



**AGENDA FOR A REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**  
**SCHEDULED WEDNESDAY, March 20, 2024**  
**at 11:30 a.m.**

Members of the public may listen to the meeting by calling  
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CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Request Board **to approve** minutes from the following:
  - 1.1 Regular Board of Directors' Meeting held January 10, 2024
  - 1.2 Regular Board of Directors' Meeting held February 12, 2024

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

- Finance Committee Meeting held March 20, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

- A. Chair
- B. Directors
- C. General Manager/Assistant General Manager(s)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SPEAKERS

NEW BUSINESS

2. Request Board **to approve** payment of invoices from the following:
  - 2.1 Dominick Feld Hyde, P.C. for the following:
    - 2.1.1 For professional services rendered February 1, 2024 through February 29, 2024 related to the Pension Plan in the amount of \$930.00.
    - 2.1.2 For professional services rendered February 1, 2024 through February 29, 2024 related to other benefits in the amount of \$2,748.00.
  - 2.2 Terminus Municipal Advisors, LLC for professional services rendered February 2024 in the amount of \$10,000.00.
  - 2.3 The Jones Group, LLC for professional services rendered February 2024 in the amount of \$15,000.00.
  - 2.4 o2 Ideas for professional services rendered February 2024 in the amount of \$17,900.00.

- 2.5 CBG Strategies, LLC for professional services rendered February 2024 in the amount of \$25,350.00.
  - 2.6 Kelvin W. Howard, LLC for professional services rendered February 2024 in the amount of \$29,160.00.
  - 2.7 Parnell Thompson, LLC for professional services rendered February 2024 in the amount of \$63,570.00.
3. Request Board **to approve** the following items, as recommended by the Engineering and Maintenance Committee:

3.1 **To award bids to:**

- 3.1.1 Gillespie Construction, LLC, **the lowest responsible and responsive bidder**, for the replacement of approximately 2,680-feet of 2-inch galvanized steel pipe / 2-inch unlined cast iron pipe and 830-feet of 2-inch cast iron cement lined (CICL) pipe with approximately 4,080-feet of 6-inch DICL pipe and related appurtenances; and 86 water services along 52nd Street South; 7th Avenue South; 51st Street South; 8th Avenue South; 53rd Street South; 54th Street South; and 9th Avenue South in the Crestwood Community of the City of Birmingham, Alabama at a bid amount of \$1,047,889.20; plus estimated cost of materials and Water Board labor in the amount of \$577,070.61; for an estimated out-of-pocket cost to the Board of \$1,624,959.81; and **to authorize** the General Manager and/or Assistant General Manager to execute the agreement. [NOTE: The Historically Underutilized Business (HUB)'s participation is 36.7%.]

NO OF BIDS: 6      MINORITY VENDOR BID: No ✓ or Yes      NEW VENDOR: No ✓ or Yes

- 3.1.2 Willoughby Contracting Company, Inc., **the lowest responsible and responsive bidder**, for the replacement of approximately 1,160-feet of 2-inch galvanized steel pipe / 2-inch unlined cast iron pipe and 3,590-feet of 2-inch cast iron cement lined (CICL) pipe with approximately 3,740-feet of 6-inch DICL pipe; 1,040-feet of 4-inch DICL pipe and related appurtenances; and 125 water services along 13th Avenue North; 43rd Street North; 12th Avenue North; 44th Street North; and 44th Place North in the Kingston Community of the City of Birmingham, Alabama at a bid amount of \$1,161,618.40; plus estimated cost of materials and Water Board labor in the amount of \$616,132.29; for an estimated out-of-pocket cost to the Board of \$1,777,750.69; and **to authorize** the General Manager and/or Assistant General Manager to execute the agreement. [NOTE: The Historically Underutilized Business (HUB)'s participation is 41.2%.]

NO OF BIDS: 7      MINORITY VENDOR BID: No ✓ or Yes      NEW VENDOR: No ✓ or Yes

- 3.2 **To approve a scope of services agreement** with WSP USA Environment & Infrastructure, Inc. (WSP USA, Inc.) for geotechnical exploration and structural design services to complete the Inland Lake 60-Inch Raw Water Pipeline Improvements project at an estimated out-of-pocket cost to the Board of \$123,150.00; and **to authorize** the General Manager and/or Assistant General Manager to execute the agreement. [NOTE: The Historically Underutilized Business (HUB)'s participation is 21.5%.]

- 3.3 **To approve** a change order requested by Russo Corporation for Carson Loop Phase 6D main reinforcement project for additional funds at a total out-of-pocket cost to the Board of \$939,653.38; and **to authorize** the General Manager and/or Assistant General Manager to execute the agreement.
- 3.4 **To approve** an Emergency Rental Agreement with Merrell Bros., Inc, for a liquid and dewatered biosolids processing unit for the Shades Mountain Filter Plant Solid Handling Facility, at an estimated out-of-pocket cost to the Board of \$1,291,200.00; and **to authorize** the General Manager and/or Assistant General Manager to execute the agreement.
- 3.5 **To approve** a one-year agreement with Software House International (SHI), effective March 10, 2024 through March 09, 2025, for VMware vSphere renewal license, support, and maintenance, at a total out-of-pocket cost to the Board of \$58,241.92; and **to authorize** the General Manager and/or the Assistant General Manager to execute the agreement. [NOTE: This service is exempt from bidding because it is a Sourcwell contract #081419-SHI.]
- 3.6 **To approve** a one-year renewal agreement with Verinext, effective March 29, 2024 through March 28, 2025, for Zerto Data Replication and Cloud Disaster Recovery Service, at a total out-of-pocket cost to the Board of \$77,840.40; and **to authorize** the General Manager and/or the Assistant General Manager to execute the agreement.
4. Request Board **to ratify and approve** (i) an agreement with Municipal Government Investors Corp., (mGIC) to bid the following: funds from a Guaranteed Investment Contract heretofore with Bayerische Landesbank that matured on February 15, 2024 for \$51,519,811.13, plus accrued interest; ratify and confirm the acceptance of the bid for an Investment Agreement providing for reinvestment of such balance with Natixis Funding Corp. (as guaranteed by its parent corporation Natixis); and **ratify and confirm** the authorization of the General Manager and/or the Assistant General Manager to execute the agreement and execute all documents necessary to complete the transaction, as recommended by the Finance Committee.
5. Request Board **to approve** a sponsorship of the Alabama/Mississippi Water Joint Annual Conference in the amount of \$5,000.00, as recommended by the Executive Committee.
6. Request Board **to authorize** the Chairwoman to sign a consulting agreement with former Assistant General Manager Darryl Jones to provide advice, counseling, and assistance concerning all aspects of the Operations and Technical Services Division.
7. Request Board **to authorize** the Chairwoman to sign a consulting agreement with former Manager of Customer Support Services Randolph Harmon to provide the Board of Directors with an assessment of and recommendations for all aspects of the customer billing process.
8. Request Board **to enter** an Executive Session to discuss matters that are appropriate under Ala. Code Section 36-25A-7.

ADJOURNMENT