



MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR
GARY SANITARY DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON **SEPTEMBER 9, 2020** AT 2:00PM – Via ZOOM Video Conferencing

1. The meeting was called to discuss the following, as authorized under Indiana Code Section 5-14-1.5-6:
 - The initiation of litigation, pending litigation, or written notice of threatened litigation.
2. The following persons were in attendance at the Executive Session:

PRESENT

Maurice G. Mabon, President, *via conference call*
Ola V. Morris, Secretary, *via conference call*
Charles W. Jackson, Jr., Member, *via Zoom Video Conferencing*
Tramel Raggs, Member, *via Zoom Video Conferencing*
Daniel F. Vicari, Executive Director, *via Zoom Video Conferencing*
James Meyer, Attorney, *via conference call*

ABSENT

Charles G. Peller, Jr.
Vern E. White
Attorney Tony Walker

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3. The following matters were discussed and information received by the Board during its advertised Executive Session, and NO OFFICIAL ACTION was taken.
 - Collective bargaining.
 - Initiation of litigation or litigation that is either pending or has been threatened specifically in writing. As used in this clause, “litigation” includes any judicial action or administrative law proceeding under federal or state law.
 - For discussion of records classified as confidential by state or federal statute.

**GARY SANITARY DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Maurice G. Mabon, President

Ola V. Morris, Secretary



MINUTES OF THE GARY SANITARY DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON **SEPTEMBER 9, 2020**

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, September 9, 2020
TIME: 3:00PM
LOCATION: Video / Tele Conferencing

TYPE: Regular Meeting
NOTICE PROVIDED IN ADVANCE: YES
QUORUM: YES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT via

| Video Conferencing | Tele-Conferencing |
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| Tramel Raggs Charles W. Jackson, Jr. | Maurice G. Mabon Ola V. Morris |

ABSENT MEMBERS

Charles G. Peller, Jr.

OTHERS PRESENT via

| Video Conferencing | Tele-Conferencing |
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| Daniel F. Vicari | James Meyer |

OTHERS ABSENT

Vern E. White
Tony Walker

Attendee Titling:

Maurice G. Mabon, President
Charles G. Peller, Jr., Vice-President
Ola V. Morris, Secretary/Treasurer
Charles W. Jackson, Jr., Member
Tramel Raggs, Jr., Member

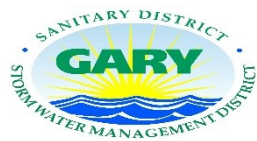
James Meyer, Attorney
Daniel F. Vicari, Executive Director

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6677681093>
Meeting ID: 667 768 1039

Call to Order: 3:05 PM by Commissioner Mabon

As this meeting was conducted via Video/Tele-Conferencing, no action was taken for the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Mabon began the Meeting with Roll Call. He then certified that prior to the September 9, 2020 Board Meeting, there was an Executive Session held and there was nothing discussed in the Executive Session that was not indicated on the Posted Notice of the Executive Session; and being in compliance with the Indiana Statues, there were no final votes held during the Executive Session. Commissioner Mabon asked if any Board Member dissented to the certification. Hearing none, he then proceeded with the meeting.

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1. MINUTES

As per the Minutes of the August 17, 2020 Regular Board Meeting, Commissioner Mabon called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving the minutes.

A motion to accept the Minutes of the Executive Session Items and the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of August 17, 2020 with any/all noted corrections; was given by Commissioner Morris. The motion for approval of the minutes was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed without dissent.

The vote: Four (4)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No

2. NEW BUSINESS

2a. A Motion to Approve an Award of Bid to E.C. Babilla, Inc., for the New Administration Roof Replacement Project (GSD Project No. SD19-01), for an amount not-to-exceed \$262,094.00.

Overview: Executive Director Vicari stated the Administration Building has its original roof; which is a ballasted roof (meaning: the roof membrane is not anchored or adhered in any way to the decking material. It is ballasted, generally with gravel – in this instance, it is river rock); and has gone beyond its useful life and is leaking in various locations. Bids were solicited for a more modern roof (rubber membrane roof). Two (2) bids were received at the August 17, 2020 Board Meeting: (1) E.C. Babilla (Gary-based) and (2) Korellis Roofing (Hammond, Indiana-based). Both bidders' amounts were just within \$500 of each other. E.C. Babilla's bid was, at face value, the lowest bid. There was no requirement to invoke the Gary 10% Preference Ordinance. E.C. Babilla's bid was reviewed and was found to be complete (including bid bond, etc.).

Executive Director Vicari recommended approval of GSD Agenda Item 2a.

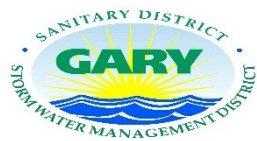
Commissioner Mabon called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2a. Commissioner Jackson gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve an Award of Bid to E.C. Babilla, Inc., for the New Administration Roof Replacement Project (GSD Project No. SD19-01) was seconded by Commissioner Morris and passed/approved.

The vote: Four (4)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No

2b. A Motion to Approve an Agreement between the City of Gary, Indiana and the Gary Sanitary District for Reimbursement of Costs of Recycling Services.

Overview: Executive Director Vicari stated back in May 2020, the GSD Board approved an amendment to an in-place Agreement with Republic Services for Solid Waste Services. One of the services referenced in the original bid solicitation was recycling. However, recycling was a service not taken advantage of at the time of the original contract. GSD worked with Republic Services (in April and May 2020) to obtain a workable number of Residents who recycle. Now that a workable number has been obtained, GSD looks to be reimbursed for recycling services from the City of Gary. The City receives an Entitlement Grant that is adequate to cover the costs GSD pays for said services. Under the Agreement, GSD will invoice the City of Gary every January and July.

