

ATLANTIC CITY
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

TRANSCRIPT OF REMOTE PROCEEDINGS

RE: REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE
ATLANTIC CITY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
OPEN SESSION
October 18, 2023
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
CLIFFORD KEEN, Deputy Executive Director of
Operations
JOHN ECCLES, JR.
NYNELLE LANGFORD
STEPHANIE DAVIES, Alternate #1
SAYED KAUSAR, Alternate #2

ALSO PRESENT:

WASTELLA JOHNSON, Board Secretary
ANITA THAPA
WES SWAIN, City Administrator

REMINGTON & VERNICK ENGINEERS
EDWARD DENNIS, JR.
ROBERT SMITH
RYAN HAYES

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1 CHAIRMAN HILL: Record.

2 MS. JOHNSON: Yes. The only one
3 that's not here is Mr. Banfield.

4 CHAIRMAN HILL: That's fine.

5 Good morning, everybody. Adequate
6 notice of this meeting has been provided as required
7 by law by mailing to The Press a list of the
8 regularly scheduled meeting, October 18th, 2023, at
9 401 North Virginia Avenue, Conference Room and was
10 sent to the City Clerk to be posted. All of the
11 aforesaid complies with Chapter 231 of the Laws of
12 1975, known as the Open Public Meetings Law.

13 And we will do our roll call.

14 MS. JOHNSON: Yes. Mr. Hill?

15 CHAIRMAN HILL: Present.

16 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

17 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

18 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield is absent
19 at this time.

20 Ms. Langford?

21 MS. LANGFORD: Here.

22 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Eccles?

23 MR. ECCLES: Here.

24 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Davies?

25 MS. DAVIES: Yes.

1 MS. JOHNSON: Okay.

2 Should I add Mr. Kausar in? He'll
3 make the sixth person.

4 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yeah. Sure. Very
5 good. Thank you.

6 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Kausar?

7 MR. KAUSAR: Yes.

8 CHAIRMAN HILL: And we'll do our flag
9 salute.

10 Mr. Dedar, would you please lead us?
11 (The Pledge of Allegiance is
12 recited.)

13 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you very much,
14 sir.

15 MR. DEDAR: You're welcome.

16 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. Public
17 participation, if anybody has called in or are at
18 our offices?

19 MS. JOHNSON: No one has called in --

20 CHAIRMAN HILL: No?

21 MS. JOHNSON: -- to appear.

22 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. Thank you.

23 Moving on to approval of minutes. We're going to
24 start with the open session minutes. So this will
25 be 5 a (1).

1 Can we read the resolution, please?

2 MS. JOHNSON: Okay. 5 a (1),
3 approving open session minutes of September 20th,
4 2023.

5 Mr. Banfield just arrived.

6 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. Good morning.

7 MR. BANFIELD: Good morning.

8 MS. JOHNSON: Whereas, the --
9 Good morning.

10 Whereas, the Atlantic City Municipal
11 Utilities Authority held their board meeting on
12 September 20, 2023.

13 Now therefore be it resolved, on this
14 18th day of October 2023, that the board of
15 directors of the MUA approves the transcription of
16 the open session minutes of September 20, 2023.

17 CHAIRMAN HILL: Is there any
18 additions or edits?

19 Hearing none, I'll entertain a
20 motion.

21 MR. DEDAR: Motion.

22 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

23 And a second?

24 MR. BANFIELD: Second.

25 MR. ECCLES: I'll second.

1 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

2 And we'll do roll call.

3 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill? Mr. Hill?

4 He might not be able to hear.

5 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

6 MS. JOHNSON: Okay. Mr. Dedar?

7 CHAIRMAN HILL: I did.

8 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

9 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

10 MR. BANFIELD: Yes.

11 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

12 MS. LANGFORD: Stay.

13 MS. JOHNSON: And Mr. Eccles?

14 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

15 MR. BANFIELD: Excuse me. Was this
16 from the meeting that I missed? I'm sorry.

17 MS. JOHNSON: Yes, it is.

18 MR. BANFIELD: Abstain.

19 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

20 MS. JOHNSON: Abstain?

21 CHAIRMAN HILL: Abstain then.

22 Uh-huh. Yeah. Right.

23 Okay. Moving to closed session. All
24 the board members who were at the September meeting
25 should have reviewed the closed session and signed

1 off at the MUA offices.

2 So we'll read the resolution for 5 b.

3 MS. JOHNSON: Okay. Approving closed
4 session minutes of September 20th, 2023.

5 Whereas, the Atlantic City Municipal
6 Utilities Authority held their board meeting on
7 September 20, 2023.

8 Now therefore be it resolved, on this
9 18th day of October 2023, that the board of
10 directors of the MUA hereby approves the
11 transcription of the closed session minutes of
12 September 20, 2023.

13 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. And I'll look
14 for a motion to move that.

15 MR. DEDAR: Motion.

16 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

17 And a second?

18 MR. ECCLES: I'll second.

19 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

20 Roll call.

21 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill? Mr. Hill?

22 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

23 MS. JOHNSON: Okay. Something's
24 going on.

25 Okay.

1 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yeah.

2 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

3 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

4 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

5 MR. BANFIELD: Abstain.

6 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

7 MS. LANGFORD: Abstain.

8 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Eccles?

9 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

10 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

11 We're going to be doing a number of
12 issues in closed session, Mr. Armstrong, but I did
13 want to add also, Mr. Armstrong, if we can just give
14 an update to the full board then on the new
15 positions that we signed off on. We're waiting for
16 state approval. Just we talked about it last time.
17 We can just do that little update in closed session,
18 as well. Okay?

19 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yes.

20 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thanks. Because
21 that's exciting and hopefully going to move forward.

22 Okay. Moving on to Mr. Ward's
23 report. Mr. Ward?

24 MR. WARD: We are pleased that -- we
25 are pleased that Ms. Still has returned from a much

1 deserved vacation because we do a lot of things back
2 and forth with OPRA and so forth, so glad to have
3 Ms. Still back in the company.

4 Welcome back, Ms. Still.

5 MR. ARMSTRONG: Your mic is muted,
6 India.

7 MR. WARD: My mic is muted?

8 MS. STILL: Thank you. Thank you.

9 MR. ARMSTRONG: No. India's mic was
10 muted. Okay.

11 CHAIRMAN HILL: Welcome back.

12 MS. STILL: Glad to be back.

13 MR. WARD: Welcome back, India.

14 CHAIRMAN HILL: Anything else, Mr.
15 Ward, you'd like to bring up now in open session?

16 MR. WARD: Other than the fact that
17 we're dealing with a number of smaller items, OPRAs
18 that we have to go through.

19 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.

20 MR. WARD: And we'll have a meeting
21 tomorrow with the City with regard to their auction
22 properties and how the maintenance fees are going to
23 be handled with regard to the auctions, the
24 maintenance fees that the authority has for vacated
25 properties over 10 years.

1 CHAIRMAN HILL: Wow. Okay. We'll
2 move on to our reports. Engineering. We -- the
3 engineering committee has met. Everybody should
4 have gotten the reports emailed to them, which of
5 course, again, gives us a very good perspective of
6 where we are on projects, contractors, proposed
7 dates, and monies, so it's always good to review
8 that before our board meeting. If you didn't do
9 that, you can spend some time in looking over that.

10 Some of the projects we're trying to
11 get moving along because of the winter season coming
12 up, and I know they've been working hard on some --
13 some things.

14 So since Mr. -- since Cliff is not
15 here, we're going to go right into that.

16 MS. JOHNSON: Excuse me. Cliff is --

17 CHAIRMAN HILL: Sure.

18 MS. JOHNSON: Cliff is on.

19 CHAIRMAN HILL: Oh, is he?

20 MS. JOHNSON: I see him.

21 CHAIRMAN HILL: Oh. He came onboard?

22 Okay. Fine.

23 So engineering committee --

24 MR. KEEN: Yes.

25 CHAIRMAN HILL: -- we'll go -- we're

1 going to review some of those projects when we get
2 to the report. I think we'll just go from there.

3 Personnel committee, I know that --
4 as I mentioned before, we'll talk a little bit about
5 some personnel things in closed session.

6 Anything else we'd like to share from
7 that committee?

8 MR. ARMSTRONG: No. There wasn't --

9 MR. DEDAR: No, Mr. Chairman. We did
10 not have anything. Last time we canceled the
11 meeting because we didn't have any -- especially on
12 the agenda, so we canceled this meeting.

13 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay.

14 MR. DEDAR: We don't have that much
15 that last meeting.

16 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. Thank you.

17 MR. DEDAR: You're welcome.

18 CHAIRMAN HILL: Mr. Armstrong, we
19 talked about we're going to do some things in closed
20 session, but is there anything else you'd like to
21 bring up at this time?

22 MR. ARMSTRONG: No.

23 CHAIRMAN HILL: No? I know. We're
24 going to get to you.

25 Okay. Cliff, welcome. I guess is

1 he -- he's at a seminar; right? So he's on Zoom?

