please?
- 11 MR. SMITH: Yeah. That -- that
- 12 particular phase of that project is completed. This
- 13 is just to inform -- inform the board that we were
- 14 able to save a substantial cost based on some
- 15 modifications that we did in regards to the
- 16 installation of the water main at that location --
- 17 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yeah.
- 18 MR. SMITH: -- which is on Wisteria
- 19 Avenue from Filbert going back to -- to West End --
- 20 West End Avenue. It -- it -- that particular saving
- 21 will be more than likely put back into our capital
- 22 budget so that we can continue with water main
- 23 replacements throughout the city of course.
- 24 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. Good job.
- Okay. Moving on to our monthly



- 1 bills. We've got a copy of all of them.
- MR. ECCLES: Excuse me. Excuse me.
- 3 CHAIRMAN HILL: Sure.
- 4 MR. ECCLES: How much of -- how much
- 5 of a savings?
- MR. SMITH: \$108,000.
- 7 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.
- 8 MR. ECCLES: Thank you.
- 9 MR. SMITH: You're welcome.
- 10 CHAIRMAN HILL: That was in our
- 11 engineering meeting, Mr. Eccles.
- MR. ECCLES: Thank you, but I had
- 13 forgot.
- 14 CHAIRMAN HILL: No. I'm just kidding
- 15 you. Sorry about that.
- 16 All right. Here we go. Monthly
- 17 bills. This is what we owe other people.
- So we'll read resolution 12 a,
- 19 please.
- MS. JOHNSON: Whereas, the Atlantic
- 21 City Municipal Utilities Authority has indebtedness
- 22 to the following companies for services rendered in
- 23 the amount of \$729,912.89.
- 24 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. Any other
- 25 comments?



Page 95 Hearing none, I'll move the bills. 1 A second, please? 2 3 MR. DEDAR: Second. CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. 5 And roll call. MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill? 7 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes. 8 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar? 9 MR. DEDAR: Yes. MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield? 10 MR. BANFIELD: Yes. 11 12 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford? MS. LANGFORD: Yes. 13 MS. JOHNSON: And Mr. Eccles? 14 15 MR. ECCLES: Yes. 16 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. 17 We're going to be moving into closed 18 session, and we'll talk about labor negotiations with Mr. Riley. I want to bring up one small item 19 that we've been working on internally for the board 20 21 members, and we also will discuss Mr. Ward's shared 22 service agreements. 23 Anything else for closed session, Mr. Armstrong? There's -- oh, a personnel matter. 24 25 There's a personnel matter.



Page 96 1 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yes, the personnel 2 matters. 3 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. Exactly. Okay. 4 5 MR. ARMSTRONG: And that's it. CHAIRMAN HILL: Exactly. That's it. 6 7 All right. Very good. 8 Motion to move into closed? 9 MR. DEDAR: Motion. 10 MR. BANFIELD: Motion. 11 CHAIRMAN HILL: And a second? 12 I think we had a second, Mr. 13 Banfield. And then roll call. 14 15 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill? CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes. 16 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar? 17 MR. DEDAR: Yes. 18 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield? 19 20 MR. BANFIELD: Yes. 21 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford? 22 MS. LANGFORD: Yes. 23 MS. JOHNSON: And Mr. Eccles? MR. ECCLES: Yes. 24 25 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yeah. So we'll say



- 1 good-bye to Anita, and the rest, we'll see you in a
- 2 minute or two. Okay?
- 3 Thank you, Anita.
- 4 MS. THAPA: Thank you. Have a good
- 5 day.
- 6 CHAIRMAN HILL: I guess we stay,
- 7 Stella, or do we have to leave and go in?
- MS. JOHNSON: We're going to go --
- 9 we're going to do a breakout room.
- 10 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. Very good.
- MS. JOHNSON: Create. Open. And
- 12 everybody can now join.
- 13 - -
- 14 (Whereupon, the closed session was
- 15 excerpted.)
- 16 - -
- 17 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. So now we're
- 18 going to be moving into public session, and I'm
- 19 going to take a motion -- I'll accept a motion to
- 20 move from closed to public.
- Could I have a motion?
- MR. ECCLES: I'll make -- I'll make
- 23 the motion to move from closed to public.
- 24 CHAIRMAN HILL: And I'll second it.
- Can we do a roll call, please?



