PASSAIC VALLEY WATER COMMISSION MEETING OF

JULY 27, 2022

(OPEN SESSION)

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

RIGO SANCHEZ, President

GERALD G. FRIEND, Vice President

CARMEN DEPADUA, Treasurer

RUBY COTTON, Secretary

JEFFREY LEVINE (Absent)

RONALD VAN RENSALIER (Via Zoom)

JOSEPH KOLODZIEJ

ALSO PRESENT:

JAMES MUELLER, Executive Director

LOUIS AMODIO, Interim Business (Absent)

Adminstrator/Administrative Secretary

YAACOV BRISMAN, General Counsel

YITZ WEISS, Comptroller

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| 1  | PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: It's 9:30, I have a                                |
| 2  | quorum.   |
| 3  | Let's get going.  |
| 4  | MR. BRISMAN: Okay. The meeting of                                     |
| 5  | July 27, 2022, of Passaic Valley Water Commission                     |
| 6  | is called to order. This meeting has been noticed                     |
| 7  | in accordance with <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 10:4-6 <u>et</u> <u>seq</u> . Open |
| 8  | Public Meetings Act.  |
| 9  | Are we ready for roll call?   |
| 10 | PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Sure.  |
| 11 | MR. BRISMAN: Roll call.   |
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| 13 | (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners                               |
| 14 | present respond in the affirmative. Commissioner                      |
| 15 | Depadua is not present yet. Commissioner Levine                       |
| 16 | is absent)  |
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| 18 | (Pledge of Allegiance)  |
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| 20 | MR. BRISMAN: President Sanchez, I forgot                              |
| 21 | to call Commissioner Van Rensalier.                                   |
| 22 | Are you here?   |
| 23 | PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: He's there.  |
| 24 | MR. BRISMAN: He's here appearing on                                   |
| 25 | video. Hopefully, he'll get his audio soon.                           |
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| 1  | We'll start with Public Comments.                  |
| 2  | PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: I'm pretty sure                 |
| 3  | Carmen's on the way. She said she's coming. We     |
| 4  | had a finance meeting, she said she's coming.      |
| 5  | Go ahead, Counsel.                                 |
| 6  | MR. BRISMAN: I'm looking and I do not see          |
| 7  | any members of the public so there are no Public   |
| 8  | Comments.  |
| 9  | We move onto Committee Reports.                    |
| 10 | PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Finance. Jerry, you             |
| 11 | want to elaborate a little? There wasn't much on   |
| 12 | the agenda.  |
| 13 | COMMISSIONER FRIEND: There really wasn't           |
| 14 | much. According to Yitz, you know, our             |
| 15 | investments, the interest rates are going up a     |
| 16 | little bit because of the fact that interest rates |
| 17 | finally are going up a little bit.                 |
| 18 | Overtime basically is running the same.            |
| 19 | One or two departments are higher than they had    |
| 20 | been.  |
| 21 | But all in all, you know, I just checked           |
| 22 | with our Executive Director this morning because   |
| 23 | we had gotten a memo, Joe and I, from our mayor in |
| 24 | Clifton, whether or not that, what is it, I'm      |
| 25 | trying to think what the exact name, the new State |
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1 program --2 MR. MUELLER: The LIHWAP? 3 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Yeah, LIHWAP. COMMISSIONER FRIEND: That we haven't 4 filed, according to the AARP representative in New 5 6 Jersey that we hadn't filed it, but Jim said he 7 does have communications from them. So, hopefully, we can get a copy of that communication 8 9 and send it to whoever. 10 MR. MUELLER: I'll be happy to send it. Ι 11 have a meeting with the State tomorrow. COMMISSIONER FRIEND: I don't think the 12 13 individual who made the complaint will be there 14 tomorrow, but I'll send you the email with all the 15 information and copy Joe and I on it. MR. MUELLER: Will do. 16 17 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Other than that, 18 there was a report, I guess it wasn't part of our 19 finance meeting, the customers with the highest 20 balances --21 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Ron cannot hear us. 22 MR. BRISMAN: I texted him that IT is 23 coming. 24 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: In looking at that 25 report and I could Google most of the addresses, a