2 MR. KEEN: Yeah. I'm -- I will be
3 back at the office in the matter of minutes.

4 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay.

5 MR. KEEN: I just finished a
6 presentation, so if I could have five minutes or so
7 before I -- I --

8 CHAIRMAN HILL: Sure. No problem.

9 MR. KEEN: -- answer any questions?
10 I appreciate it.

11 CHAIRMAN HILL: Let's do that. Let's
12 just -- yeah. Why don't we just move "b," and we'll
13 get to them. Okay? Is that all right --

14 MR. ARMSTRONG: Uh-huh.

15 CHAIRMAN HILL: -- everybody?

16 We'll just -- we'll give Cliff a few
17 minutes, and we'll need Remington & Vernick with his
18 report, as well.

19 India, I know you were away, but do
20 you have anything you'd like to report? I know
21 you've been busy with many little projects around.

22 MS. STILL: Yes. Not at this time.
23 I'm just getting -- getting back into the saddle,
24 excited to be back and --

25 CHAIRMAN HILL: Great.

1 MS. STILL: -- going to move forward
2 with getting the salary study done now.

3 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. Yeah. That's
4 going to be important, and it was helpful at our
5 last board meeting and -- and discussions with some
6 of our operators and things, as well, so that will
7 be great. Thank you.

8 Accounting and finance. Anita, would
9 you like to give your report, please?

10 MS. THAPA: Sure. Good morning to
11 all.

12 MR. WARD: Good morning.

13 MS. THAPA: So financial reports are
14 for August 2023. So far we collected about 63
15 percent of our revenue, which amounts to 11.8
16 million.

17 As of July, operating costs or
18 expenses total 6.2 million, and we spent about 1.1
19 million in our -- in our capital projects.

20 We collected approximately 11.6
21 million from the customers.

22 As far as the cash management, the
23 interest rates in our money market accounts are
24 averaging about 5 percent. The balance adjustments
25 are -- of course, are just for the board members'

1 review.

2 As for the shutoff, we will be
3 continuing the shutoff until the end of October.
4 This is also a lien time, as well, so we are working
5 with the City, you know, to reduce our lienholder
6 accounts.

7 So we have about 370 accounts that --
8 you know, as of now, 370 accounts that will be put
9 on the lien list. So we have up to November -- the
10 customer can pay until November -- the first week of
11 November. Then we have to send it to the City.
12 Once it's sent to the City, the customer has to pay
13 everything to the City, as well.

14 And the lien will be held -- lien
15 sale will be held on December 18th of this year.

16 So that's it on my report on the
17 financials. As usual, if there are any questions,
18 please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

19 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. And I
20 know you've been busy with the budgets, as well,
21 which we'll get to shortly.

22 So we'll move on to new business, and
23 we're going to go to 11 in our agendas, and this is
24 with Schultes. This is 11 a. It's an emergency
25 repair. We have one or two of them at this board

1 meeting to review.

2 So could we read the resolution
3 please, Ms. Johnson?

4 MS. JOHNSON: Yes. I'm sorry. A.C.
5 Schultes, emergency repair well number 17.

6 CHAIRMAN HILL: Uh-huh.

7 MS. JOHNSON: Whereas, the Atlantic
8 City MUA owns and operates its own water department,
9 including its own water production wells;

10 Whereas, due to a pump failure, well
11 17 was not operational;

12 Whereas, inspection and analysis by
13 A.C. Schultes, the ACMUA plant manager, and the --
14 the deputy executive director of operations revealed
15 that the well motor and head shaft needed to be
16 replaced and that the well needed to be redeveloped;

17 Whereas, the MUA solicited a quote
18 from A.C. Schultes in the amount for all labors,
19 material, equipment, and services furnished to
20 repair and redevelop well 17 in the amount of
21 \$85,731.

22 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. We've used
23 this company before in the past, everybody, and it's
24 something that had to be done.

25 Would anybody like to comment on that

1 or have a question from -- it's just something we
2 have to do.

3 MR. WARD: It's a very -- it's a very
4 low specialty. I don't know if there's any other
5 company around.

6 CHAIRMAN HILL: Exactly. We've been
7 dealing with them for a number of years. Right.

8 MR. WARD: Yeah.

9 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yep. Okay. Hearing
10 no questions, I'll take a motion to move that,
11 please.

12 MR. DEDAR: Motion.

13 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

14 And a second?

15 MR. ECCLES: I'll second. I'll
16 second.

17 CHAIRMAN HILL: I'll second?

18 Okay. Go ahead. Thank you, Mr.

19 Eccles.

20 And roll call, please.

21 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

22 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

23 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

24 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

25 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

1 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

2 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield? Mr.

3 Banfield?

4 You're on mute.

5 MR. BANFIELD: Yes.

6 MS. JOHNSON: Thank you.

7 Ms. Langford?

8 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

9 MS. JOHNSON: And Mr. Eccles?

10 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

11 MS. JOHNSON: Thank you.

12 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. Moving on also
13 to new business, 11 b is the joint funding agreement
14 with U.S. Geological Survey.

15 MS. JOHNSON: Yes.

16 MR. ARMSTRONG: Gary --

17 MS. JOHNSON: I know -- Mr. Hill,
18 occasionally you're going in and out.

19 MR. ARMSTRONG: Gary, where --

20 Yes.

21 MS. JOHNSON: Okay.

22 MR. ECCLES: Yeah. It's the max
23 headroom effect.

24 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. So we're at 11
25 b. Can you hear me?

1 MS. JOHNSON: Yes.

2 MR. ARMSTRONG: Now we can hear you
3 good.

4 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay.

5 MS. JOHNSON: The joint funding
6 agreement, U.S. Geological Survey.

7 Whereas, the United States Department
8 of the Interior, U.S. Geological Survey is desirous
9 of entering into a joint funding agreement with the
10 Atlantic City MUA to confirm their negotiations to
11 continue water resource investigations with the MUA;

12 Whereas, the work cannot be continued
13 and started until USGS received an executed joint
14 funding agreement with the MUA;

15 Now therefore be it resolved, by the
16 board of directors of the Atlantic City MUA that the
17 authority execute the necessary documents in order
18 to effectuate said joint funding agreement with USGS
19 from October 1st, 2023 to September 30th, 2024 in
20 the amount of \$27,670.

21 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. This is just
22 a necessary step for us.

23 So I'll move that.

24 Can I have a second?

25 MR. DEDAR: Second.

1 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

2 Roll call.

3 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

4 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

5 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

6 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

7 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

8 MR. BANFIELD: Yes.

9 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

10 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

11 MS. JOHNSON: And Mr. Eccles?

12 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

13 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. Moving on
14 to our abatements, unnecessary to appear. There are
15 three of them listed there.

16 Board members, please review. If
17 there's anybody you need to abstain from or recuse
18 yourself from, just mention that when you vote.

19 We can read -- we can take 11 c
20 together without -- you don't have to read every
21 "whereas," but we'll just go all three.

22 Okay. So we're at 11 c.

23 MS. JOHNSON: Yes. The property
24 owned by Kim Hoang located at 18 North Brighton
25 Avenue in the amount of \$563.21.

1 Ms. Maria Giraldo, located at 7 North
2 Chelsea Avenue in the amount of \$309.95.

3 And Mr. Dino Cavalieri and Ms. Karen
4 Cavalieri, located at 350 Elberon Avenue in the
5 amount of \$142.85.

6 CHAIRMAN HILL: Very good.
7 Questions?

8 Hearing none, we'll look at a --
9 we'll get -- we'll accept a motion to move them,
10 please.

11 MR. DEDAR: Motion.

12 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.
13 Second?

14 MR. ECCLES: I'll second.

15 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.
16 Roll call.

17 MS. JOHNSON: Yes. Mr. Hill?

18 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

19 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

20 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

21 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

22 MR. BANFIELD: Abstain on Cavalieri.

23 MS. JOHNSON: Okay. Abstain on
24 Cavalieri. Got you. Abstained.

25 Mr. -- Ms. Langford?

1 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

2 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Eccles?

3 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

4 MS. JOHNSON: Okay.

5 CHAIRMAN HILL: Very good.

6 We have another emergency resolution
7 here, the purchase of a 10-inch water meter through
8 Waterworks Ferguson. So, again, this is an
9 emergency resolution that we need to get done.

10 So we're going to read 11 d, please.

11 MS. JOHNSON: Uh-huh.

12 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

13 MS. JOHNSON: "D." I'm sorry. One
14 second.

15 CHAIRMAN HILL: No problem.

16 MS. JOHNSON: You said "d." I'm all
17 over the place. One second. "D."

18 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yeah. It would be
19 Ferguson.

