

SUMMARY OF A BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING

HELD Thursday, November 5, 2020
at 5:30 p.m. – (via video conference/telephone)
[THESE ARE NOT THE OFFICIAL MINUTES]

The Governor’s Open Meeting Act (“OMA”) Proclamation allows members of governmental bodies to hold said meeting electronically (via telephone etc.) for purposes of establishing a quorum, deliberating and taking action; and via electronic equipment allows members of the public to listen to the meeting.

A regular meeting of the directors of The Water Works Board of the City of Birmingham was held on Thursday, November 5, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

The following directors were present: Ronald A. Mims, Tommy J. Alexander, Brenda J. Dickerson, Deborah Clark, Lucien Blankenship and George Munchus. Directors not present were William “Butch” Burbage, Jr., William Muhammad, and Brett A. King.

Others present were: Michael Johnson, General Manager; Derrick Murphy, Jeffrey Thompson and Iris Fisher, Assistant General Managers; Cynthia Williams, Board Administrator; Anitra Hendrix, Executive Assistant to the General Manager; Rick Jackson, Rosalind Jones, Marsha Hammonds-Walker, Hattye McCarroll, Matthew Pritchett, and Colandus Mason, BWWB Employees; Mary Thompson, Parnell Thompson Law, LLC; Emory Anthony, Esq.; and Martha Bozeman and Tommy Palladino, Agency 54.

Chairman Mims declared a quorum in attendance.

Chairman Mims called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. and Assistant General Manager Iris Fisher opened with prayer.

Following, Chairman Mims asked the Board to approve the agenda. Director Dickerson made a motion to approve the agenda and Director Alexander seconded the motion. On a motion duly made and seconded, the agenda was approved by unanimous vote.

Following, the Board moved to the first item on the agenda, Request Board to adopt a resolution authorizing surviving monthly retirement benefits from the Board's Retirement Trust Fund in accordance with the terms of the pension plan and as stated on the attached memo, effective December 1, 2020 for Ms. Betty Thomas, the surviving spouse of James Thomas; and Ms. Thomas will receive a retroactive payment for November 1, 2020 since Mr. Thomas passed away in October 2020; necessary to perform essential minimum functions of the governmental body. Director Dickerson made a motion to approve the item and Director Alexander seconded the motion. On a motion duly made and seconded, the item was approved by unanimous vote.

Following, the Board moved to the second item on the agenda, Pursuant to Act No. 2015-164, Section (4c), the BWWB is holding a Public Hearing to consider taking action consistent with Resolution No. 4166 which was adopted on December 22, 2003 as amended (i.e., adoption of the Rate Stabilization and Equalization Procedure (RSE Model) that determines whether a rate increase may be required; necessary to perform functions of the governmental body. The General Manager gave an overview of the agenda and the purpose of the public hearing. He gave an overview of several items including raw water system; finished water system; filtration plants; and

water capacity. Director Dickerson left the meeting at 5:42 p.m. and returned to the meeting at 5:43 p.m. The General Manager then gave an overview of Effective Utility Management, including the 10 attributes associated with it; how rates are determined using the rate stabilization and equalization model; rate setting; current financial policies, targets and goals; and strong bond ratings. He indicated there would not be a rate increase for fiscal year 2021. Following, an Assistant General Manager gave an overview of the proposed Operating & Maintenance Budget; the budget process; savings; key budget assumptions, including a cost of living increase of 1.30 percent and no merit; and the proposed budget of \$108,335,378. Following, an Assistant General Manager gave an overview of the capital budget; replacement of infrastructure; system assets; capital planning strategies; and water treatment controls. Following, the General Manager gave an overview of awards the BWWB has received. Next, comments were taken from the public via speakers and questions received via email.

Following, the Board moved to the third item on the agenda, New Business; necessary to perform essential minimum functions of the governmental body. As there was no New Business, the Chairman entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Next, Director Dickerson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Director Alexander seconded the motion. On a motion duly made and seconded, the motion was approved by unanimous vote and the meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.