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| 1  | lot of this looks like boarded up warehouses in    |
| 2  | different places.                                  |
| 3  | MR. MUELLER: Right. And the process on             |
| 4  | that, Commissioner, as I think you know, when they |
| 5  | have to be a sale, there's a lien, sometimes it's  |
| 6  | resolved ten cents on the dollar on the sale. So   |
| 7  | that's a process.                                  |
| 8  | COMMISSIONER FRIEND: But there were two            |
| 9  | or three on that list that really shouldn't be     |
| 10 | paying.  |
| 11 | MR. MUELLER: Understood.                           |
| 12 | COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Okay.                         |
| 13 | PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Do you think it's a             |
| 14 | good idea to divide a list on what you have.       |
| 15 | Category A, B, C, meaning those, because they will |
| 16 | never get a clean title, if they divide, which     |
| 17 | eventually this property is going to be sold, so   |
| 18 | it's a matter of waiting. And we get some          |
| 19 | interest on the money I think too. So it's a       |
| 20 | matter of waiting. So those, you know, there's     |
| 21 | nothing you could do about it now because there's  |
| 22 | no need for water now. So they will be like a D    |
| 23 | category thing because you're not going to get     |
| 24 | your money now. But if you could see what can pay  |
| 25 | immediately, go after those first.                 |
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| 1  | COMMISSIONER FRIEND: I have a feeling a            |
| 2  | lot are fire lines and we can't shut off fire      |
| 3  | lines.   |
| 4  | COMMISSIONER DEPADUA: Good morning,                |
| 5  | everyone.  |
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| 7  | (Whereupon, Commissioner Depadua is                |
| 8  | present at 9:35 a.m.)                              |
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| 10 | MR. MUELLER: Correct. What we have do is           |
| 11 | and we have a shutoff strategy, I think I reviewed |
| 12 | it last month. We provided addresses to the owner  |
| 13 | cities in terms of where we're going to start.     |
| 14 | Some of those accounts that aren't boarded up are  |
| 15 | on that list. We're going after the high value     |
| 16 | ones that are still active. But the fire line, we  |
| 17 | cannot shut off the fire line. We can shut off     |
| 18 | the distribution line even if it's paid. So        |
| 19 | that's one of our strategies. We'll start          |
| 20 | shutting off the distribution if they haven't paid |
| 21 | the fire if they're linked. So that's part of our  |
| 22 | strategies.  |
| 23 | COMMISSIONER FRIEND: That doesn't shut             |
| 24 | off the fire line, if you start with distribution. |
| 25 | MR. MUELLER: No, understood. They're               |
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| 1  | shut off at the fire line with the incentive to  |
| 2  | pay off.   |
| 3  | COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Okay.                       |
| 4  | COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Rigo stepped out         |
| 5  | for a second.                                    |
| 6  | COMMISSIONER FRIEND: I don't think there         |
| 7  | was anything else for finance.                   |
| 8  | COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Do we know how to        |
| 9  | use this device?                                 |
| 10 | If we call Ron on that phone, he should be       |
| 11 | able to at least hear us until IT gets here.     |
| 12 | COMMISSIONER DEPADUA: I heard we weren't         |
| 13 | doing no Zooms. Did we change our mind?          |
| 14 | PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: He's not voting. I            |
| 15 | think he wants to participate. I don't know what |
| 16 | he's doing. Whatever you want, Carmen. We're     |
| 17 | here to please you.                              |
| 18 | COMMISSIONER DEPADUA: No, I heard you            |
| 19 | said that there's no more Zoom. So it's good for |
| 20 | one, not for others. Is that what it is? We pick |
| 21 | and choose?                                      |
| 22 | PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: We pick and choose.           |
| 23 | So I guess forget Ron then.                      |
| 24 | COMMISSIONER COTTON: No, Carmen is saying        |
| 25 | because President Sanchez said no more Zoom.     |
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| 1  | PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: So forget him then.             |
| 2  | COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: No, no, I'm going          |
| 3  | to make a point here. President Sanchez is one of  |
| 4  | seven votes here. He can certainly say that he     |
| 5  | doesn't want any members to Zoom in but that is a  |
| 6  | full board decision. So I will make a motion to    |
| 7  | allow people to Zoom into meetings because it's    |
| 8  | more convenient. There is a pandemic and some of   |
| 9  | us need to travel. So with that said, I will make  |
| 10 | the motion that we continue the practice of        |
| 11 | allowing members who cannot be here in person to   |
| 12 | Zoom into the meeting.                             |
| 13 | COMMISSIONER DEPADUA: I second that                |
| 14 | emotion.   |
| 15 | PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Well, Joe, I don't              |
| 16 | want to make this into a no motion, but I think as |
| 17 | President I can run the meeting the way I want,    |
| 18 | but I don't want to make                           |
| 19 | COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: No, that would be          |
| 20 | incorrect. You can always be overruled.            |
| 21 | PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: That's fine.                    |
| 22 | COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: That's what we're          |
| 23 | attempting to do right now. Now, there may not be  |
| 24 | four votes to allow people to Zoom into the        |
| 25 | meetings and then the president's rule would       |
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| 2  | COMMISSIONER COTTON: I think something            |
| 3  | might have happened I think with Commissioner Van |
| 4  | Rensalier that's why                              |
| 5  | PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: No, what he's going            |
| 6  | is, he's the Director of Housing. He called me    |
| 7  | and explained to me at 12:00 he need to leave for |
| 8  | Atlantic City and he needs to take care of        |
| 9  | business in the office and he says if I allow him |
| 10 | to be on the meeting because he's going to        |
| 11 | Atlantic City for work. He's not going to         |
| 12 | Atlantic City to gamble, he's going to work.      |
| 13 | COMMISSIONER COTTON: No, no, go ahead.            |
| 14 | You guys  |
| 15 | COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Just in terms of             |
| 16 | Joe's discussion, there may be times when a       |
| 17 | commissioner may be ill and can't attend a        |
| 18 | meeting.  |
| 19 | PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: That's fine. If you            |
| 20 | have a legitimate reason not to be here, it's     |
| 21 | fine. But, you know, what we're saying is we live |
| 22 | by example. We're asking people to come to work   |
| 23 | and I'm only saying things are going back to      |
| 24 | normal so we should come. That's all I'm saying.  |
| 25 | COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: I totally agree           |
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| 1  | with you. We should be here physically present     |
| 2  | whenever we can because there are circumstances    |
| 3  | that we can't.                                     |
| 4  | PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: There's reasons you             |
| 5  | can't come, that's fine and the thinking is we're  |
| 6  | asking people show up to work, come here and do    |
| 7  | your thing so I want to lead by example.           |
| 8  | COMMISSIONER DEPADUA: Well, that's good            |
| 9  | that you lead by example as President, but         |
| 10 | sometimes we have to be careful what we say.       |
| 11 | This all happened because of the meeting           |
| 12 | we had. Okay. I think I have not missed one        |
| 13 | meeting here since I've been on this board. Okay.  |
| 14 | And as long as I'm in New Jersey, I will be        |
| 15 | present.   |
| 16 | PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: I don't keep records.           |
| 17 | I'm only saying that some of these people          |
| 18 | COMMISSIONER DEPADUA: Well, we have an             |
| 19 | agenda. We don't have to keep records, it's on     |
| 20 | record.  |
| 21 | PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: What I'm saying is              |
| 22 | that some of the people I want it comfortable, not |
| 23 | only commissioners, but people do work for us,     |
| 24 | they don't want to show up in person and I'm only  |
| 25 | saying that we're back to normal. We're here to    |
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| 1  | do business. I could be in my office trying to     |
| 2  | do, but my responsibility is to come here. That's  |
| 3  | what I'm saying.                                   |
| 4  | Now, if the commissioners want to do it            |
| 5  | different, go ahead.                               |
| 6  | COMMISSIONER DEPADUA: No, we don't want            |
| 7  | to do it different. What we're stating is it's a   |
| 8  | statement you made, "no more Zoom". So if it's     |
| 9  | good for him, it's got to be good for everyone.    |
| 10 | PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: I said unless it's              |
| 11 | an   |
| 12 | COMMISSIONER DEPADUA: Emergency.                   |
| 13 | PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: An emergency or                 |
| 14 | something. He called this morning. He said he      |
| 15 | need to leave for Atlantic City for work. That's   |
| 16 | what he says.                                      |
| 17 | I guess it's a motion on the floor.                |
| 18 | COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: The motion on the          |
| 19 | floor, because the edict from the last meeting was |
| 20 | no more Zooming in, you need to be present to be   |
| 21 | considered participating in the meeting and I      |
| 22 | think that there are circumstances that            |
| 23 | PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: He has one.                     |
| 24 | COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: This is a great            |
| 25 | example. Carmen last month was also a great        |
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| 1  | example. Jerry I think Zoomed in a few months ago  |
| 2  | was also a great example.                          |
| 3  | PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Jerry had a legitimate          |
| 4  | health reason. I could have a reason, but I        |
| 5  | cannot call you from the beach and say that I have |
| 6  | a legitimate reason not to be at the meeting.      |
| 7  | COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: You know, if my            |
| 8  | wife planned to be in the Bahamas, then I'm going  |
| 9  | to be in the Bahamas, but I'm still going to honor |
| 10 | my duty and be at this meeting, so                 |
| 11 | COMMISSIONER DEPADUA: Well, last meeting           |
| 12 | my mother I was at home, you could see my home.    |
| 13 | PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: I hear you, but what            |
| 14 | I'm saying to you go ahead.                        |
| 15 | COMMISSIONER DEPADUA: It's just a                  |
| 16 | statement that when you say something it has to be |
| 17 | for everyone, that's all.                          |
| 18 | PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: I said, Carmen,                 |
| 19 | there's always an exception. I said if you have a  |
| 20 | legitimate reason. Because I stay in my office at  |
| 21 | every meeting, that's not fair to all the          |
| 22 | commissioners. That's what I'm saying. There are   |
| 23 | legitimate reasons not to come in. That's all.     |
| 24 | Now, go ahead, you want to make this into          |
| 25 | an event, go ahead, Joe.                           |
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| 1  | COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: No, no. I just             |
| 2  | want to make sure that Ron can participate and the |
| 3  | last time we heard it was "no Zoom".               |
| 4  | PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: And he called me this           |
| 5  | morning and said I have a situation where I need   |
| 6  | to be in Atlantic City for work can I please and I |
| 7  | said yes. I would done it for anybody.             |
| 8  | COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: I agree. But I             |
| 9  | think there needs to be consistent rules as        |
| 10 | opposed to   |
| 11 | PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: There's a motion on             |
| 12 | the floor.   |
| 13 | Go ahead.  |
| 14 | COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: I trust                    |
| 15 | everyone's judgment. I think everyone will be      |
| 16 | here when they could be here. So I don't think     |
| 17 | I'm requesting anything or making a statement that |
| 18 | seems unusual.                                     |
| 19 | MR. BRISMAN: Can Commissioner Van                  |
| 20 | Rensalier hear us?                                 |
| 21 | COMMISSIONER COTTON: I don't know, can             |
| 22 | he?  |
| 23 | COMMISSIONER VAN RENSALIER: Yes.                   |
| 24 | MR. BRISMAN: All right. We have a motion           |
| 25 | to continue to permit commissioners to appear via  |
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| 1  | Zoom.   |
| 2  | COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: With a valid              |
| 3  | reason.   |
| 4  | MR. BRISMAN: With a valid reason as               |
| 5  | determined by                                     |
| 6  | COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Well, we laid out         |
| 7  | our valid reasons. Right? Medical, work.          |
| 8  | COMMISSIONER FRIEND: On the motion, we're         |
| 9  | seven adults. Okay. We're performing a community  |
| 10 | service, yes, we get paid, but we're performing a |
| 11 | community service on behalf of our municipality.  |
| 12 | I think we can leave it up to each individual     |
| 13 | commissioner to determine if they have a          |
| 14 | legitimate reason for not coming to the meeting   |
| 15 | and request that it be on Zoom.                   |
| 16 | COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Yes.                      |
| 17 | COMMISSIONER FRIEND: That's my comment.           |
| 18 | MR. BRISMAN: I missed the second. Was             |
| 19 | there a second?                                   |
| 20 | PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: There was a second.            |
| 21 | COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Is there a caveat?           |
| 22 | COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: It was a valid            |
| 23 | reason.   |
| 24 | MR. BRISMAN: As determined by the                 |
| 25 | individual.                                       |
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15 1 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: It has to be, that's 2 what it is. If it's important to you, that's it. MR. BRISMAN: On the roll. 3 4 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners 5 6 present respond in the affirmative. President 7 Sanchez responds in the negative. Commissioner Levine is absent) 8 9 10 MR. BRISMAN: I just want to be 11 respectful, who's the vice chair? 12 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: It's Jerry. 13 MR. BRISMAN: Okay. I called you 14 Commissioner, but it's Vice Chair. 15 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: And Commissioner 16 Levine is absent. 17 MR. BRISMAN: The vote is 5 to 1. 18 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Ron, do you have a 19 report from personnel? 20 COMMISSIONER VAN RENSALIER: I do. I 21 thought finance was first. 22 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: I just gave my 23 report. 24 COMMISSIONER VAN RENSALIER: All right. 25 So the personnel committee met last Friday, July

