

**SEACOAST UTILITY AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING & PUBLIC WORKSHOP**

July 24, 2024

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: 3:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Ron Ferris, Chair
Robert Weisman, Vice Chair
David Dyess, Member
Karen Marcus, Member

ALSO PRESENT: Noah Tennyson, General Counsel
Rim Bishop, Executive Director
Jessica Moore, Authority Clerk
Dawn Phillips, Deputy Clerk

ABSENT: John D'Agostino, President Pro-Tem

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

*****OPENED PUBLIC WORKSHOP*****

RESOLUTION NO. 3-2024, A RESOLUTION OF THE AUTHORITY BOARD OF THE SEACOAST UTILITY AUTHORITY; ADOPTING THE ANNUAL OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2024, TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2025, FOR SEACOAST UTILITY AUTHORITY; AUTHORIZING AN INDEXED 5.2% INCREASE TO ALL WATER, SEWER, AND RECLAIMED WATER RATES INCLUDING LOW-PRESSURE SEWER AND WATER MAIN EXTENSION ASSESSMENTS EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023; AUTHORIZING LINE-ITEM BUDGET TRANSFERS BETWEEN DEPARTMENTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

(Read by Authority Clerk Jessica Moore)

A. Board Comment/Deliberation

Vice Chair Bob Weisman commented that the presented budget looks good and that he has no comments.

Chair Ron Ferris agreed.

B. Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

*****CLOSED PUBLIC WORKSHOP*****

*****DETERMINED THE CONSENT AGENDA*****

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Considered a motion to approve the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MEETING OF JUNE 26, 2024

Considered motion to approve the minutes for the meeting of June 26, 2024

AGREEMENTS

1. Low Pressure Sewer System Connection Agreement – 14180 Leeward Way, Palm Beach Gardens

Considered a motion to approve Low Pressure Sewer System Connection Agreement – 14180 Leeward Way, Palm Beach Gardens, as recommended by staff.

2. FDOT Utility Relocation and Escrow Agreements – I-95 and Northlake Boulevard

Considered a motion to approve FDOT Utility Relocation and Escrow Agreements – I-95 and Northlake Boulevard with the Florida Department of Transportation for the I-95 and Northlake Boulevard Interchange Project, as recommended by staff.

DONALD ROSS ROAD LOW-PRESSURE FORCE MAIN CROSSING – CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 (N2384)

Considered a motion to approve Donald Ross Road Low-Pressure Force Main Crossing – Agreement for Professional Services, Change Order No. 1 with Chen Moore Associates in the amount of \$44,285.00, as recommended by staff.

MOTION

Board Members Weisman/Dyess moved to approve the consent agenda, as recommended by staff.

The motion carried unanimously.

*****ENDED CONSENT AGENDA*****

HOOD ROAD WATER TREATMENT PLANT – ACCESS SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS (R2429)

MOTION

Board Members Weisman/Dyess moved to approve Hood Road Water Treatment Plant – Access Security Improvements with Johnson Controls in the amount of \$118,193.74 with a supporting budget transfer of \$119,000.00 from R2443, as recommended by staff.

The motion carried unanimously.
HOOD ROAD WTP SERVER ROOM UPGRADES (R2415)

MOTION

Board Members Weisman/Dyess moved to approve Hood Road WTP Server Room Upgrades with Black and Veatch in the amount of \$199,999.00 with a supporting budget transfer of \$200,000.00 from R2314 – 30-inch Force Main and 24-inch Reclaimed Water Main Installation at I-95, as recommended by staff.

The motion carried unanimously.

OLD PORT COVE 8-INCH FORCE MAIN REPLACEMENT – AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES (R2477)

MOTION

Board Members Marcus/Weisman moved to approve Old Port Cove 8-Inch Force Main Replacement – Agreement for Professional Services with EAC Consulting, Inc., in the amount of \$204,256.34 with a supporting budget transfer of \$145,050.00 from R2314 – 30-inch Force Main and 24-inch Reclaimed Water Main Installation at I-95, as recommended by staff.

The motion carried unanimously.

CONGRESS AVENUE EXTENSION UTILITY RELOCATIONS, PHASE 1, CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 AND NO. 2 – R2155

MOTION

Board Members Marcus/Weisman moved to approve Congress Avenue Extension Utility Relocations, Phase 1, Change Orders No. 1 and No. 2 with Chen Moore & Associates, in the total amount of \$180,116.00, as recommended by staff.

The motion carried unanimously.

JUNO ISLES WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT, PHASE 2 – REVIEW COMMITTEE SELECTION FOR DESIGN BUILD SERVICES (R2394)

MOTION

Board Members Weisman/Marcus moved to approve Juno Isles Water Main Replacement, Phase 2 – Review Committee Selection for Design Build Services agreement with Amici Engineering Contractors, LLC. in the amount of \$6,854,872.50, as recommended by staff.

Mr. Weisman informed the board that the process of election worked well, and the price of the awarded vendor was significantly less than the other.

The motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Board Member Karen Marcus thanked Executive Director Rim Bishop for assisting in the process of making sanitary sewer service available to MacArthur Beach State Park.

STAFF REPORT

Executive Director Rim Bishop stated the engineer's report and the financial report were in the packet. Chief Operations Officer Brandon Selle was present for any engineer report questions. Chief Financial Officer Daniela Russell was present virtually for any financial report questions.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board, Chair Ron Ferris adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:04 PM.

APPROVAL:

RON FERRIS, CHAIR

ROBERT WEISMAN, VICE-CHAIR

JOHN D'AGOSTINO, PRESIDENT PRO-TEM

DAVID DYESS, MEMBER

KAREN MARCUS, MEMBER

ATTEST:

JESSICA MOORE, AUTHORITY CLERK