

(DRAFT MINUTES)

LYNN WATER & SEWER COMMISSION MEETING

October 19, 2020

The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Trahant at 6:32 p.m., 400 Parkland Avenue, Lynn, MA.

Commissioners Present: Richard C. Colucci (via call-in conference)
Vincent J. Lozzi, Jr. (via call-in conference)
Vice-Chairman Walter V. Proodian (via call-in conf)
Elizabeth Rosario (via call-in conference)
William R. Trahant, Jr. (via call-in conference)

Staff Present: Daniel F. O'Neill, Director
Anthony Marino, Chief Engineer
Ryan Boisselle, Acting Treasurer
Robert Fennell, Deputy Director
Rick Dawe
RaeAnna Hughes
Robert Tina (via call-in conference)

Others Present: Samuel A. Vitali, Esq.
David Van Hoven, Stantec (via call-in conference)
Dan Kucharski, Stantec (via call-in conference)

The Director welcomed Bill Trahant, Jr., and Elizabeth Rosario as the newest members of the Board.

MINUTES

**Motion made by Commissioner Colucci to approve the minutes of August 10, 2020.
Seconded by Commissioner Lozzi.**

**Roll Call Vote – Commissioner Colucci - yes
Commissioner Lozzi - yes
Commissioner Proodian - yes
Commissioner Rosario - yes
Commissioner Trahant - yes**

Motion Passed.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

**Motion made by Commissioner Colucci to nominate William Trahant, Jr., as
Chairman. Seconded by Commissioner Lozzi.**

**Roll Call Vote – Commissioner Colucci - yes
Commissioner Lozzi - yes
Commissioner Proodian - yes
Commissioner Rosario - yes
Commissioner Trahan - yes**

Motion Passed.

**Motion made by Commissioner Colucci to elect Walter Proodian as Vice-Chairman.
Seconded by Commissioner Trahan.**

**Roll Call Vote – Commissioner Colucci - yes
Commissioner Lozzi - yes
Commissioner Proodian - yes
Commissioner Rosario - yes
Commissioner Trahan - yes**

Motion Passed.

Vice-Chairman Proodian congratulated Bill Trahan, Jr., on becoming Chairman of the Lynn Water & Sewer Commission. Chairman Trahan and Vice-Chairman Proodian then thanked all the Board members for their support. Chairman Trahan stated that he wanted to thank his father for all the years of service that he spent on the Board, and he now has some big shoes to fill. Commission members and staff were all in agreement in thanking Bill Trahan, Sr., for doing a great job at the Commission over all these years.

PROJECT UPDATES

A. WWTP 20-Year Contract

1. Monthly Report, Bob Tina

Mr. Tina reviewed his monthly report dated October 19, 2020 (enclosed in meeting folder) and stated that all is going well at the plant.

2. New 20-Year RFP

The Director gave a brief summary to Commissioners in reference to the upcoming RFP for contract operations at the wastewater treatment plant as outlined in his memorandum dated October 19, 2020 (enclosed in meeting package). He stated that we have a large endeavor coming up over the next nine months and he will keep everyone up to date.

In response to a question from Chairman Trahan in reference to the \$52 million for improvements at the plant, the Director explained that CDM and staff evaluated the plant and its components, and capital improvements will be needed in order to keep this 40-year old plant operating efficiently and effectively for twenty more years.

B. Water Treatment Plant

1. Monthly Report, Rick Dawe

Mr. Dawe reported that the LWSC is in compliance with all federal and state drinking water regulations. He reported that eight of the ten contract positions at the water treatment plant are currently filled. He stated that Veolia is actively looking to fill the two vacant operator positions, as they have a Grade 4 licensed operator interviewing this Thursday. Mr. Dawe also reported that the water supply capacity as of yesterday was 50%; the average for this time of year is 62%. He stated that if we fall under 50% capacity, we will follow our drought contingency plan and put a notice of water restrictions in the paper, such as limiting car washes, limiting watering of lawns, restricting watering of the greens at the golf course, etc. He stated that at this time of year, the sun angle is low and it should not bring hardship to the residential users. Mr. Dawe informed Commissioners that both our source rivers are currently dry and that the 3.5 inches of rainfall last week did not make much of a difference. If last week's rain indicates a pattern change, we hope to get onto a more consistent rainfall. He explained that on December 1st, we will have the ability to withdraw water from the Ipswich River, as we hope to have enough flow by then to take withdrawals. He stated that the situation is presently the same with the Saugus River; there is not enough water for withdrawals but, if we can see a change of pattern like last week and water is available, we will take it into the system and hopefully rebound. The Director stated that nothing is urgent just yet, but being at 50% capacity is a bit of a concern. In response to a question from Chairman Trahan in reference to the restrictions, the Director stated that we have asked the DPW to stop watering the parks and the islands, no one should be watering lawns, etc., but domestic consumption is fine for now.

C. CSO Update

Phase 1 – Debt Service

The Director gave an overview of the Commission's loan obligation costs for Phase 1 of the CSO project (Draft Schedule C, included in Commission packages). He informed Commissioners that this first contract with P. Gioioso had been awarded for approximately \$11 million. He stated that with the 2% loan through the state, the Commission will be paying approximately \$477,000 per year over the next thirty years for this work alone, and this covers only \$11 million of a \$200 million project. We still have about 95% of the project to finance and finish over the next thirteen years. He stated that this project is not free, but hopefully it will improve the water quality of the ocean and everything works out well.

Phase 2 – Construction Update

Chief Engineer Anthony Marino informed Commissioners that P. Gioioso had been awarded a contract in June and began construction in July. They have thus far cleaned 65% of the Western Interceptor. This work will continue throughout the next couple months and the flow in that area should improve immediately, as this pipe has not been cleaned since 1996.

Mr. Marino stated that Gioioso has also begun construction on South Street installing new sewer drain lines and water lines. He stated that throughout this project, we will be replacing the water mains on every street where work needs to be done, so as to fix our infrastructure. As of now, from South Street Court to Summer Street, Gioioso has installed approximately 500 lineal feet of both sewer drains and water mains. He stated that within the next few weeks, Gioioso will move into the Centre and Federal Street area.

In response to a question from Chairman Trahan in reference to sewer odors in that area, Mr. Marino explained that Gioioso had to bypass the old sewer line as they were installing the new sewer line, which can cause odors. He stated that the Ward councilor met with a Commission representative on-site a couple of weeks ago and this issue had been discussed and addressed.

BUSINESS

A. Collective Bargaining Agreement

Motion made by Commissioner Proodian to approve the collective bargaining agreement. Seconded by Commissioner Colucci.

**Roll Call Vote – Commissioner Colucci - yes
Commissioner Lozzi - yes
Commissioner Proodian - yes
Commissioner Rosario - yes
Commissioner Trahan - yes**

Motion Passed.

Motion made by Commissioner Proodian to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Colucci.

**Roll Call Vote – Commissioner Colucci - yes
Commissioner Lozzi - yes
Commissioner Proodian - yes
Commissioner Rosario - yes
Commissioner Trahan - yes**

Motion Passed.

Notice of the meeting was posted in the City Clerk's Office and at 400 Parkland Avenue, Lynn, MA at least forty-eight hours in advance.

Dale Cyr
Executive Secretary