

PVWC REG. PUBLIC MTG. MINUTES

PUBLIC MEETING OF APRIL 23, 2025

1. THE PUBLIC MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 10:00 A.M. BY PRESIDENT RIGO SANCHEZ. ON CALL OF ROLL, THE FOLLOWING COMMISSIONERS RESPONDED: GERALD FRIEND, DEBORAH RIZZI, JEFF LEVINE, CARMEN DEPADUA RON VAN RENSALIER, AND RUBY COTTON. A QUORUM WAS ESTABLISHED.

ATTENDING FROM THE COMMISSION'S EXECUTIVE STAFF WERE COMPTROLLER, YITZ WEISS, LOUIS AMODIO ADMIN. SEC'Y TO PASSAIC VALLEY WATER COMMISSION. YAACOV BRISMAN GENERAL COUNSEL AND SYDEL COHEN, PERSONNEL DIRECTOR.

ADMIN. SEC'Y. LOUIS AMODIO CERTIFIED TO THE CHAIR THAT ALL THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 ET SEQ. WERE MET.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE.

3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

4. COMPTROLLER'S REPORT: VARIOUS FINANCIAL REPORTS

5. RESOLUTION ENTERING EXECUTIVE SESSION: MOTION BY COMM. VAN RENSALIER SECOND BY COMM. DEPADUA (ALL COMM PRESENT RESPONDED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE). TIME 11:04 A.M.

6. PRESIDENT RIGO SANCHEZ RECONVENED THE PUBLIC MEETING AT 11:51 A.M. THE FOLLOWING COMMISSIONERS RESPONDED: DEBORAH RIZZI, CARMEN DEPADUA, RUBY N. COTTON, RON VAN RENSALIER AND GERALD FRIEND. JEFF LEVINE (ABSENT) A QUORUM WAS ESTABLISHED.

COMMISSIONER DE PADUA MADE A MOTION TO APPROVAL THE FOLLOWING ITEMS SECOND BY COMMISSIONER RIZZI

CONSENT AGENDA:

7. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM MARCH 26, 2025, REGULAR AND EXECUTIVE SESSIONS.

THE FOLLOWING COMMISSIONERS RESPONDED: DEBORAH RIZZI, CARMEN DEPADUA, RUBY N. COTTON, RON VAN RENSALIER AND GERALD FRIEND. JEFF LEVINE (ABSENT)

8. RESOLUTIONS:

- a) Resolution No. 25-052
Resolution to Adopt Budget
- b) Resolution No. 25-053
Resolution to Award Contract 25-V-03 Entitled “Furnish and Deliver Ferric Sulfate”
- c) Resolution No. 25-054
Resolution to Award Contract 25-V-03 Entitled “Furnish and Deliver Hydrogen Peroxide”
- d) Resolution No. 25-055
Resolution to Award Contract 25-V-03 Entitled “Furnish and Deliver Flocculation Aid Dry Polymer”
- e) Resolution No. 25-056
Resolution to Award Contract 25-V-07 Entitled “Furnish and Deliver PolyAluminum Chloride”
- f) Resolution No. 25-057
Resolution Requesting Authorization to Commence Negotiations for Contract 25-B-03 Entitled “Water Meter Reading and Related Services”
- g) Resolution No. 25-058
Resolution to Award Contract 25-V-09 Entitled “Bituminous Cold Patch Materials”
- h) Resolution No. 25-059
Resolution Awarding Project 25-PE-02 Entitled “Professional Services for Program Management of PVWC’s Water Main Replacement Program and Management of Commission’s Master Plan Permit with NJDEP”
- i) Resolution No. 25-060
Resolution to Approve the Morris County Pump Station (MCPS) Controls Upgrade Project
- j) Resolution No. 25-061
Resolution Awarding Project 25-PE-05 Entitled "Professional Engineering Services for Rehabilitation of Water Treatment Processes at the LFWTP”