20 MS. JOHNSON: Why don't I have that?
21 Wait. One second, please.

22 CHAIRMAN HILL: Ferguson Waterworks.

23 MS. JOHNSON: There it is. Okay.

24 Ferguson Waterworks emergency
25 purchase of a 10-inch water main (sic).

1 Whereas, the Atlantic City MUA owns
2 and operates its own water department and all of the
3 appurtenances of the system;

4 Whereas, there is an emergency
5 interconnection with the City of Ventnor;

6 Whereas, the meter at the emergency
7 interconnection is no longer functioning;

8 Now therefore be it resolved, by the
9 board of directors of the MUA to authorize and
10 directed in the ordinary course of authority
11 business to include payment to Ferguson Waterworks
12 to furnish a 10-inch water main for an amount not to
13 exceed 11,000 --

14 MR. ARMSTRONG: Stella --

15 MS. JOHNSON: -- \$21.69.

16 MR. ARMSTRONG: -- I hate to
17 interrupt you, but you said -- you said a couple
18 times water main. It's water meter.

19 CHAIRMAN HILL: Meter, yeah.

20 MS. JOHNSON: Okay. Correction.

21 MR. ARMSTRONG: Okay.

22 MS. JOHNSON: Water meter. Thank
23 you.

24 CHAIRMAN HILL: A main we'd be
25 putting out more money.

1 Okay. Does anybody have a question?
2 Hearing none, I'll accept a motion,
3 please.

4 MR. DEDAR: Motion.

5 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.
6 Second?

7 MR. ECCLES: I'll second.

8 MR. BANFIELD: Second.

9 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.
10 Roll call.

11 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

12 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

13 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

14 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

15 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

16 MR. BANFIELD: Yes.

17 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

18 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

19 MS. JOHNSON: And Mr. Eccles?

20 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

21 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. Moving on
22 to our budget. I know that the budget committee has
23 met and they're reviewing and there's a couple
24 processes and steps. We have to have hearings and
25 then we finalize it in a -- in a month or so.

1 So we'll look at the budget
2 authorization, which is the first. We'll go from
3 there then.

4 Ms. Johnson, could you read the, the
5 authorization of the budget?

6 MS. JOHNSON: Yes. The 2024
7 authority budget resolution, fiscal year January 1,
8 2024 to December 31st, 2024.

9 Whereas, the annual budget as
10 introduced reflects total revenues in the amount of
11 \$18,813,871.63, total appropriations including
12 accumulated deficits \$19,676,345, and a total
13 unreserved net position planned to be utilized as
14 funding thereof of \$862,473.

15 The capital budget as introduced
16 reflects total capital appropriations of 51 million
17 779 dollars and 181 cents (sic), and a total un --
18 unrestricted net position planned to be utilized as
19 funding thereof of \$16,555 -- \$55,181.

20 Now therefore be it resolved, by the
21 governing board of the Atlantic City MUA at this
22 open public meeting held on today October 18th, 2023
23 that the annual budget, including all related
24 schedules, and the capital budget/program of the MUA
25 for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024 and

1 ending December 31st, 2024 is hereby approved.

2 CHAIRMAN HILL: Before we do that,
3 Mr. Banfield, would you like to make any comments on
4 this year's budget? And then we'll get Ms. Thapa
5 in.

6 MR. BANFIELD: Yes. I was -- I
7 wasn't sure. Did we decide, was it still the 2
8 percent increase?

9 MS. THAPA: Yes. Correct, Mr.
10 Banfield.

11 MR. BANFIELD: And also, what's
12 the thing for the penalty for interest? Is that
13 going to be 2 percent also?

14 MS. THAPA: Penalty meaning
15 nonpayment?

16 MR. BANFIELD: If they're late.
17 Yeah. Nonpayment, yes.

18 MS. THAPA: Yes. Right now we do
19 like a quarterly penalty, but going -- moving
20 forward in -- starting January 1st, we're going to
21 accrue like everybody -- every other municipality
22 like per day basis. But it also depends on -- you
23 know, we do give a grace period of like at least 14
24 days for that one.

25 So if they are -- like, for example,

1 if the -- the bill is usually due on the 4th -- 4th
2 of every month. So we will be penalizing them after
3 14 days, and it will be based on daily accrual basis
4 rather than just a quarterly basis.

5 And the interest rate is going to be
6 the same, which is 1.5 percent for monthly and 4.5
7 percent for quarterly. Okay? But the -- the only
8 difference is it will be accruing per day basis
9 going -- starting in January.

10 MR. BANFIELD: Thank you.

11 MS. THAPA: Okay.

12 CHAIRMAN HILL: So the 2 percent is
13 over -- bore for everybody; correct?

14 MS. THAPA: Right, for all
15 residentials --

16 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.

17 MS. THAPA: -- and commercial
18 business customers.

19 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.

20 MS. THAPA: Also, 2 percent is also
21 on the -- in the excess rate, as well. We do give
22 allowance for our residential customer, which is the
23 2500 feet -- cubic feet. If they go over that
24 allowance --

25 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.

1 MS. THAPA: -- then we will be
2 charging at 3.992 per hundred cubic feet.

3 CHAIRMAN HILL: The budget's
4 always --

5 MS. THAPA: I know.

6 CHAIRMAN HILL: -- a whole list of
7 documents.

8 MR. DEDAR: Oh, Ms. Anita, you
9 said --

10 Oh.

11 CHAIRMAN HILL: Go ahead.

12 MR. DEDAR: Okay. Anita, I had a
13 question. So you say it's every month it will be
14 after 4th and 14 days, so it's 4 and 14. It will be
15 after 18 days, or does other municipality, they do
16 after 14 days penalties? Which one is our penalty?

17 MS. THAPA: Most of the authorities
18 are -- or municipality do accrue their interest for
19 nonpayment at -- you know, on a daily basis; right?
20 So the system does the calculation correctly. Like
21 in the past, we only penalized them like every
22 quarter. Right? So --

23 MR. DEDAR: Okay.

24 MS. THAPA: -- there's going to be --
25 and I think -- I know Mr. Cliff and -- they looked

1 into some kind of a law, and I don't know why we've
2 been doing this since forever, but -- but like I
3 said, all other municipality, like from the City or
4 also the other authority is accruing their interest
5 on a -- most of them are accruing interest on a
6 daily basis.

7 MR. DEDAR: Daily basis? Okay.

8 MS. THAPA: Yes.

9 CHAIRMAN HILL: So we won't have any
10 problem, Mr. Ward, doing this change?

11 MR. WARD: I don't think so, as long
12 as, you know --

13 CHAIRMAN HILL: No. Yeah.

14 MR. WARD: I don't think so. I think
15 that's just procedural. That's not legal.

16 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. Right.

17 Okay. Just to make sure.

18 MS. THAPA: Yeah. Maybe if Cliff --
19 Cliff is here, he can explain better, because he did
20 mention like wherever he was -- he came from --

21 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.

22 MS. THAPA: -- you know, they do do
23 it on a daily basis, as well.

24 MR. KEEN: Yes.

25 CHAIRMAN HILL: Cliff, are you --

1 MR. KEEN: Absolutely. I'm back in
2 my office.

3 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay.

4 MR. KEEN: Thank you for bearing with
5 me as I had a presentation this morning.

6 CHAIRMAN HILL: No problem.

7 MR. KEEN: The -- the interest rate
8 is -- is statutory -- statutory, so that 1 and a
9 half percent per month is something that we have to
10 charge as an MUA. So there's nothing we can do
11 about that. We can't change it. We can't move on
12 that.

13 The fact that we aren't right now
14 accruing on a daily basis means that we're losing a
15 lot of potential revenue for delinquent charges, and
16 what we had in place was a system where after a
17 month, we would charge interest, instead of the 14
18 days that I believe you guys had agreed to before,
19 so what will happen now is the due date will be set
20 and they'll get their bill and they'll have to pay
21 by that 14-day period. That's where the grace
22 period comes into play. As soon as that 14-day
23 period is up, that 1 and a half percent per month
24 starts accumulating on the account, and I don't
25 think there's any problem in -- in having it do that

1 on a daily basis.

2 All of your mortgages and credit
3 cards and everything else do that, as well as every
4 other, you know -- every other municipality or MUA
5 that I know of. So it -- we're just getting
6 onboard. And the intention here is not to
7 accumulate more money because people aren't paying.
8 It's for people to pay. The rates are -- are
9 relatively low compared to most other water --

10 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

11 MR. KEEN: -- water rates, and I
12 think sometimes you forget to pay your water bill.
13 I know I've done it once or twice at my house, too,
14 so we just want people to think about it and know
15 that there's, you know, a small interest charge
16 being accumulated if they don't.

17 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yeah. And we more
18 than likely probably have to look at the statute to
19 see whether or not it requires that we provide some
20 sort of notice.

21 Bruce, if you can look at that, maybe
22 we can put some -- we probably should put the notice
23 in there anyway --

24 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yeah.

25 MR. ARMSTRONG: -- with the next --

1 you know, when we make the change letting them know
2 that there's a change in how they -- you know,
3 residents will be charged if late fees are accrued
4 and -- and have it go out with the next -- I think
5 there's a spot on the bill we can put some
6 information, a change in rates or something like
7 that.