Page 98 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill? 1 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes. 2 3 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar? MR. DEDAR: Yes. 5 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield? MR. BANFIELD: Yes. MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford? 7 8 MS. LANGFORD: Yes. 9 MS. JOHNSON: And Mr. Eccles? Thank you. 10 CHAIRMAN HILL: In closed session, the board of 11 12 directors and senior staff discussed security --MR. ECCLES: Yes. 13 14 CHAIRMAN HILL: -- issues, personnel 15 updates, and labor negotiations. We also now will move -- we did discuss a service agreement between 16 17 the City of Atlantic City and the MUA, so we're going to go back to our normal agenda, which was 7 a 18 (1), which was a service agreement for qualifying 19 20 purchase agent services. 21 This is resolution 7 a (1). 22 Ms. Johnson, could we read that, 23 please? MS. JOHNSON: Whereas, the Atlantic 24 City MUA has requested that the city provide 25



- 1 qualified purchasing agent, QPA services, and the
- 2 city has in place an effective program to provide
- 3 these services;
- 4 Whereas, the city and the MUA have
- 5 considered this subject and agree that it makes
- 6 financial and geographical sense for the parties
- 7 hereto to enter into a shared service agreement
- 8 whereby the city shall provide certain QPA services
- 9 to the MUA and the MUA shall compensate the city for
- 10 the services provided;
- 11 Whereas, this agreement was
- 12 authorized by the City of Atlantic City on June
- 13 22nd, 2022 pursuant to their Resolution Number 258
- 14 wherein the city agreed to provide services in the
- 15 amount not to exceed \$20,000 to carry out certain
- 16 QPA services for the MUA and shall be billed at an
- 17 hourly rate between 30 and \$65 an hour.
- 18 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. And we did
- 19 discuss the implications for that, so I'll look for
- 20 a motion to accept.
- MR. DEDAR: Motion.
- 22 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.
- 23 And a second?
- 24 MR. ECCLES: I'll second.
- 25 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.



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1	Roll call.
2	MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?
3	CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.
4	MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?
5	MR. DEDAR: Yes.
6	MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?
7	MR. BANFIELD: Yes.
8	MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?
9	MS. LANGFORD: Yes.
10	MS. JOHNSON: And Mr. Eccles?
11	MR. ECCLES: Yes.
12	CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.
13	The same basic idea for information
14	technology services, resolution 7 a (2). Again,
15	it's a shared service agreement between the City of
16	Atlantic City and the MUA.
17	May we read the resolution, please?
18	MS. JOHNSON: Whereas, the Atlantic
19	City MUA has requested that the city provide
20	information technology services and the city has in
21	place an effective program to provide these
22	services;
23	Whereas, the city and the MUA have
24	considered this subject and agree that it makes
25	financial and geographical sense for the parties



- 1 herein to enter into a shared agreement whereby the
- 2 city shall provide certain information technology
- 3 services to the MUA and the MUA shall compensate the
- 4 city for services provided;
- 5 Whereas, this agreement was
- 6 authorized by the City of Atlantic City on June
- 7 22nd, 2022 pursuant to their Resolution Number 257
- 8 wherein the city agreed to provide services if -- in
- 9 an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for two one-year
- 10 options to carry out certain informational technical
- 11 services for the MUA and shall be billed at an
- 12 hourly rate range between \$30 and \$60 per hour
- 13 (sic).
- 14 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yeah. We did talk
- 15 about it in closed session, so we'll just take a
- 16 motion to accept.
- MR. BANFIELD: Motion.
- 18 CHAIRMAN HILL: And a second?
- MS. LANGFORD: Second.
- MR. ECCLES: I'll second.
- 21 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.
- 22 Roll call.
- MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?
- 24 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.
- MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?



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1	MR. DEDAR: Yes.
2	MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?
3	MR. BANFIELD: Yes.
4	MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?
5	MS. LANGFORD: Yes.
6	MS. JOHNSON: And Mr. Eccles?
7	MR. ECCLES: Yes.
8	CHAIRMAN HILL: Hearing no other
9	business, I just would like to wish everybody a
10	happy Thanksgiving holiday with your family and your
11	friends, blessed to everybody here, and we hope
12	everybody has a good holiday, and we'll see you in
13	December.
14	We'll now entertain a motion to
15	adjourn.
16	MR. DEDAR: Motion.
17	MR. ECCLES: I'll make the motion to
18	adjourn.
19	MS. JOHNSON: And a second?
20	MR. ECCLES: We may
21	MR. DEDAR: Second.
22	CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. Second?
23	And a roll call.
24	MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?
25	CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.



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                    MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?
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                    MR. DEDAR: Yes.
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                    MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?
                    MR. BANFIELD: Yes.
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                    MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?
                    MS. LANGFORD: Yes.
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                    MS. JOHNSON: And Mr. Eccles?
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                    MR. ECCLES: Yes.
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                    CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you all. Have
    a great holiday.
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                    MR. BANFIELD: Happy holidays.
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                    MR. DEDAR: Happy holidays.
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                    MR. SMITH: Happy holiday to
14
    everyone.
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                   MS. STILL: Have a nice holiday.
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    Thank you.
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                    MR. ECCLES: Everyone enjoy.
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                    MR. ARMSTRONG: Happy holidays,
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    everybody.
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                    MR. ECCLES: Everyone enjoy and stay
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    well.
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                    (Whereupon, the regular monthly
    meeting concluded at approximately 12:07 p.m.)
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