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| 2  | Our agenda included the three                      |
| 3  | recommendations for promotions, one recommendation |
| 4  | to hire a director for Information Technology, and |
| 5  | two recommendations for a change in pay raise      |
| 6  | pay range excuse me.                               |
| 7  | We received rationale justification both           |
| 8  | in writing and verbally from the department heads  |
| 9  | and the executive director.                        |
| 10 | The executive director also informed us            |
| 11 | that he will be working on a globus salary range   |
| 12 | analysis which the board should have for its       |
| 13 | review by September. The analysis will establish   |
| 14 | equity when setting salary ranges among other      |
| 15 | things.  |
| 16 | In addition, the attorney, and I'll have           |
| 17 | elaborate, had a discussion on the pre-employment  |
| 18 | analysis for pre-employment screening rather for   |
| 19 | marijuana use and I'll let the attorney elaborate  |
| 20 | on that.   |
| 21 | That's it.   |
| 22 | There was a consensus of the committee             |
| 23 | that we move these items forward to the full       |
| 24 | committee for their consideration.                 |
| 25 | COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Question.                     |
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| 1  | Ron, can you hear me?                              |
| 2  | COMMISSIONER VAN RENSALIER: Yes.                   |
| 3  | COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Was it a unanimous            |
| 4  | decision of the personnel committee with reference |
| 5  | to the proposals for the promotions and salary     |
| 6  | increases?   |
| 7  | PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: I got Commissioner              |
| 8  | Kolodziej shaking his head yes, right?             |
| 9  | COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Yes, it was                |
| 10 | unanimous.   |
| 11 | PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Thank you, Ron.                 |
| 12 | Any other questions?                               |
| 13 | COMMISSIONER COTTON: Are we going into             |
| 14 | executive session for personnel?                   |
| 15 | MR. BRISMAN: Yes, we are. The only                 |
| 16 | individual, thank you for pointing that out, one   |
| 17 | individual, Krystle Morales, said that any         |
| 18 | conversation regarding her promotion is for open   |
| 19 | session. Everyone else is for closed session. So   |
| 20 | if anyone has any comments with respect to Miss    |
| 21 | Morales, they can either do that now or after we   |
| 22 | come out of executive conference.                  |
| 23 | PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Special projects.               |
| 24 | I'm sorry, are you done, Commissioner?             |
| 25 | COMMISSIONER COTTON: She said you could            |
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18 1 talk about her? 2 COMMISSIONER VAN RENSALIER: One comment, 3 if I may? I'd like to, with regard to the recent 4 vote on Zoom, I'd like to thank the board for 5 6 allowing me as a result of that vote to maintain 7 my perfect attendance at these board meetings. I have not missed one board meeting since I've been 8 9 on the board and I'd like to thank this board for 10 their vote for allowing me to continue perfect 11 attendance. 12 Thank you so much. 13 COMMISSIONER DEPADUA: It was your buddy 14 who voted no. Did you hear that, President? 15 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: I believe in what I 16 believe, that's it. 17 COMMISSIONER DEPADUA: There you go. 18 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Special projects. 19 COMMISSIONER COTTON: No, I still have 20 personnel. 21 My question was for Krystle why she wasn't 22 taken to the top of the range? MR. BRISMAN: I'm not personnel. 23 24 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Is that something, 25 Jim, you can answer?