8 We should definitely let the public
9 know, and then it probably would encourage them to
10 pay on time, too, if they've been paying late.

11 CHAIRMAN HILL: And this will -- this
12 will only start in '24, so...

13 Correct?

14 MS. THAPA: Yes.

15 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.

16 MS. THAPA: Right.

17 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. So they
18 have two more -- we have two more months to inform
19 the public.

20 MR. ARMSTRONG: Right.

21 CHAIRMAN HILL: Very good.

22 MS. STILL: Right. I'll look into --
23 yeah. We might have to put a notice on our website
24 and --

25 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yeah. I think that

1 would be good anyway.

2 MS. STILL: Yeah.

3 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yeah.

4 CHAIRMAN HILL: I think that's good
5 anyway, again to be transparent with everybody.

6 Okay. It looks like they worked very
7 hard. I want to thank Mr. Banfield and his
8 committee. I know you still have some reviews to
9 go.

10 Anybody else have a question?

11 Okay. Hearing none, we'll entertain
12 a motion to accept the budget authorization for '24.

13 MR. BANFIELD: Motion.

14 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you, sir.

15 And a second?

16 MR. DEDAR: Second.

17 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. Roll call.

18 Okay.

19 Ms. Johnson?

20 Did we lose her?

21 MS. STILL: No. She's on mute.

22 MR. WARD: Do you want me to call it?

23 MS. JOHNSON: I was thinking -- I was
24 thinking you didn't hear me.

25 Mr. Hill?

1 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

2 MS. JOHNSON: Thank you.

3 Mr. Dedar?

4 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

5 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

6 MR. BANFIELD: Yes.

7 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

8 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

9 MS. JOHNSON: And Mr. Eccles?

10 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

11 CHAIRMAN HILL: The next two items
12 under the budget is the public hearing and the rate
13 hearing that we must do by law. It's scheduled for
14 November 28th.

15 Let's do I guess the public hearing
16 first, which is 11 -- 11 -- 11 e (2). Resolution,
17 please.

18 MS. JOHNSON: Yes. Public hearing,
19 Tuesday, November the 28th, 2023, ACMUA proposed
20 2024 budget.

21 Be it resolved, that the board of
22 directors of the MUA will hold a public hearing on
23 the authority's proposed 2024 budget on Tuesday,
24 November the 28th, 2023;

25 Be it further resolved, that the

1 hearing will be held by Zoom at 10 a.m. The budget
2 is scheduled for adoption at the regularly scheduled
3 board meeting on December 20th, 2023;

4 Be it further resolved, that the MUA
5 will also accept written comments. Comments
6 received before the hearing will be read into the
7 hearing record. Written comments not read at the
8 hearing will be presented at the board meeting. The
9 board meeting is open to the public;

10 Be it further resolved, that the
11 public hearing will be for the purpose of discussing
12 the 2024 MUA budget;

13 Be it further resolved, that a copy
14 of the proposed budget is available for review at
15 the offices of the MUA and that the resolution and
16 notice of this hearing shall be published twice in
17 The Press.

18 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. And, of
19 course, all the board members are invited to that
20 hearing via Zoom, as well.

21 Okay. I'll move that resolution.

22 Can I have a second?

23 MR. DEDAR: Second.

24 MR. ECCLES: I'll second.

25 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

1 And a 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: And the next one
13 would be for the rate hearing scheduled the same
14 day. This would be resolution 11 e.

15 Could we read that, please?

16 MS. JOHNSON: Public hearing, Tuesday
17 November the 28th, 2023, ACMUA proposed changes to
18 the rules, rates, and regulations.

19 Be it resolved, that the board of
20 directors of the Atlantic City MUA will hold a
21 public hearing on the authority's proposed changes
22 the rules, rates, and regulations on Tuesday,
23 November the 28th, 2023 by Zoom at 10 a.m.

24 The proposed changes to the rules,
25 rates, and regulations are scheduled for adoption at

1 the regularly scheduled board meeting on December
2 20th, 2023.

3 Be it further resolved, that the MUA
4 will also accept written comments. Comments
5 received before the hearing will be read into the
6 hearing record. Written comments not read at the
7 hearing will be presented at the board meeting. The
8 board meeting is open to the public;

9 Be it further resolved, that the
10 public hearing will be for the purpose of discussing
11 the proposed changes to the rules, rates, and
12 regulations of the MUA;

13 Be it resolved, that a copy of the
14 proposed changes to the rules, rates, and
15 regulations are available for review at the offices
16 of the MUA and that a resolution and notice of this
17 hearing shall be published twice -- published twice
18 in The Press.

19 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. Any
20 questions?

21 Hearing none, I'll accept a motion.

22 MS. LANGFORD: Motion.

23 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

24 MR. DEDAR: Second.

25 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

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: Okay. We have three
13 other things under 11 for new business. This is the
14 service agreement contract -- or resolution, rather,
15 11 f (1).

16 Could we read that resolution,
17 please?

18 MS. JOHNSON: Yes. Water service
19 agreement for Kevin and Pat Deroo.

20 Be it resolved, by the board of
21 directors of the MUA that the chairman is hereby
22 authorized to execute and the board secretary to
23 attest to the water service agreement by and between
24 the Atlantic City MUA and Kevin and Patti Deroo for
25 the property located at 125 South Newton Place,

1 Atlantic City, New Jersey. The connection fee is in
2 the grand total amount of \$10,511.68.

3 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. So this is a
4 revenue source, of course, for us.

5 Anybody have a question on that
6 agreement?

7 Okay. Hearing none, I'll accept a
8 motion.

9 MR. DEDAR: Mr. Chairman, I'm sorry.
10 I have a question.

11 CHAIRMAN HILL: Sure.

12 MR. DEDAR: So Kevin and Patti Deroo
13 is the new company or it's been servicing for a long
14 time?

15 MS. THAPA: That's a customer.

16 MR. KEEN: I'll field -- I'll field
17 that question. These -- all three of these service
18 agreements are with properties that have never had
19 an existing connection. So that's the only time you
20 will see a service connection from me is when there
21 has -- there's a property that has a new house built
22 or a new structure that's being built on it or if
23 there's some kind of agreement because of a large
24 change of use.

25 So these are three residential

1 properties that are single family homes, and that is
2 just the service connection and the -- the cost of
3 the installation of the service line.

4 MR. DEDAR: Okay.

5 CHAIRMAN HILL: All right. So that's
6 three new customers we're getting.

7 MR. DEDAR: That's correct. Yes.
8 Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and thank you.

9 CHAIRMAN HILL: No. Thank you.
10 Okay. Anybody else?

11 MR. DEDAR: I do motion, yes.

12 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. Yes, you did.
13 Thank you.

14 We'll do a second.

15 MR. BANFIELD: Second.

16 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. And roll
17 call.

18 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

19 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

20 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

21 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

22 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

23 MR. BANFIELD: Yes.

24 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

25 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

1 MS. JOHNSON: And Mr. Eccles?

2 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

3 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

4 And we're moving on to the next
5 agreement that would be I guess 11 f (2).

6 MS. JOHNSON: Okay.

7 CHAIRMAN HILL: No problem.

8 MS. JOHNSON: Yes. I'm sorry.

9 CHAIRMAN HILL: No. It's the same
10 thing. Yeah. Go ahead.

11 MS. JOHNSON: Uh-huh. Water service
12 agreement -- wait a minute.

13 MR. DEDAR: We cannot do it together,
14 Mr. Chairman?

15 MS. JOHNSON: I'm sorry. Water
16 service agreement - Ben Chapman.

17 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.

18 MS. JOHNSON: Be it resolved, by the
19 board of directors of the MUA that the chairman is
20 hereby authorized to execute and the board secretary
21 to attest to the water service agreement by and
22 between the Atlantic City MUA and Ben Chapman for
23 the property located at 2828 Fairmount Avenue for
24 the total connection fee of \$10,511.68.

25 CHAIRMAN HILL: Again, this is a new

1 agreement. This is a builder also, by the way, who
2 is doing a lot of building in Margate and Ventnor
3 and moving into Atlantic City, which is good to see.

4 Okay. I'll move that.

5 Can I have a second?

6 MR. ECCLES: I'll second.

7 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

8 Roll call.

9 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

10 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

11 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

12 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

13 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

14 MR. BANFIELD: Yes.

15 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

16 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

17 MS. JOHNSON: And Mr. Eccles?

18 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

19 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. And our
20 last service agreement, basically the same thing,
21 will be f (3), I guess.

22 MS. JOHNSON: Uh-huh. Water service
23 agreement - Ben Chapman.

24 Be it resolved, by the board of
25 directors of the MUA that the chairman is hereby

1 authorized to execute and the board secretary to
2 attest to the water service agreement by and between
3 the Atlantic City MUA and Ben Chapman for the
4 property located at 2830 Fairmount Avenue for a
5 total connection fee of \$10,511.68.

