

SUMMARY OF A COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD Tuesday, September 29, 2020

At 11:30 a.m. – (Electronically [via Teleconference/telephone])

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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 Finance Committee meeting of the directors of The Water Works Board of the City of Birmingham was held on Tuesday, September 29, 2020 at 11:30 a.m., via electronically [via teleconference/telephone].

The following Committee members were present via a roll call: Committee Chairman William “Butch” Burbage Jr., Ronald A. Mims, and William R. Muhammad. Other directors present were Brenda J. Dickerson, Deborah Clark, Tommy J. Alexander, Lucien Blankenship, and George Munchus.

Others were present via telephone: Michael Johnson, General Manager; Derrick Murphy, Jeffrey Thompson and Iris Fisher, Assistant General Managers; Grace Amison, Executive Assistant to the Board of Directors; Cynthia Williams, Board Administrator; Vanessa Washington, Executive Assistant; Colandus Mason, Rosalind Jones, Shelia Patterson, Joyce Komo, Rick Jackson and Valencia Dulaney, BWWB Employees; Peiffer Brandt, Raftelis.

Inasmuch as all of the Committee members were present, a quorum was in attendance.

Committee Chairman Burbage Jr., called the meeting to order at 11:33 a.m. Assistant General Manager Iris Fisher opened the meeting with prayer.

Next, Committee Chairman Burbage Jr., made a motion to accept the Agenda. Director Mims seconded. GM Johnson requested that agenda item 2.1, FY2021 Capital Budget be presented before agenda item 2.2, FY2021 Operations & Maintenance (O&M) Budget. The changes to the agenda were accepted, and it was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

Following, agenda item one requested the Committee to approve minutes of the June 2, 2020 Finance Committee Meeting; necessary to perform essential minimum functions of the governmental body. Director Mims made a motion to approve the agenda item. Director Muhammad seconded. Agenda item one was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

Next, agenda item two requested the Committee to receive the Preliminary FY2021 Capital and Operations & Maintenance (O&M) Budgets; necessary to perform essential minimum functions of the governmental body. AGM Murphy presented the Capital Budget to the Board, which consisted of the (1) Current System Assets (2) Capital Planning Strategy Review and (3) FY 2021 Proposed Capital Budget. A discussion ensued on the project for a new Envirolab Building. After answering various questions from the Board, AGM Murphy discussed the

remaining capital budget items and then concluded his presentation. Following, AGM Fisher presented the FY2021 O&M Budget. She gave an overview on rate setting, the RSE Process and the RSE Model. In addition, AGM Fisher discussed the Budget Process & Highlights. There was much discussion on not having a rate increase and no merit for consideration in the budget. Also, the Board indicated concerns regarding the chemicals and their cost. Issues with non-revenue water was also brought forth and staff was asked to investigate possibilities of reducing loss. Peiffer Brandt presented various projections for 2021. Afterwards, AGM Fisher, concluded the presentation with debt service coverage.

Subsequently, agenda item three addressed new business. A motion was made by Director Muhammad to change the next two Finance Committee Meetings to Executive Committee Meetings, to allow everyone a vote on the budgets with Chairman Burbage Jr., serving as chair of the Committee. Director Mims seconded, and the motion was approved by a unanimous roll call vote. GM Johnson proposed November 5, 2020 for the public hearing.

As there was no further business before the Committee, Director Muhammad made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Mims seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously by a voice vote. Committee Chair Burbage Jr., adjourned the meeting at 2:26 p.m.