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| 1  | MR. MUELLER: Yes, for sure.                      |
| 2  | COMMISSIONER COTTON: When I look at the          |
| 3  | others, they were taken to the top of the range. |
| 4  | MR. MUELLER: So Krystle was working in           |
| 5  | the capacity as Assistant Supervisor.            |
| 6  | COMMISSIONER COTTON: Didn't we talk about        |
| 7  | her before?                                      |
| 8  | MR. MUELLER: I don't recall if we talked         |
| 9  | about her before; I don't believe we have. I     |
| 10 | don't believe it's come up in any other          |
| 11 | MR. BRISMAN: If it did it was under              |
| 12 | grievances.                                      |
| 13 | MR. MUELLER: Potentially.                        |
| 14 | So Krystle was Assistant Supervisor.             |
| 15 | She's been working here for a number of years.   |
| 16 | PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Jim, I'm sorry to             |
| 17 | interrupt. You'd like to move this in open?      |
| 18 | MR. BRISMAN: She requested it in open.           |
| 19 | PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Oh, she did. Okay.            |
| 20 | COMMISSIONER COTTON: She requested it in         |
| 21 | open.  |
| 22 | How many years she been here?                    |
| 23 | MR. MUELLER: I'll go back and check.             |
| 24 | Do you know?                                     |
| 25 | MR. WEISS: I believe it's about 15.              |
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| 1  | MR. MUELLER: So she's been in this                 |
| 2  | role Lisa Guzman was the prior supervisor. She     |
| 3  | retired in March 2020. Krystle kind of filled in   |
| 4  | in the absence of Lisa. So this is trying to make  |
| 5  | her whole.   |
| 6  | The top of the range piece, that's not             |
| 7  | typically something we do. There are some people   |
| 8  | being brought to the top of the range. We'll       |
| 9  | cover that in closed session and I'll discuss it,  |
| 10 | but not typical.                                   |
| 11 | Myself and Yitz sat and went through this          |
| 12 | pretty extensively and he did provide a backup     |
| 13 | memo in terms of the algorithm and logic of what   |
| 14 | we follow. We looked at the incremental increase   |
| 15 | from where she is in terms of the range for        |
| 16 | Supervisor. I think it was two increments, Yitz,   |
| 17 | if I'm remembering that properly. Please correct   |
| 18 | if I'm not. We also looked at overtime, in terms   |
| 19 | of this is an overtime paying position. We had     |
| 20 | quite in-depth conversations on the overtime. So   |
| 21 | one of these moves, our anticipation is longer     |
| 22 | term is the overtime is going to come down and the |
| 23 | Supervisor role, you know, more delegation goes to |
| 24 | the group and overtime would come down. So we      |
| 25 | went to increments plus an increase for in         |