6 CHAIRMAN HILL: Uh-huh. Questions?
7 Just a different property, same developer or person.
8 Can I have a motion to accept?

9 MR. DEDAR: Motion.

10 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

11 And a --

12 MR. BANFIELD: Second.

13 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

14 Roll call.

15 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

16 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

17 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

18 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

19 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

20 MR. BANFIELD: Yes.

21 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

22 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

23 MS. JOHNSON: And Mr. Eccles?

24 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

25 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

1 Moving on to 11 (g). I don't have
2 that in front of me. Sorry about that one. It's
3 with Riley --

4 MS. JOHNSON: I don't either.

5 CHAIRMAN HILL: It was new I know.
6 Riley and Riley, I believe, last minute.

7 MS. JOHNSON: Yeah. I don't either.
8 Okay.

9 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yeah. I didn't see
10 that one. I got "h," but I didn't get "g."

11 MS. JOHNSON: Yeah. I don't have
12 Riley's either.

13 Okay. One second.

14 CHAIRMAN HILL: No problem.

15 MR. ARMSTRONG: Let me see if I can
16 get a copy, too.

17 CHAIRMAN HILL: I was just going to
18 say, Michael, maybe you could help her out during
19 that one.

20 MR. ARMSTRONG: Hold on one second.

21 CHAIRMAN HILL: I don't have it.

22 MS. JOHNSON: Everything -- okay.
23 Here it is.

24 No. I've got the wrong one. Oh,
25 God. Yeah. Mr. Armstrong, if you can, because all

1 of a sudden, I cannot find --

2 MR. ARMSTRONG: You don't have it?

3 MS. JOHNSON: I was trying to find it
4 on my system, but...

5 MR. ARMSTRONG: She sent it
6 yesterday.

7 MS. JOHNSON: Yes. Yeah. I know.
8 Can someone read that? Because for
9 some reason --

10 MR. ARMSTRONG: I --

11 CHAIRMAN HILL: I don't have it.

12 MS. JOHNSON: It must have --

13 MR. ARMSTRONG: I don't -- let me
14 see -- let me see if I can get it.

15 CHAIRMAN HILL: We can always go back
16 to it.

17 MR. ECCLES: What's -- what's the
18 problem? You can't see the resolution or...

19 MS. JOHNSON: Right. For some
20 reason, where is my -- my system?

21 MR. ARMSTRONG: Go ahead and proceed
22 with others, and I will --

23 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yeah. Why don't we
24 proceed, and then we can bring it up and -- okay.
25 We'll bring it back. No problem.

1 MS. JOHNSON: Okay. Thank you.

2 CHAIRMAN HILL: Do you have the new
3 one, Stella, you gave us this morning, which would
4 be "h"?

5 MS. JOHNSON: Yes. Yes, I do.

6 CHAIRMAN HILL: Why don't we -- why
7 don't we move on that? We'll just hold that one.
8 We'll hold --

9 MS. JOHNSON: Thank you.

10 CHAIRMAN HILL: -- "g" until we
11 get --

12 MR. DEDAR: Which one are we missing,
13 Mr. Chairman? We're missing "g"?

14 CHAIRMAN HILL: No. We're -- yeah.
15 We're missing "g."

16 MS. JOHNSON: I don't know why I
17 don't have that one.

18 MR. DEDAR: All right. Okay.

19 CHAIRMAN HILL: She's missing "g," so
20 we're going to hold that. We'll just come back.

21 MR. ECCLES: But I have -- I do have
22 a copy of it here.

23 CHAIRMAN HILL: But she needs it.

24 MR. ECCLES: A copy of the
25 resolution.

1 CHAIRMAN HILL: That's okay.

2 MS. JOHNSON: And --

3 MR. DEDAR: We'll get the legal for
4 the next one.

5 MS. JOHNSON: All of a sudden, I
6 don't have my -- my phone. Okay. I'm sorry.

7 CHAIRMAN HILL: That's no problem.
8 Why don't we just do "h"?

9 MS. JOHNSON: Okay.

10 CHAIRMAN HILL: And then we can
11 always go back. So we're just going to --
12 everybody, we're just going to hold off on "g" a
13 minute. We're going to go to "h." Okay?

14 This is the new one that just came in
15 this morning.

16 MS. JOHNSON: 11 -- yes. And I know
17 I have it. 11 h (1).

18 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. Cooperative
19 pricing.

20 Go ahead. Very good.

21 MS. JOHNSON: Cooperative pricing
22 system agreement between Union County and the
23 Atlantic City MUA.

24 Whereas, N.J.S.A. 40a:11-1 authorizes
25 contracting units to enter into cooperative pricing

1 agreements;

2 Whereas, the County of Union herein
3 referred to as the lead agency has offered voluntary
4 participation in the renewal participation in a
5 cooperative pricing system for the purchase of work,
6 material, and supplies;

7 Whereas, the Atlantic City MUA
8 desires to participate in the Union County
9 cooperative pricing agreement.

10 Therefore be it resolved, by the
11 board of directors of the MUA authorize the
12 participation in the Union County cooperative
13 pricing agreement and the execution of a cooperative
14 pricing agreement with the County of Union upon its
15 approval by the Division of Local Government
16 Services.

17 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. So this gives
18 us better pricing, and we work with a number of
19 counties, so this is just good business.

20 Does anybody have a question?

21 Hearing none, we'll entertain a
22 motion to accept.

23 MR. DEDAR: Motion.

24 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

25 And a second?

1 MR. BANFIELD: Second.

2 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

3 And roll call for "h."

4 MS. JOHNSON: Yes. Mr. Hill?

5 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

6 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

7 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

8 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

9 MR. BANFIELD: Yes.

10 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

11 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

12 MS. JOHNSON: And Mr. Eccles?

13 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

14 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. We can wait
15 until Mr. Armstrong's back. We can move --

16 MR. ARMSTRONG: She's emailing it --
17 what she's doing now is emailing it to both Stella
18 and I. When I receive it --

19 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. That's no
20 problem.

21 MR. ARMSTRONG: -- I'm going to put
22 it --

23 Stella, I can put it -- if you shared
24 the screen, I can put it up on the screen so
25 everybody --

1 MS. JOHNSON: And matter of fact,
2 that's exactly what I'm doing, as well, Mr.
3 Armstrong.

4 CHAIRMAN HILL: Oh, very good. Okay.

5 MR. ARMSTRONG: Okay. Found it?

6 MS. JOHNSON: Yeah. I'm going to go
7 into my system and get it.

8 MR. ARMSTRONG: In the meantime, I
9 missed the resolution. So the cooperative pricing
10 system agreement was approved?

11 CHAIRMAN HILL: We just passed that.
12 That's all done.

13 MR. ARMSTRONG: Okay.

14 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

15 MS. JOHNSON: Come on, system. Let's
16 go.

17 Okay. Are you ready for that
18 resolution?

19 CHAIRMAN HILL: Sure.

20 MS. JOHNSON: Okay.

21 MR. ARMSTRONG: Do you want to -- do
22 you want to put it up first?

23 CHAIRMAN HILL: This is 11 g.

24 MR. ARMSTRONG: So they can see it.

25 MS. JOHNSON: Put it up?

1 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yeah.

2 MS. JOHNSON: Now, how do I do that?

3 MR. ARMSTRONG: I think they should
4 see it first.

5 Oh, share screen. I'll do it. I'll
6 do it.

7 MS. JOHNSON: Thank you.

8 CHAIRMAN HILL: Mr. Armstrong, he's
9 good at that stuff.

10 MS. JOHNSON: He's so -- he's so
11 extremely techy.

12 CHAIRMAN HILL: He's really good.
13 He's a good guy.

14 MR. DEDAR: Some people don't know
15 that.

16 MS. JOHNSON: I need a class. I need
17 a class.

18 MR. ARMSTRONG: You've got to see --
19 let me -- I'm not able to screen share it.

20 MS. JOHNSON: Got you.

21 CHAIRMAN HILL: I still don't know
22 how to do that. There it is.

23 MS. JOHNSON: And everything is
24 changed. Share. Everything has changed.

25 CHAIRMAN HILL: There it is.

1 MS. JOHNSON: Okay.

2 CHAIRMAN HILL: Special counsel,
3 right.

4 MR. ARMSTRONG: Is that my -- that's
5 your -- that's your screen, Stella.

6 MS. JOHNSON: Is it? Oh, I did it?
7 Wow.

8 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yeah. There it is.
9 You did it.

10 MS. JOHNSON: Okay.

11 MR. ARMSTRONG: If you double --
12 double click on the Word document.

13 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. Then it
14 will --

15 MR. ARMSTRONG: Up here above where
16 it says Word, and then only the document will show.
17 Yeah. Double click right here. Yeah. Double click
18 it.

19 CHAIRMAN HILL: That should bring the
20 whole thing up.

21 MR. ARMSTRONG: Right.

22 MS. JOHNSON: Oh. This is new for
23 me. Okay. Okay. And let me move this over. Okay.
24 Got you. Thank you.

25 CHAIRMAN HILL: This would be -- this

1 would be 11 g, and this is a special counsel --

2 MR. DEDAR: A special counsel
3 amendment.

4 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. Okay.