- k) Resolution No. 25-062
Resolution Awarding Project 25-PE-08 Entitled "Professional Services for Design and Upgrades of HVAC and Electrical Systems and Inspection Services at the Clifton Distribution/Customer Service Building"
- l) Resolution No. 25-063
Resolution Awarding Project 25-PE-09 Entitled "Professional Services for Design of Electrical Systems and HVAC Upgrades"
- m) Resolution No. 25-064
Resolution Awarding Project 25-PE-10 Entitled "Professional Services for Main Pump Station Operations Support"
- n) Resolution No. 25-065
Resolution Awarding Project 25-PT-01 Entitled "Professional Engineering Services for Disinfection Optimization and Related Matters"
- o) Resolution No. 25-066
Resolution Awarding Project 25-PE-15 Entitled "Professional Architectural Services for Concrete Repairs at the Main Pump Station Building"
- p) Resolution No. 25-067
Resolution to Extend Contract No. 23-PE-17 Entitled "Professional Services for Development and Implementation of a Strategic GIS Master Plan"
- q) Resolution No. 25-068
Resolution for Budget Amendment, Change Order No. 2 and Time Extension for Contract No. 23-PE-03 Entitled "Engineering Services for Refinement of Standard Operating Protocols for the Engineering and Distribution Departments"
- r) Resolution No. 25-069
Resolution for Budget Amendment, Change Order No. 4 and Time Extension for Contract No. 19-P-89 Entitled "Professional Services to Assist PVWC in Competitive Contracting Procurement of a New CMMS System and Facilitate CIS/GIS Integration"
- s) Resolution No. 25-070
Resolution to Extend Contract No. 22-P-81 Entitled "Engineering Services for Construction Administration of Lead Service Line Replacement in Main System"
- t) Resolution No. 25-071
Resolution Approving Change Order No. 2 and Time Extension for Project No. 23-PE-05 Entitled "Professional Engineering Services for Environmental Regulatory Compliance Issues and Design and Provide Construction Management for the Removal of a 6-inch Asbestos-Coated Steam Pipe in Main Pump Station"

- u) Resolution No. 25-072
Resolution to Approve Change Order No. 3 and Time Extension for Project No. 23-PE-06 Entitled “Engineering Services for Review of Developer Site Plans, Assistance with Management of Commission’s Master permit with NJDEP & Implementing Drainage Improvements at the New Street Reservoir for Flood Mitigation”
- v) Resolution No. 25-073
Resolution to Extend Project No. 24-PE-02 Entitled “Professional Services for Development of Standard Operating Procedures for PVWC Security Program”
- w) Resolution No. 25-074
Resolution for Final Reconciliation for Contract Closeout, Change Order No. 1, Contract No. 24-B-04, Entitled “Furnish and Install Filter Media at the LFWTP”
- x) Resolution No. 25-075
Resolution for Final Reconciliation for Contract Closeout, Change Order No. 1, Contract No. 21-B-24 Entitled “Discharge Piping Modifications for the Hydrocyclone System”
- y) Resolution No. 25-076
Resolution to Permit PVWC to Conduct qPCR Sampling and to Set Price for In-House qPCR Sampling
- z) Resolution No. 25-077
Resolution to Participate in the Water Research Foundation Tailored Collaborate Project to Study the Removal Efficiency of PFAS using Various Types of Media”
- aa) Resolution No. 25-078
Resolution to Extend Project No. 24-PE-01 entitled “Miscellaneous Inspections and Other Regulatory Compliance Issues for PVWC’s Reservoir Dams”
- bb) Resolution No. 25-079
Resolution Approving Change Order No. 1 for Contract 21-B-08 Entitled “Bituminous Cold Patch Materials”
- cc) Resolution No. 25-080
Resolution Approving Change Order No. 1 for Contract 22-V-19 Entitled “Furnish and Deliver Sulfuric Acid”

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DEPADUA
SECOND BY COMMISSIONER COTTON
ALL COMMISSIONERS PRESENT RESPONDED YES
JEFF LEVINE (ABSENT)**

9. REQUEST FOR ACTION:

- a. Project 25-PL-01 - Professional Legal Services for Review of Land Use and Related Matters
 - b. Project 25-PL-02 - Professional Bond Counsel Services
 - c. Project 25-PL-03 - Professional Legal Services Related to Loss Prevention, Insurance, Personal Injury Defense & Related Matters
 - d. Project 25-PL-04 - Professional Legal Services for Bankruptcy, Delinquencies and Related Matters
 - e. Project 25-PL-05 - Professional Legal Services Related to Employment Law/Personnel Matters and Other Related or Miscellaneous Legal Matters
 - f. Project 25-PL-06 - Special Counsel Services: Litigations, Contracts & Regulatory, Legislative & Policy Matters
 - g. Project 25-PL-07 - Professional Legal Services – Hearing Officer for Personnel Matters
 - h. Project 25-PL-08 - Professional Legal Services for Real Property Tax Appeals & Related Matters
 - i. Project 25-PL-09 - Special Counsel for Investigations
 - j. Project 25-PL-10 – Professional Legal Services Related to Workers’ Compensation Law and Related Matters
- b) Project 25-PE-20: Request Permission to Solicit Proposals under the Fair and Open Process for “Professional Services for Filter Optimization”: Perform filter studies to optimize the filter runs and backwashes and make improvements to PVWC's existing bed expansion tools. Work would also include design and installation of additional filter bed expansion monitors and connecting instrumentation to Plant SCADA. Budgeted Amount: \$150,000
- c) Contract 25-B-04: Request Permission to Solicit Bids for the “LFWTP Filter Valve Replacement.” Replace valves in the Filter Building. CCE = \$5 M. 2-Year Contract.
- d) Contract 25-B-07: Request Permission to Solicit Bids for the “Meter Replacement Program, Phase A1: Retail Customers – Paterson” [Overall PF = \$4M -DWSRF]. Meter replacement, 2-inch and smaller; older than 5 years up to 9,240 meters. CCE = \$4M. 2-Year Contract.