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| 1  | relation to the overtime. I believe it was ten     |
| 2  | percent, Yitz, is what we looked at in that        |
| 3  | ballpark and then we expect overtime to come down. |
| 4  | So that was the situation here. It's not           |
| 5  | typically, when someone gets promoted into a new   |
| 6  | position and I will talk in closed session about   |
| 7  | there is a person on here who is on that boat and  |
| 8  | there's a reason, but that's not typically what we |
| 9  | do.  |
| 10 | COMMISSIONER COTTON: Okay. No, I've seen           |
| 11 | it happen too many times they went to the top of   |
| 12 | the range.   |
| 13 | MR. MUELLER: That I can't speak to.                |
| 14 | COMMISSIONER COTTON: We'll talk about it           |
| 15 | more in closed session.                            |
| 16 | COMMISSIONER FRIEND: I have some general           |
| 17 | comments too, but I'll wait until we go in closed. |
| 18 | PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Thank you, guys.                |
| 19 | COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Just Commissioner          |
| 20 | Cotton, Commissioner Levine when we had the        |
| 21 | committee meeting brought up the same thing that   |
| 22 | you sort of brought up, which was we should have   |
| 23 | some sort of standardized formula that says that's |
| 24 | how we move people. Administration explained to    |
| 25 | us that they are now using a standardized formula  |