5 MS. JOHNSON: Thank you, Mr.
6 Armstrong.

7 CHAIRMAN HILL: So I believe we can
8 read it now --

9 MS. JOHNSON: Okay.

10 CHAIRMAN HILL: -- if you're ready,
11 Ms. Johnson?

12 MS. JOHNSON: Yes. Amendment to
13 resolution 23-99 allocating a not-to-exceed amount
14 for special counsel.

15 Whereas, the Atlantic City MUA herein
16 referred to as -- as ACMUA, has determined that it
17 is appropriate to implement a fair and open process
18 for the awarding of professional contracts;

19 Whereas, on April 11th, 2023, the MUA
20 publicly advertised and received statements of
21 qualifications of professionals in a manner that
22 fostered a fair and open process, utilizing the
23 criteria and specific minimum requirements to meet
24 the requirements of the MUA;

25 Whereas, all professionals are

1 required to enter into a professional service
2 agreement under terms and conditions set forth by
3 the board of directors.

4 Now therefore be it resolved, on this
5 19th day of July 2023, the board of directors
6 assembled in public session, that it hereby
7 appointed the following firm and individual and
8 authorized the chairman to execute professional
9 service agreements with the following professional
10 not to exceed the amount listed herein.

11 Be it resolved, that the contract for
12 Riley and Riley Law Offices to provide special
13 counsel services at the authority is extended for
14 one additional year with a term beginning March
15 15th, 2023 to March '24 for an amount not to exceed
16 25,000.

17 Special counsel Law Offices of Riley
18 and Riley will receive 220 an hour.

19 Be it -- therefore -- okay. And
20 that's it.

21 CHAIRMAN HILL: We know. And that's
22 it.

23 MS. JOHNSON: I'm sorry. Uh-huh.
24 Yeah.

25 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.

1 MR. ARMSTRONG: It's just amending a
2 prior resolution that did not have the not-to-exceed
3 amount in it.

4 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. And it's good
5 to have that in it.

6 We're also going to be hearing a
7 little bit more about some of the work that they
8 have been doing in executive session, everybody,
9 which is kind of exciting. So this is just to put
10 the numbers in the resolution we already passed
11 basically.

12 MS. JOHNSON: Right. Not to exceed.

13 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay?

14 So does anybody have a question?

15 MR. BANFIELD: Yes. I have a
16 question.

17 CHAIRMAN HILL: Go ahead.

18 MR. BANFIELD: Is that -- is the 220
19 separate from the exceeding 25,000?

20 MR. ARMSTRONG: No. No. It's -- the
21 220 is per hour, but it cannot exceed the 25,000.

22 MR. BANFIELD: Okay. Thank you.

23 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay.

24 Can we have a motion to move that?

25 MR. DEDAR: Motion.

1 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

2 And a second?

3 MR. ECCLES: I'll second.

4 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

5 Roll call.

6 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

7 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

8 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

9 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

10 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

11 MR. BANFIELD: Yes.

12 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

13 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

14 MS. JOHNSON: And Mr. Eccles?

15 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

16 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. Okay.

17 Get that off our screen.

18 MR. ARMSTRONG: You can stop sharing
19 your screen, Stella, if you want.

20 MS. JOHNSON: Yes.

21 CHAIRMAN HILL: And let's now, if we
22 can, before we do our monthly bills, let's do our
23 engineering report now that Cliff's back in his home
24 territory there and we have Remington & Vernick
25 still with us.

1 As I mentioned, Cliff, the board has
2 received the operation report and the engineering
3 reports where we have our projects. We had a good
4 engineering committee I mentioned.

5 Hold on.

6 MR. ARMSTRONG: Mr. -- Mr. Chairman,
7 if I may, I want to just tell her how to --

8 MS. JOHNSON: Thank you.

9 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yeah.

10 MR. ARMSTRONG: At the top where it
11 says view options.

12 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yeah.

13 MR. ARMSTRONG: Do you see where it
14 says you are viewing -- you are sharing your screen?
15 Top middle.

16 MS. JOHNSON: Oh, God. Okay.

17 MR. ARMSTRONG: Very top middle. Top
18 of your screen.

19 MS. JOHNSON: Believe it or not, the
20 top of my screen does not show that.

21 MR. ARMSTRONG: All right. Go to
22 share --

23 CHAIRMAN HILL: View options way at
24 the top.

25 MS. JOHNSON: I see "more." I see

1 "more."

2 MR. ARMSTRONG: All right. Then go
3 to share at the bottom. See share at the bottom --

4 MS. JOHNSON: Yes.

5 MR. ARMSTRONG: -- of the screen?
6 Hit stop sharing.

7 MS. JOHNSON: It's not letting me do
8 that.

9 MR. ARMSTRONG: Tap share and then
10 just stop sharing.

11 MS. JOHNSON: God, Mr. Armstrong.
12 I'm having a day. Okay.

13 MR. ARMSTRONG: That's okay.

14 MS. JOHNSON: I can't even --

15 MR. ARMSTRONG: You don't see it?
16 Okay. You can continue, and I'll
17 just come downstairs and show you how to do it.

18 CHAIRMAN HILL: I see it on mine.
19 You can see view options. I think she has to --

20 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yeah.

21 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yeah. Okay. All
22 right.

23 MS. JOHNSON: Oh, stop share. I see
24 it.

25 CHAIRMAN HILL: There you go. You

1 got it. See?

2 All right. All we need is a little
3 time and a little breath.

4 MS. JOHNSON: Thank you.

5 CHAIRMAN HILL: No problem. No
6 problem.

7 So as I mentioned, we're going to --
8 just going to review some of the projects, the main
9 ones. I mentioned to the board earlier that we are
10 trying to be proactive and move things as quickly as
11 we can due to the upcoming winter season, so let's
12 start with that.

13 Cliff, would you like to mention one
14 or two of the projects? I want to mention something
15 then, as well.

16 Cliff?

17 MR. KEEN: Absolutely. Absolutely.
18 So we --

19 CHAIRMAN HILL: Please.

20 MR. KEEN: -- are moving forward with
21 our projects. I know everyone here is very
22 concerned with the lead service line replacement
23 program.

24 Bob and I had a great conversation
25 yesterday. We're sort of rounding the corner there

1 on being able to get that first phase out to bid.
2 We're going to have a meeting next week, and I think
3 we should be able to hammer out the last few details
4 of -- of that phase 1 portion of the project as --
5 and that will allow us, as well, to make sure we're
6 on time submitting for I-Bank and making sure that
7 we have that funding as a potential source there
8 with as much principal forgiveness as we can. So
9 we're very excited about moving along with that.

10 A couple other highlights, Florida
11 Avenue is tentatively scheduled to begin on November
12 1st, and I know everyone is interested in making
13 sure we have our customers hooked up as quickly as
14 possible. I definitely want to point out to the
15 board that part of the project required us to move
16 the water main from the location we thought we were
17 going to put it because of trolley tracks into the
18 place that it exists now, which means we have to do
19 a temporary shutoff of the service lines and -- and
20 perform temporary services for all the customers on
21 the piece of Florida Avenue between Arctic and
22 Fairmount. And we got a price from the contractor
23 of \$250,000 to do that. We took a look at it
24 in-house, and we believe that we can do it without a
25 problem, and it will cost us about \$15,000 in

1 material. So there's an overall savings there of
2 around \$235,000 from if we had the contractor
3 perform that. So I -- I wanted to mention that.

4 So that is -- that is a lot of work
5 by Justin and Mike McMilla (phon), so I want to make
6 sure I point them out, and as always, our team is
7 doing very well. Thank you for that resolution last
8 week to -- last month -- excuse me -- to hire
9 part-time water treatment plant operators.

10 We were lucky enough to have three
11 people who had worked for us in the past come back
12 to us so that there wasn't a long learning curve
13 there to come in and operate our plants, and we were
14 able to save a significant amount of money from
15 having, you know, some larger numbers from WRM if we
16 needed extra operators on those shifts.

17 So I'm thankful for that, and our --
18 our operation staff thanks you, as well. They
19 are -- they are working to cover all the shifts and
20 it is very difficult sometimes.

21 And I think the other -- one of the
22 things we need to point out here is the HVAC
23 inspections and some of that -- that information is
24 eminent. We expect some information for the board
25 by next -- the next meeting. And we're hoping to go

1 to bid as soon as possible on that so that we can
2 have this wrapped up and our building closed up the
3 right way and be prepared for next year.

4 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. And, Mr.
5 Dedar, that North Florida is the one you and I spoke
6 about the other day.