Executive Director Vicari recommended approval of GSD Agenda Item 2b.



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Commissioner Mabon called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2b. Commissioner Jackson gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve an Agreement between the City of Gary, Indiana and the Gary Sanitary District for Reimbursement of Costs of Recycling Services was seconded by Commissioner Morris and passed/approved.

The vote: Four (4)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No

Question: Commissioner Jackson asked the cost GSD can expect to receive from The City of Gary per unit (household) for Recycling Services.

Response: Executive Director Vicari stated the cost (for the 1st Year) is \$7.70 per unit (household that recycles; in May 2021 the price will be \$7.93 as there is a price escalator built into the agreement. The agreement will expire in May 2022. At present, it is estimated there are 3,300 Residents within the City of Gary who utilize the recycling services; and GSD estimates to be out of pocket \$189,000 this year for recycling services with Republic Services. In year 2021, GSD estimates to be out of pocket with Republic Services the amount of \$324,000; and \$360,000 in year 2022. Other costs GSD has accumulated is the purchase of recycling carts – which costs approximately \$20,000 for 450 carts. Republic Services has a dispatch for Gary Residents in need of a recycling cart – 219-310-2307.

2c. A Motion to Approve GSD Resolution No. SD20-14, Authorizing the Use of a Credit Card for Certain Expenditures and the Issuance of a Credit Card.

Overview: Executive Director Vicari stated many times a credit card is needed for expenses relative to GSD.

Executive Director Vicari recommended approval of GSD Agenda Item 2c.

Commissioner Mabon called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2c. Commissioner Morris gave the motion to approve. A Motion to Approve GSD Resolution No. SD20-14, Authorizing the Use of a Credit Card for Certain Expenditures and the Issuances of a Credit Card was seconded by Commissioner Raggs and passed/approved.

The vote: Four (4)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No

Question: Commissioner Jackson asked how the credit card will be used.

Response: Executive Director Vicari stated the credit card will be used for items such as conference fees and registrations, travel and lodging. It will be one (1) card issued to the Executive Director only. Multiple cards will not be issued to any other staff.



2d. A Motion to Approve GSD Resolution No. SD20-15, Amending the Garbage Collection Fees for the Collection of Trash, Garbage and Refuse within the City of Gary, Indiana.

Overview: Executive Director Vicari stated the last Resolution approved relative to Garbage Collection Services dated back to Year 2012. Originally services were awarded to Waste Management. In the year that followed, both parties agreed to terminate the contract. Republic Services, on an interim basis, assumed the services for trash collection until GSD solicited new bids (three (3) bids were received). Based upon the number of households, Republic Services expects payment for trash collections within the City of Gary; along with the transfer stations and under the current rate, GSD is not collecting enough monies to pay the monthly invoicing. A new rate model has been created with the assistance of Cender & Company. The new rate is \$27.45 per month per unit (household) for Garbage Collection Fees (current rate is \$16.30 per household). If said Resolution is approved, it will be forwarded to the City of Gary Common Council for Ordinance approval.

Note: Per Attorney Meyer, Resolution No. SD20-15 is not being approved today. Today's vote is to give authorization to advertise a Public Hearing for the Public's Input and Notification of what is being proposed.

NEW MOTION TITLE: A Motion to Approve Holding a Public Hearing relative to GSD Resolution No. SD20-15 to Amend the Garbage Collection Fees for the Collection of Trash, Garbage and Refuse within the City of Gary, Indiana.

Executive Director Vicari recommended approval of GSD Agenda Item 2d.

Commissioner Mabon called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2d. Commissioner Raggs gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve Holding a Public Hearing on GSD Resolution No. SD20-15 relative to Amending the Garbage Collection Fees for the Collection of Trash, Garbage and Refuse within the City of Gary, Indiana – date TO BE DETERMINED was seconded by Commissioner Jackson and passed/approved.

The vote: Four (4)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No

Question: Commissioner Mabon asked Attorney Meyer for input regarding the proposed rate increase.

Response: Attorney Meyer stated GSD should move forward with approving holding the Public Hearing and raising the rate as GSD currently doesn't generate enough money to pay for the trash collections services under the current rated amount, GSD supplements paying for the collection services with sewer user fees and Clean Water Act fees to cover the deficiency. In addition, the Long Term Control Plan (LTCP) is currently being negotiated with USDOJ and USEPA and detailed revenues and expenditure information is requested by the parties negotiating the LTCP.



3. CLAIMS

3a. GSD Claims Numbers: 2743 thru 2920, in the amount of \$1,350,160.72

Overview: Executive Director Vicari recommended approval and ratification of the GSD Claims.

Commissioner Mabon called for the Board pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 3a. Commissioner Jackson gave the motion to approve. The motion for approval and ratification of GSD Claims Numbers 2743 thru 2920 was seconded by Commissioner Morris and passed/approved.

The vote: Four (4)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No

4. INFORMATION UPDATES

There were no Information Updates.

5. DISCUSSION

There were no discussion items.

6. REQUEST TO SPEAK

There was no one present requesting to speak.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:48PM

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD DURING THE MEETING ON:

09/21/2020

Maurice G. Mabon, President

Ola V. Morris, Secretary

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