- e) Contract 25-B-08: Request Permission to Solicit Bids for the “Meter Replacement Program, Phase 1B: Retail Customers – Clifton” [PF = \$3M – CWSRF]. Meter replacement, 2-inch and smaller; older than 5 years up to 9,240 meters. CCE = \$3M 2-Year Contract.
- f) Project 25-PE-25: Request Permission to Solicit Proposals under the Fair and Open Process for “Meter Replacement Program: Construction Administration And Management Services for the Meter Replacement Program” [PF up to \$2M]. Oversee Meter Replacement Contracts for the Main System – Phase 1A and 1B. CCE = \$580,000. 2-Year Contract

10. NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DEPADUA

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER FRIEND

ALL COMMISSIONERS PRESENT RESPONDED YES

Summary of Disbursements & Payrolls thru April 23, 2025, in the amount of \$12,932,557.19 Certified by Treasurer Depadua and Comptroller Weiss.

Commissioner Cotton Abstainer on Check Numbers 255069

11. Recommendations from Executive Conference

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER VAN RENSALIER

SECOND BY COMMISSIONER COTTON

ALL COMMISSIONERS PRESENT RESPONDED YES. Commissioner Levine (Absent)

New Hires:

1. Jory Bell promotion to Chemist 1 (as per CSC list, ranked #1)

Laboratory Dept.

Current Position: Sr. Lab Tech Water Analysis

Current Salary: \$80,917

Current Range: \$60,000 - \$85,843

Proposed Title: Chemist 1

Proposed Salary: \$85,021

Title Range: \$75,000 - \$101,440

2. Scott Manning promotion to Mechanic Diesel

Maintenance Dept.

Current Position: Mechanic

Current Salary: \$88,482

Current Range: \$50,000-\$88,482

Proposed Title: Mechanic Diesel

Proposed Salary: \$91,208

Title Range: \$65,000 - \$102,110

New Hire:

- 3. Chirag Trivedi, as a Chemist 3**
Laboratory Dept.
Proposed Salary: \$105,000
Title Range: \$90,000 - \$140,127

New Hire & Salary Range Change:

- 4. Francine Stafford as Director of Environmental Health & Safety,**
Industrial Hygienist (CSC Title)
EH&S Dept.
Current Title Range: \$75,000 - \$198,819
Proposed Title Range: \$165,000-\$198,819
Proposed Salary: \$165,000

New Title:

- 5. Information Technology Dept:**
Proposed Title: Network Administrator 1
Proposed Range: \$90,000-\$120,000

Separations:

Information Technology Dept.
Henry Hernandez, Sr. Technician, MIS, Retirement 4/1/25

Purification Dept.
Alexander Ortiz, Water Treatment Plant Operator, Resignation 4/11/25

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DEPADUA
SECOND BY COMMISSIONER RIZZI
COMMISSIONERS DEPADUA, FRIEND, RIZZI AND SANCHEZ
RESPONDED YES. COMMISSIONERS COTTON AND
VAN RENSALIER RESPONDED NO. Commissioner Levine (Absent)

RESOLUTION FOR BUDGET AMENDMENT, CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 FOR
PROJECT NO. 24-PA-01 ENTITLED "CONSULTING SERVICES FOR
STAFFING AND RECRUITMENT" Six (6) Month Extension in the Amount of
\$80,000.00 for the Position of EH&S-Industrial Hygienist

- 12. GOOD & WELFARE**
THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 21,
2025 AT 10:00 AM
- 13. ADJOURNMENT: 12:07 P.M.**