7 So we're moving forward. That took
8 us a while, but there were so many complications to
9 that project.

10 MR. KEEN: Yeah. Correct.

11 CHAIRMAN HILL: So I'm glad that's
12 moving forward.

13 Yeah. You hit the three main things
14 that we talked about in engineering.

15 Anybody from Remington & Vernick, Mr.
16 Dennis or Mr. Smith, would you like to comment on
17 the work that you've been doing with the MUA?

18 MR. SMITH: Sure, Chairman. I'd like
19 to comment the Doughty Pond sluice gate repairs, the
20 test pit was completed, and we are working on the
21 design documents to put that project out to bid.

22 The transmission valve house, we're
23 working on that proposal. I had wanted to have it
24 to you today, but I will have it to you within the
25 next few days. We're scheduling the water tank

1 inspections. They should begin this month.

2 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right.

3 MR. SMITH: We're also scheduling the
4 water treatment plant survey. The aerial
5 subcontractor is supposed to be out shortly to start
6 doing that -- that work. And as Cliff said, we have
7 our MEP engineer scheduled to come out within the
8 next -- I think it's the next week or so to do the
9 inspection of the HVAC system and provide
10 recommendations for repairs, replacements, upgrades
11 to the HVAC system at the administration building.

12 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. These are,
13 again, all ongoing projects we've been on top of,
14 and I thank you guys for all of your consistent
15 oversight.

16 Cliff?

17 MR. KEEN: I have one more thing
18 operationally.

19 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yeah.

20 MR. KEEN: I -- I don't have an
21 opportunity to show the board a lot of things
22 because most of our facilities are underground
23 and --

24 CHAIRMAN HILL: This -- this is good
25 to see.

1 Go ahead. I'm sorry.

2 MR. KEEN: Okay. So most of our --
3 most of our facilities are underground, and when we
4 have an emergency repair, the objective is to get it
5 repaired and corrected as soon as possible.

6 But we did have the opportunity to do
7 an investigation of our wells, and --

8 Could I have access to the screen
9 sharing?

10 MS. JOHNSON: You have it.

11 MR. KEEN: All right. Thank you very
12 much.

13 MS. JOHNSON: Uh-huh.

14 MR. KEEN: So I'm going to share the
15 screen, too. What you should see right now is a
16 video of our well. And I'm going to hit play here.
17 You'll see this is 154 feet in the ground. This is
18 a video that was taken by A.C. Schultes, and this is
19 that emergency requisition you-all approved a little
20 while ago.

21 You can see that there is debris on
22 top of our well screen, and then you might not even
23 be able to recognize it yet, but this is what this
24 looks like after cleaning. And this is around the
25 same depth, so this is the same area of the pipe.

1 We were able to fully rehabilitate this well. It
2 has a new motor, a new shaft. It's -- it's a gear
3 case -- excuse me -- not a shaft, and -- and this is
4 what you approved today, and it's a considerable
5 difference.

6 And we are going to make sure that we
7 maintain these things a little bit better moving
8 forward so that it never gets to the point of that
9 first video. But I thought because we had these two
10 videos available, I would take the opportunity to
11 show them to you and make sure everyone saw what
12 kind of work we are doing and what we need to do
13 more in the future of.

14 CHAIRMAN HILL: That is amazing, just
15 amazing.

16 MR. KEEN: And we do intend on taking
17 those videos and shortening them, of course. These
18 things are like a half an hour apiece, and then
19 putting them on our website just so some of our
20 constituents can see what those look like.

21 CHAIRMAN HILL: Uh-huh. Right.
22 Anything else?

23 MR. KEEN: I --

24 CHAIRMAN HILL: I just wanted to -- I
25 just wanted to make a comment maybe -- I know you

1 and I had a discussion and Mr. Armstrong, the issue
2 on North North Carolina Avenue, how did we make out
3 with that in the beginning of the week?

4 For the rest of the board, there's
5 been a leak there. It really wasn't our issue. It
6 was the housing authority, but the housing authority
7 has their own issues, so -- so we had to kind of
8 look at that a little bit.

9 Cliff, can you just give me an update
10 on that?

11 MR. KEEN: Yeah. Absolutely. The --
12 we helped the authority as much as we could with the
13 project. They -- they had a leak, and they didn't
14 have a contractor to repair it.

15 So what we did -- we did what we
16 could, and it's been -- it was ongoing for more than
17 two months.

18 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yeah. Three months.

19 MR. KEEN: They were trying to get
20 their contractor in, and they were supposed to come
21 out Monday. They did not. Thankfully they came out
22 yesterday. And that leak has been repaired, and we
23 shouldn't have any more problems there.

24 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. And,
25 again, that's working in cooperation and trying to

1 help another authority out.

2 And as Mr. Armstrong knows, I got,
3 you know, notified by two --

4 MR. ARMSTRONG: Gary, you're breaking
5 up in case you don't realize it.

6 CHAIRMAN HILL: But -- so we -- you
7 know, we assisted them, and it's good to report that
8 that's done.

9 MR. ARMSTRONG: I just --

10 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay.

11 MR. ARMSTRONG: Cliff should probably
12 mention that we finally got the gate fixed in front
13 of the MUA.

14 CHAIRMAN HILL: Oh, we did? Okay.

15 MR. KEEN: Yes, we did. Thank you
16 for reminding me.

17 CHAIRMAN HILL: That's good.

18 MR. ARMSTRONG: That's closed and
19 secure now, and the card reader is working for going
20 in and out.

21 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay.

22 MR. ARMSTRONG: But we actually had
23 an incident one day when I was coming out where I
24 saw a person in a golf cart coming out of the back
25 of it. He got all the way in the back past the cars

1 parked back there, and he came back out with a
2 bicycle in the back of a golf cart.

3 And we didn't know why he was there.
4 It appeared that he drove -- rode the bike back
5 there first and must have parked the golf cart back
6 there and he went back there to retrieve it and then
7 put the bike back into the golf cart. And he went
8 out into the street and turned right and kept on
9 going. So we -- we realized that it's --

10 CHAIRMAN HILL: Wow.

11 MR. ARMSTRONG: It was a problem, but
12 it's resolved now.

13 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. Okay. I
14 think --

15 MR. KEEN: We did some landscaping
16 improvements along the building, as well, so that
17 happened this week, too.

18 CHAIRMAN HILL: Out --

19 MR. KEEN: Out in the triangle area
20 where the water tower is towards the intersection
21 here with Virginia, and then you will see some more
22 tree trimming and -- and some clearing on certain
23 parts of -- of our site, too, over the next couple
24 weeks.

25 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. I thank

1 Remington & Vernick. You guys can -- I think we're
2 done, unless you have something else. Thank you
3 very much. We'll see you at the next meeting.
4 Thank you, everybody.

5 MR. SMITH: Thank you, Chairman.
6 Everybody have a good weekend.

7 MR. DENNIS: Have a good day.

8 CHAIRMAN HILL: You, too. We're
9 going to move back to our agenda for the monthly
10 bills, which we need to approve. That's 12 a.

11 Could we read the resolution, please?

12 MS. JOHNSON: Approving monthly bills
13 by all the members of the board.

14 Whereas, the Atlantic City MUA has
15 indebtedness to the following companies for services
16 rendered in the amount of \$677,044.83.

17 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

18 Questions?

19 Hearing none, I'll accept a motion.

20 MR. BANFIELD: Motion.

21 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

22 Second?

23 Roll call.

24 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

25 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

1 THE COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry. I
2 didn't hear the second. I apologize.

3 CHAIRMAN HILL: It was me. I'm
4 sorry. It's me.

5 THE COURT REPORTER: Oh, I apologize.
6 Thank you.

7 CHAIRMAN HILL: Go ahead.

8 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

9 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

10 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

11 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

12 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

13 MR. BANFIELD: Yes.

14 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

15 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

16 MS. JOHNSON: And Mr. Eccles?

17 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

18 CHAIRMAN HILL: Entertain a motion --
19 to -- to discuss union issues, Government Workers
20 Union, employee -- well, personnel issues, and some
21 update on the PFAS.

22 MR. ARMSTRONG: PFAS litigation.

23 MS. JOHNSON: And I believe -- I
24 believe, Mr. Hill, you broke up, so Wendy may not
25 have caught that.

1 CHAIRMAN HILL: Wendy's on mute.

2 We're going to be moving into --

3 MR. ARMSTRONG: No. She --

4 CHAIRMAN HILL: We're going to be
5 moving into executive session, Wendy. Okay?

6 THE COURT REPORTER: Thank you.

7 MR. ARMSTRONG: She didn't hear what
8 you stated the basis for executive session was.

9 CHAIRMAN HILL: Can you hear me now,
10 Wendy?

11 THE COURT REPORTER: Yes, I can hear
12 you now. Thank you.

13 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. We're going to
14 be moving into executive session to talk about some
15 labor negotiations, the PFAS litigation,
16 nonunionized employees, and Government Workers
17 Union. Those are the issues.