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| 1  | and they even explained the formula while we were  |
| 2  | there.   |
| 3  | So sort of our comments towards the end of         |
| 4  | the meeting that this is not Joe Bella and Jim     |
| 5  | Duprey anymore. These are new people, Otto Garcia  |
| 6  | and Jim Mueller, that are in and it's going to     |
| 7  | take time to make these changes.                   |
| 8  | So like you said, past practices that were         |
| 9  | not fair to everyone are going to be eliminated    |
| 10 | and we're going to move forward and everyone's     |
| 11 | going to be treated equally.                       |
| 12 | PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Was the committee               |
| 13 | okay?  |
| 14 | COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Yes, it was                |
| 15 | unanimous in our recommendation, yes.              |
| 16 | PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Special projects.               |
| 17 | COMMISSIONER VAN RENSALIER: The global             |
| 18 | salary range analysis is going to help foster that |
| 19 | as well. I just want to thank the executive        |
| 20 | director for doing a great job, he and his staff,  |
| 21 | in explaining and trying to do the right thing     |
| 22 | because I know personnel is not always easy, but   |
| 23 | they're doing a great job and I just want to give  |
| 24 | them a shout out, job well done.                   |
| 25 | PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Thank you.                      |
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| 1  | MR. MUELLER: Thank you, Commissioner.              |
| 2  | PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Special projects.               |
| 3  | COMMISSIONER COTTON: Thank you. I have             |
| 4  | quite a bit of items on special projects as you    |
| 5  | have seen in your packet. We have item numbers     |
| 6  | 22-073 all the way to 22-086.                      |
| 7  | Most of these are extension of contracts.          |
| 8  | Like 73 is extension of contract.                  |
| 9  | 74 is extension of contract.                       |
| 10 | 75 I think it was a change order.                  |
| 11 | Also number 76 was regarding to the lead           |
| 12 | line. I think before they can move forward they    |
| 13 | need to get some permits before they can finish    |
| 14 | that.  |
| 15 | Number 77 was extension of contract.               |
| 16 | Also 78 was an extension of contract. I            |
| 17 | think, I'm not quite sure, Director, the extension |
| 18 | of the contract because of job being behind        |
| 19 | meaning that they wouldn't even finish and that's  |
| 20 | why they need to extend the contract.              |
| 21 | MR. MUELLER: Right.                                |
| 22 | COMMISSIONER COTTON: Item number 78 and            |
| 23 | 79, this is an item for awarding a contract for    |
| 24 | concrete restoration.                              |
| 25 | Also for number 80 it was replacement of           |
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| 1  | fire hydrants. There's quite a bit, but there's    |
| 2  | more than a thousand updated fire hydrants that we |
| 3  | had throughout our system, our entire system.      |
| 4  | I've seen a change in the contract.                |
| 5  | Also, we got this pond back in.                    |
| 6  | Hopefully, this will be the end, that we will not  |
| 7  | see this pond no more. We've been seeing this      |
| 8  | pond every meeting it seems like, but this is to   |
| 9  | do the complete work of the pond. I forgot where   |
| 10 | the pond is.                                       |
| 11 | MR. MUELLER: It's in West Milford.                 |
| 12 | Commissioner Cotton, this is a temporary system so |
| 13 | there's a permit. There's the stop gap of          |
| 14 | treating and coming into compliance. We will need  |
| 15 | to put the permanent system in. The first step is  |
| 16 | temporary and then the permanent comes in.         |
| 17 | COMMISSIONER COTTON: Number 82 is an               |
| 18 | extension of contract for the Builder's Risk       |
| 19 | Insurance.   |
| 20 | And number 83 is, what is it, number 83 is         |
| 21 | changing the HVAC. We were going to repair but     |
| 22 | now we need to replace.                            |
| 23 | MR. MUELLER: The ducts were thought to be          |
| 24 | okay. The original contract goes back a number of  |
| 25 | years. As we began to install the actual HVAC,     |
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| 1  | the ducts were not okay.                          |
| 2  | PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: You're talking about           |
| 3  | this property here or Little Falls?               |
| 4  | MR. MUELLER: Little Falls. This is the            |
| 5  | lab.  |
| 6  | We did talk about that as well, Mr.               |
| 7  | President, in terms of the chilling system here.  |
| 8  | COMMISSIONER COTTON: Right.                       |
| 9  | You know what, I'm not sure, I wasn't able        |
| 10 | to look at 84 to 86. Those were extension of      |
| 11 | contracts. Remember that, we had our committee    |
| 12 | meeting in  |
| 13 | MR. MUELLER: A couple of weeks ago.               |
| 14 | COMMISSIONER COTTON: July 14th, which to          |
| 15 | me I think we need to try to have our meetings    |
| 16 | early so we can get our agenda out and we can see |
| 17 | ahead of time. The agenda did come on Monday.     |
| 18 | MR. BRISMAN: Just so you know, we do have         |
| 19 | Guido Weber, our outside counsel. If there's any  |
| 20 | questions on 82 or 84, those change orders, you   |
| 21 | already addressed that.                           |
| 22 | MR. MUELLER: In closed session.                   |
| 23 | COMMISSIONER COTTON: He'll talk about             |
| 24 | that.   |
| 25 | MR. MUELLER: If you have questions on it.         |
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| 1  | COMMISSIONER COTTON: So with all the               |
| 2  | items that were brought on, we also talked about   |
| 3  | the Great Falls pedestrian bridge and the Levine   |
| 4  | tanks and the lead line replacement.               |
| 5  | So we're going to discuss more by the              |
| 6  | Great Falls bridge and then we're moving forward   |
| 7  | hopefully with the Levine tanks try to get it to   |
| 8  | the Paterson Planning Board to see.                |
| 9  | The lead line replacement, I can say that          |
| 10 | Jim and his crew has been going to the three       |
| 11 | different cities to discuss that we're coming in.  |
| 12 | The City of Paterson's well taken, really looking  |
| 13 | forward to it now of getting those lines replaced. |
| 14 | So I'm getting calls already about when you're     |
| 15 | going to come to my house.                         |
| 16 | PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: By the way, I want to           |
| 17 | thank Administration for taking the time and going |
| 18 | to our owner cities and explaining to them what    |
| 19 | we're doing. It's about time. I believe in more    |
| 20 | dialogue and more communication between our office |
| 21 | here and Passaic Valley Water so I want to thank   |
| 22 | you for that. I think they like that. They like    |
| 23 | to be informed and they like to be engaged. I      |
| 24 | appreciate it.                                     |
| 25 | MR. MUELLER: Thank you.                            |
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| 1  | COMMISSIONER COTTON: So all these items           |
| 2  | have been brought before the special projects     |
| 3  | committee and we're saying we want to move them   |
| 4  | forward.  |
| 5  | Thank you.  |
| 6  | PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Thank you,                     |
| 7  | Commissioner. That was long agenda.               |
| 8  | COMMISSIONER COTTON: I've been trying to          |
| 9  | cut it down.                                      |
| 10 | PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: I also want to say Pat         |
| 11 | Porcaro does a phenomenal job putting this thing  |
| 12 | together. I don't know how he does it. He's       |
| 13 | unbelievable, I mean. I get stuff from him all    |
| 14 | the time.   |
| 15 | MR. MUELLER: We would like to just put it         |
| 16 | out there, we would like to try for September,    |
| 17 | we're going to do some internal meetings in       |
| 18 | August, take a little bit of a breath, see if we  |
| 19 | can streamline it. We're going to see if we can   |
| 20 | streamline it. If we can't, we can't. But we're   |
| 21 | going to try.                                     |
| 22 | PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: I feel sorry for the           |
| 23 | guy.  |
| 24 | MR. MUELLER: He's the one saying, we're           |
| 25 | all thinking of ideas of still delivering what is |
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| 1  | needed, putting in a streamline way. We'll be      |
| 2  | back in September with I hope some                 |
| 3  | recommendations.                                   |
| 4  | PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: My colleague here, he           |
| 5  | volunteers sometimes to help if you need any help. |
| 6  | MR. MUELLER: Good to know.                         |
| 7  | COMMISSIONER COTTON: I think what                  |
| 8  | happened with Patrick is that he tries to make     |
| 9  | sure the wording, I see it at my council meeting   |
| 10 | and I see one word can change a whole thing on     |
| 11 | what we could be voting on. So he just wants to    |
| 12 | make sure the wording is                           |
| 13 | MR. MUELLER: Understood. He wants to               |
| 14 | optimize it too. We'll work as a group and come    |
| 15 | back with some recommendations.                    |
| 16 | PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Thank you.                      |
| 17 | COMMISSIONER COTTON: Thank you.                    |
| 18 | PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Do you have a report,           |
| 19 | Executive Director?                                |
| 20 | MR. MUELLER: Yes. So I did send out my             |
| 21 | Executive Director Report Friday. Hopefully, you   |
| 22 | all got it.  |
| 23 | I'll just cover the highlights.                    |
| 24 | Operationally, Bob Lorfink, who is a               |
| 25 | department head in Pumping has done some extensive |
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| 1  | work. I alluded to this back in the spring.        |
| 2  | These are the results. Eight remote sites that he  |
| 3  | worked with PSE&G as well as some consultants of   |
| 4  | ours to take these out of service and do an        |
| 5  | electrical inspection. Hadn't been done in the     |
| 6  | last 12 years, so it was definitely needed.        |
| 7  | Short term immediate repairs were made;            |
| 8  | long term we're expecting a report back in terms   |
| 9  | of what the investments are needed. Again, it's    |
| 10 | been 12 years since it's been inspected, the       |
| 11 | investments, the capital upgrade well before that. |
| 12 | So we'll come back with a capital plan, run        |
| 13 | through that budget in terms of what our           |
| 14 | short-term, long-term needs are here. But it's     |
| 15 | been a great effort by Bob.                        |
| 16 | Lisa Bresemann, who is our head of                 |
| 17 | Purchasing Department, department head of          |
| 18 | Purchasing, she's been working extensively.        |
| 19 | There's a lot of volume through Purchasing, so I'm |
| 20 | not going to go through all the volume. One of     |
| 21 | the things she's really working on is trying to go |
| 22 | paperless. There's a ton of paper that we're       |
| 23 | inundated with, trying to make it more efficient,  |
| 24 | more productive. So that's one initiative that     |
| 25 | she's working on globally just trying to move us   |

