PLAINFIELD MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

Minutes of the Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting
Tuesday, March 13, 2018

127 Roosevelt Avenue
Plainfield, New Jersey

I. OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS LAW (STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE)

Commissioner Edghill, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. by reading the Statement of Compliance.

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

III ROLL CALL

Present	Also Present
Commissioner Robin Bright	Mr. Daniel Mejias, Executive Director
Commissioner Miguel Edghill	Mr. Duane Young, Chief Financial Officer
Commissioner Michelle Graham-Lyons	Mr. Kevin Conti, Board Attorney
Commissioner Henry V. Robinson via phone	Mrs. Roslyn Mathis, Recording Secretary
Alt. #1 Commissioner Marleen Powell	Staff and Public

Commissioner Pedro Estevez	Absent
Alt. #2 Commissioner Pat Van Slyke	Absent

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- February 8, 2018, Committee Meeting Minutes; and
- February 8, 2018, Committee Executive Session Minutes; and
- February 13, 2018, Reorganization Meeting Minutes; and
- February 13, 2018, Reorganization Executive Session Minutes

Commissioner Bright moved to approve the February 8, 2018 Committee Meeting Minutes; February 8, 2018 Committee Executive Session Minutes; February 13, 2018 Reorganization Meeting Minutes; and February 13, Reorganization Executive Session Minutes; seconded by Alternate Commissioner Powell. The motion carried, on a roll-call vote, with five members in favor and none opposed.

RECORDED VOTE **February 8, 2018 Committee Meeting and Executive Session Minutes; and February 13, 2018 Reorganization Meeting and Executive Session Minutes**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	PRESENT NOT VOTING	NOT PRESENT
Robin Bright	X				
Miguel Edghill	X				
Pedro Estevez					X
Michelle Graham-Lyons	X				
Henry V. Robinson	X				
Alternate #1 Marleen Powell	X				
Alternate #2 Pat Van Slyke					X

V. COMMUNICATIONS

Executive Director Mejias advised he had a matter to discuss in Executive Session.

VI. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

- Finance Committee

Mr. Young reported as the Rate Hearing was held earlier this evening, the budget is on the agenda for consideration and adoption this evening. If adopted, it will be sent to the State to complete the final stage, and the process for the 2018 budget will be complete.

He added members of the Board and Finance Committee, and Executive Staff went through an extensive process vetting how cost cutting could be accomplished, there was quite a bit of homework and Board input necessary to reach the determination the increase in rates was necessary after not having an increase for the last eight years, and PMUA even had a decrease in one of those years.

- Personnel Committee

Executive Direction Mejias reported the Personnel Committee did not meet.

- Buildings & Operations Committee

Executive Director Mejias reported the Buildings & Operations Committee did not meet.

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Executive Director Mejias reported PMUA, along with the City of Plainfield Police Department, Fire Department, Health Department, and Zoning Department has been invited to participate in a Quality of Life Task Force spearheaded by the City of Plainfield. He said the title implies quality of life issues. Executive Director Mejias gave the Board a detailed description of the actions PMUA is taking regarding the quality of life in the City of Plainfield.

Executive Director Mejias reported regarding on-going business that PMUA has been approached by six neighboring municipalities interested in participating in shared services. He said the rates charged to Plainfield citizens would be higher if it wasn't for this additional revenue. Executive Director Mejias reported in response to a comment made at the Rate Hearing regarding PMUA's shared services arrangement with Fanwood that the project did not require additional manpower, and did not require overtime; that was the efficiency PMUA evaluated before recommending approval of the arrangement.

Lastly, Executive Director Mejias reported the Board has agreed not to hire an efficiency consultant at this time. He advised there was a staff meeting yesterday and he explained they were being charged with the responsibility to review their departments and report back with recommendations of efficiencies, if there are any to be achieved. Once he has received that information, he will prepare a report to share with the Board and, depending on the report, if the Board is not satisfied with the recommendations and it is felt an efficiency consultant is needed, he has names and background information prepared for the Board to review.

A. Attorney's Report

Mr. Conti, Board Attorney advised there was nothing to report at this time.

B. Administration Report

Executive Director Mejias advised there was nothing to report at this time.

C. Finance Report

Mr. Young advised the Finance Report contains the usual reports as well as the bills list. There are also resolutions to adopt the 2018 Sanitary Sewer Operating Budget and the 2018 solid Waste Operating Budget.

Mr. Conti presented **Resolution No. 29-2018, authorizing the approval of the bills list.** Commissioner Bright moved to accept Resolution No. 29-2018 as read, seconded by Commissioner Graham-Lyons. The motion carried, on a roll-call vote, with five members in favor and none opposed.