18 Okay. Can we read that resolution?

19 MS. JOHNSON: Yes. Approving to
20 enter into closed session.

21 CHAIRMAN HILL: There we go. Can we
22 have a motion?

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

24 CHAIRMAN HILL: And a second?

25 MR. BANFIELD: Second.

1 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

2 Roll call.

3 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

4 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

5 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

6 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

7 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

8 MR. BANFIELD: Yes.

9 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

10 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

11 MS. JOHNSON: And Mr. Eccles?

12 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

13 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. So just
14 hold on.

15 And, Anita, I don't think we need you
16 right now. Thank you.

17 MS. THAPA: Thank you. Have a good
18 day.

19 CHAIRMAN HILL: We always need you.
20 I didn't mean it that way.

21 MS. THAPA: No. Understood.

22 MS. JOHNSON: Okay. Zoom has
23 changed.

24 CHAIRMAN HILL: Oh, great.

25 MS. JOHNSON: Okay. Breakout rooms.

1 Here we go.

2 MR. ARMSTRONG: I think because it
3 involves nonunion workers, too, India and Cliff have
4 to drop off, too.

5 MS. JOHNSON: Okay.

6 MR. KEEN: Have a great day.

7 MR. ARMSTRONG: Okay.

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9 (Whereupon, the closed session was
10 excerpted.)

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12 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. Mr. Dedar's
13 there.

14 MS. JOHNSON: Somebody -- okay.
15 Somebody's missing.

16 CHAIRMAN HILL: Maybe --

17 MS. JOHNSON: One, two, three, four
18 five.

19 CHAIRMAN HILL: Is it Ms. --

20 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Nynell. Ms. -- no.

21 There she is.

22 CHAIRMAN HILL: There she is.

23 MS. JOHNSON: Okay.

24 MR. ARMSTRONG: Cliff is the only one
25 that's not back on.

1 CHAIRMAN HILL: Well, that's -- yeah.

2 MS. JOHNSON: Okay.

3 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. We've just
4 concluded our executive session for October. We're
5 now going to entertain a motion to go -- exit the
6 executive session and move into public.

7 Could we read the resolution, please?

8 MS. JOHNSON: Yes, to go back --

9 The three resolutions?

10 CHAIRMAN HILL: No. No. Just to go
11 back into --

12 MS. JOHNSON: Oh, okay. Yeah.

13 There's no resolution for that.

14 CHAIRMAN HILL: Leaving executive
15 session.

16 MS. JOHNSON: Uh-huh. Yes.

17 CHAIRMAN HILL: Okay. So we're going
18 to go back into -- we're now in public session.

19 And we had an update on the PFAS
20 litigation, as well as three motions that we're
21 going to be working -- or moving on today concerning
22 labor negotiations and -- and MOAs.

23 So we'll read the first one, which
24 would be 13 1 -- a (1). I'm sorry.

25 MS. JOHNSON: Yes.

1 CHAIRMAN HILL: And that would be for
2 the AFSCME. Go ahead.

3 MS. JOHNSON: Approving the
4 collective bargaining agreement between the Atlantic
5 City MUA and AFSCME New Jersey Council 3974A and
6 2302A for a term of six years commencing January 1,
7 2021 and expiring on December 31st, 2025.

8 Whereas, the Atlantic City MUA and
9 AFSCME New Jersey Council 3974A and Council 2302
10 have met to renegotiate in -- in good faith new
11 agreements;

12 Whereas, the new terms of the
13 agreement are attached.

14 Now therefore be it resolved, at the
15 regular meeting held today, October the 18th, 2023,
16 that the board of directors of the MUA accept the
17 terms of the agreements described in the attached.

18 CHAIRMAN HILL: Right. And we
19 discussed in closed session.

20 Anybody have a comment or a change?
21 No changes, but -- okay.

22 I'll move that.

23 Could we have a second?

24 MR. BANFIELD: Second.

25 MR. ECCLES: I'll second.

1 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.
2 And we'll have a roll call for
3 acceptance.

4 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

5 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

6 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

7 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

8 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

9 MR. BANFIELD: Yes.

10 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

11 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

12 MS. JOHNSON: And Mr. Eccles?

13 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

14 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

15 Moving on to 13 (2) -- I'm sorry --
16 13 a (2). This is the Government Workers Union
17 acceptance of the MOA.

18 MS. JOHNSON: Approving the
19 collective bargaining agreement between the Atlantic
20 City MUA and Government Workers Union for a term of
21 five years commencing January 1, 2020 and expiring
22 on December 31st, 2024.

23 Whereas, the MUA and the Government
24 Workers Union have met to renegotiate in good faith
25 new agreements;

1 Whereas, the new terms of the
2 agreement are attached.

3 Now therefore be it resolved, at the
4 regular meeting held today, October 18th, 2023, that
5 the board of directors of the MUA hereby accepts the
6 terms of the agreement.

7 CHAIRMAN HILL: And, again, we
8 discussed that in closed session. So we will -- we
9 can move on that.

10 Could I get a motion, please?

11 MR. BANFIELD: Motion.

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

13 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

14 And who was second? I think Glenn?

15 MR. BANFIELD: I'll second.

16 CHAIRMAN HILL: There we go.

17 And we'll do a roll call.

18 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

19 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

20 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

21 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

22 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

23 MR. BANFIELD: Yes.

24 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

25 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

1 MS. JOHNSON: And Mr. Eccles?

2 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

3 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. Moving on
4 to 13 (3) "a" is the nonunionized employees
5 negotiations and an MOA agreement.

6 Can we read that resolution?

7 MS. JOHNSON: Approving the salary
8 adjustments between the Atlantic City MUA and
9 nonunionized employees of the authority for a term
10 of five years commencing January 1, 2021 and
11 expiring on December 31st, 2025.

12 Whereas, the board of directors of
13 the MUA are responsible for the governing --
14 governance of the authority's operations;

15 And whereas, the authority and -- and
16 the AFSCME New Jersey Council 3975 -- 74 -- I'm
17 sorry -- A and Council 2302A and Government Workers
18 Union have met to renegotiate in good faith new
19 agreements;

20 Whereas, the authority has
21 established the following percent increase in annual
22 compensation for employees represented by AFSCME New
23 Jersey Council 3974A and Council 2302.

24 Should I read the salary increases?

25 MR. ARMSTRONG: You know, yeah.

1 You --

2 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yeah.

3 MS. JOHNSON: Salary increases:

4 Effective 1/1/21, 2 percent; 1/1/22, 2 percent;

5 1/1/23, 2.5 percent, plus 1500 for all titles; 1 --

6 1/1/2024, 3 percent; 1/1/25, 3 percent.

7 Whereas, the authority personnel

8 committee and the board of directors has approved

9 the above increase in annual compensation for its

10 nonunionized employees. The above salary increases

11 shall be applied retroactively to January 1, '21 to

12 all nonunion/noncontract personnel employees as of

13 January 1 -- 1, '23;

14 Whereas, all nonunion/contract (sic)

15 personnels employed after January 1, '23 shall

16 receive the salary adjustment upon achieving one

17 year of service with the MUA;

18 Whereas -- now therefore be it

19 resolved, at its regular meeting held today, October

20 18th, that the board of directors of the MUA hereby

21 accepts the salary increases mentioned above for its

22 nonunionized employees for a term of five years.

23 CHAIRMAN HILL: A lot of things.

24 Okay. Anybody else have a question?

25 We did discuss that in closed

1 session. We can move on that.

2 Could I have a motion?

3 MR. DEDAR: Motion.

4 CHAIRMAN HILL: And a second?

5 MR. ECCLES: Second.

6 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you.

7 Roll call.

8 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Hill?

9 CHAIRMAN HILL: Yes.

10 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Dedar?

11 MR. DEDAR: Yes.

12 MS. JOHNSON: Mr. Banfield?

13 MR. BANFIELD: Yes.

14 MS. JOHNSON: Ms. Langford?

15 MS. LANGFORD: Yes.

16 MS. JOHNSON: And Mr. Eccles?

17 MR. ECCLES: Yes.

18 CHAIRMAN HILL: Very good.

19 Well, I just want to thank everybody
20 for working hard on this and congratulate our staff,
21 as well as our -- our great labor force. It's great
22 that you're taking care of them. We move forward.
23 And this is a great day that we can now move
24 forward.

25 MR. ARMSTRONG: It's good to have

1 this behind us.

2 CHAIRMAN HILL: I believe that
3 concludes today's meeting.

4 Again, I want to thank everybody --
5 Okay. And I believe that concludes
6 today's meeting, and I want to thank everybody for
7 their time and contributions to the Atlantic City
8 Municipal Utilities Authority.

9 Can I have a motion to adjourn?

10 MR. BANFIELD: Motion.

11 MR. DEDAR: Motion.

12 CHAIRMAN HILL: And a second?

13 MS. LANGFORD: Second.

14 MR. DEDAR: Second.

15 CHAIRMAN HILL: Thank you. All in
16 favor?

17 Bye. Thank you, everybody. Good
18 job.

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20 (Whereupon, the regular monthly
21 meeting concluded at approximately 11:25 a.m.)

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