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| 1  | and she's starting with some things that make     |
| 2  | sense, certain business processes that make sense |
| 3  | and then expanding from there. So I just want to  |
| 4  | flag that operationally.                          |
| 5  | The plant is running well. They did a lot         |
| 6  | of work. It's not on my - I just mention it -     |
| 7  | they did a lot of work in the spring prepping for |
| 8  | the summer, so we want the summer to go up. It's  |
| 9  | our peak period. The plant's running well. We're  |
| 10 | on top of it. That's why it's not here, there's   |
| 11 | no major issues to report other than it's running |
| 12 | well.   |
| 13 | In terms of the Succession Planning, Otto         |
| 14 | Garcia started July 5th. If you can after the     |
| 15 | meeting swing by and I'll do some quick intros,   |
| 16 | meet you folks. Some of you may have met him      |
| 17 | already. He started July 5th.                     |
| 18 | Our Director of Laboratory and Water              |
| 19 | Quality, Jennifer Loudon, is starting Monday,     |
| 20 | August 1st. She cleared pre-employment. That was  |
| 21 | a number of weeks ago. She's starting on Monday.  |
| 22 | Looking forward to getting the Director of        |
| 23 | Laboratory and Water Quality and then filling     |
| 24 | under there. There's a lot of needs at the lab.   |
| 25 | This is one piece as a director. You know, Miss   |
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| 1  | DeLorenzo left in March full time. That was our    |
| 2  | last director. It's been three or four months.     |
| 3  | So this is a key position that we're looking       |
| 4  | forward to getting started.                        |
| 5  | Director of Environmental Health and               |
| 6  | Safety, the top candidate has accepted the offer.  |
| 7  | I have provided a lot of backup to the             |
| 8  | commissioners a few week ago on that. Still in     |
| 9  | pre-employment, so it's not cleared pre-employment |
| 10 | yet, the physical and background checks. We're     |
| 11 | still waiting on that. Anticipated start date is   |
| 12 | September 6th once pre-employment's cleared.       |
| 13 | We're still waiting on that process to move.       |
| 14 | Director of IT, that recommendation we'll          |
| 15 | cover in closed session.                           |
| 16 | Director of Communications, the search is          |
| 17 | ongoing for that position.                         |
| 18 | Now that Director Garcia's on board in HR          |
| 19 | working with our HR team, we're going to work very |
| 20 | closely with all the department heads in terms of  |
| 21 | succession planning, staffing needs, just making   |
| 22 | sure we're filling in where we need to. I've been  |
| 23 | talking to this board about it for the last five   |
| 24 | months. Presented some information. There's        |
| 25 | gaps. There's risks. There's retirement risks.     |