RECORDED VOTE **Resolution #29-2018 Bills List**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	PRESENT NOT VOTING	NOT PRESENT
Robin Bright	X				
Miguel Edghill	X				
Pedro Estevez					X
Michelle Graham-Lyons	X				
Henry V. Robinson	X				
Alternate #1 Marleen Powell	X				
Alternate #2 Pat Van Slyke					X

Mr. Conti presented **Resolution No. 30-2018, adopting the Calendar Year 2018 Sanitary Sewer Operating Budget.** Commissioner Graham-Lyons moved Resolution No. 30-2018 be accepted as read, seconded by Alternate Commissioner Powell. The motion carried, on a roll-call vote, with five members in favor and none opposed.

RECORDED VOTE **Resolution #30-2018 Calendar Year 2018 Sanitary Sewer Operating Budget**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	PRESENT NOT VOTING	NOT PRESENT
Robin Bright	X				
Miguel Edghill	X				
Pedro Estevez					X
Michelle Graham-Lyons	X				
Henry V. Robinson	X				
Alternate #1 Marleen Powell	X				
Alternate #2 Pat Van Slyke					X

Mr. Conti presented **Resolution No. 31-2018, adopting the Calendar Year 2018 Solid Waste Operating Budget.** Commissioner Graham-Lyons moved Resolution 31-2018 be accepted as read, seconded by Alternate Commissioner Powell. The motion carried, on a roll-call vote, with five members in favor and none opposed.

RECORDED VOTE **Resolution #31-2018 Calendar Year 2018 Solid Waste Operating Budget**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	PRESENT NOT VOTING	NOT PRESENT
Robin Bright	X				
Miguel Edghill	X				
Pedro Estevez					X
Michelle Graham-Lyons	X				
Henry V. Robinson	X				
Alternate #1 Marleen Powell	X				
Alternate #2 Pat Van Slyke					X

D. Purchasing Department

Mr. Conti presented **Resolution No. 32-2018, authorizing use of various approved State contract vendors on an as needed basis.** Commissioner Graham-Lyons moved Resolution No. 32-2018 be accepted as read, seconded by Commissioner Bright. The motion carried, on a roll-call vote, with five members in favor and none opposed.

RECORDED VOTE **Resolution #32-2018 State Contract Vendors**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	PRESENT NOT VOTING	NOT PRESENT
Robin Bright	X				
Miguel Edghill	X				
Pedro Estevez					X
Michelle Graham-Lyons	X				
Henry V. Robinson	X				
Alternate #1 Marleen Powell	X				
Alternate #2 Pat Van Slyke					X

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

None.

X. PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Edghill advised the Board has come to the Public Hearing section of the meeting; any member of the public who wishes to speak will have three minutes; please stand, give your name and address.

Alan Goldstein, 939 Madison Ave. Mr. Goldstein stated he was not surprised there are aspects of corruption in this City that seems to include everybody involved in these little corners where they keep cropping up. He said he is surprised the Board is willing to put their names on a document knowing the agreement that was established between the Board of Commissioners, PMUA and City Council is not the agreement that's being followed. Mr. Goldstein said the Board can go through City Council minutes and other minutes where that agreement is described. Weeks after that agreement was adopted, they are doing something entirely different. He accused them of lying to the public about transparency, and it goes on year after year and it doesn't matter if it's the PMUA in 2000 or 2018, there's a taint to the whole situation.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Conti presented **Resolution No. 33-2018 providing for Executive Session in accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act.** Commissioner Graham-Lyons moved to accept Resolution No. 33-2018 as read, seconded by Commissioner Bright. The motion carried, on a roll-call vote, with five members in favor and none opposed.

RECORDED VOTE **Resolution #33-2018 Executive Session**

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	PRESENT NOT VOTING	NOT PRESENT
Robin Bright	X				
Miguel Edghill	X				
Pedro Estevez					X
Michelle Graham-Lyons	X				
Henry V. Robinson	X				
Alternate #1 Marleen Powell	X				
Alternate #2 Pat Van Slyke					X

The Board adjourned into Executive Session at 8:00 p.m.

The Board returned to the public section of the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Chairman Edghill summarized Executive Session, stating the Board discussed litigation matters.

Commissioner Bright advised Executive Director Mejias she received a call from Assemblyman Green's office regarding an elderly woman who is sick and is having trouble getting her cans to the curb. She inquired if PMUA has some type of service to help her. Executive Director Mejias advised they would need a doctor's note and she could receive back door service; he will see that it's resolved.

Commissioner Bright received a text from the Chairman of the Planning Board that his church is having an Earth Day program and would like someone from PMUA to attend. Executive Director Mejias responded he would have Darius Griffin call him.

Chairman Edghill thanked everyone for the Public Hearing today. He said they all worked very diligently on that; it wasn't an easy thing to do; they will continue to look at ways of saving money wherever they can and will continue to do what is best for PMUA and its ratepayers.

Commissioner Graham-Lyons moved, seconded by Alternate Commissioner Powell, and unanimously approved by the Board, to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Recorded by:

Roslyn Mathis, Recording Secretary

COMMISSIONER ROBIN C. BRIGHT
BOARD SECRETARY

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