Those kind of things. So we have some plans 1 moving forward that's why we haven't stopped our 2 3 personnel agendas, but as Commissioner Van Rensalier mentioned, Commissioner Kolodziej, the 4 5 global compensation analysis is one piece, the gap analysis on skills and where we need people is 6 another piece and marrying those two, so both of 7 which are being worked on. 8 9 Regulatory Issues. Last month I reported 10 on the EPA had released --11 COMMISSIONER COTTON: Before you go, who 12 was the one that did not accept, the first person? 13 You had someone that accepted and then they 14 declined. 15 MR. MUELLER: She declined. They accepted 16 and cleared pre-employment and I was about to 17 publicly announce their start date and at the last 18 minute --19 COMMISSIONER COTTON: Which one was she, 20 the Environmental Health? MR. MUELLER: Environmental Health and 21 22 Safety, yes. I had sent you some backup on that, 23 Commissioner Cotton, a couple of weeks ago. But, 24 yeah, that can happen. 25 COMMISSIONER COTTON: Yeah, I know it

does.

| 2  | MR. MUELLER: The person who's going                |
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| 3  | through pre-employment now, I provided you the     |
| 4  | backup on that separately, very qualified. They    |
| 5  | were almost neck in neck. It's not much of a step  |
| 6  | down, it's not a step down at all, and really      |
| 7  | looking forward to this person starting in what I  |
| 8  | hope is September 6th once we clear the            |
| 9  | pre-employment process.                            |
| 10 | COMMISSIONER COTTON: Okay. Go ahead.               |
| 11 | MR. MUELLER: Regulatory Issues.                    |
| 12 | Last month I mentioned EPA came out with           |
| 13 | health advisories actually nationally, very big    |
| 14 | deal for PFAS and the "forever chemicals". What I  |
| 15 | reported on was we're going to look at our data,   |
| 16 | we're going to start talking to the national       |
| 17 | organizations, other municipalities in New Jersey. |
| 18 | We've done that in the last month, that's what we  |
| 19 | do. We've extensively went through our own data    |
| 20 | on those "forever chemicals" in terms of what's    |
| 21 | coming into the plant, North Jersey District. We   |
| 22 | have two sources of water, obviously. We looked    |
| 23 | at all of that data. Certainly, it's very          |
| 24 | difficult to comply with these public health       |
| 25 | advisories. They're essentially beyond detectable  |

based on current instrumentation and current analytical techniques. The industry's struggling with that.

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I had several meetings with industry 4 organizations and what I'll call sister 5 6 municipalities in New Jersey who are dealing with 7 the same thing. So one of the things you'll be hearing more about is in our planning is looking 8 9 at our treatment plant and figuring out longer 10 term. These are just health advisories right now. 11 They're not targets yet. It's not immediate 12 compliance and that's going to make its way 13 through regulatory process which usually takes 14 time, but as that moves forward we're going to start, engineering wise, looking at, okay, how do 15 16 we reconfigure the plant, what do we need to add 17 on if this eventually becomes a target we have to 18 meet.

19 So not easy. If it was easy we wouldn't 20 spend as much time talking about it. It's a risk, 21 it's a national risk with all of our collective 22 industry municipalities. We're all talking about 23 it in terms of ideas and ways to deal with it. 24 It's not an easy problem. With the levels that 25 they're looking at, it's not going to be easy, but

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| 1  | we'll be back with more specific engineering plans |
| 2  | over time.   |
| 3  | COMMISSIONER FRIEND: The brochure that             |
| 4  | went out a week or two ago, I'll compliment        |
| 5  | everybody on the color and, you know, format. Can  |
| 6  | somebody tell me what it said?                     |
| 7  | MR. MUELLER: The CCR? You're talking               |
| 8  | about the CCR?                                     |
| 9  | COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Yeah, I mean, I               |
| 10 | tried to read it as a member of the Passaic Valley |
| 11 | Water Commission and I couldn't understand         |
| 12 | anything that was in there.                        |
| 13 | MR. MUELLER: Okay.                                 |
| 14 | PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: What did you say, you           |
| 15 | couldn't understand the language?                  |
| 16 | COMMISSIONER FRIEND: I don't know if we            |
| 17 | meet the requirements; if we don't meet the        |
| 18 | requirements; what the requirements meet; should   |
| 19 | we be drinking the water.                          |
| 20 | PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: So we need more plain           |
| 21 | language.  |
| 22 | COMMISSIONER FRIEND: It was a great                |
| 23 | brochure in terms of presentation, but the content |
| 24 | was very confusing.                                |
| 25 | MR. MUELLER: Okay.                                 |
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| 1  | PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: The purpose was for             |
| 2  | you not to understand it, so they accomplished     |
| 3  | what they were trying to do.                       |
| 4  | COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Obviously.                    |
| 5  | MR. MUELLER: Okay. That's helpful                  |
| 6  | feedback, Commissioner. I appreciate that and      |
| 7  | certainly you've given me a to-do to improve our   |
| 8  | communication. Communication is a big deal. We     |
| 9  | get it. Translating very technical, on the back    |
| 10 | end, I think as you well know because you're all   |
| 11 | in different technical industries, translating     |
| 12 | that to plain language isn't always the easiest    |
| 13 | and sometimes you need the right skills in between |
| 14 | the technical people and the public to translate   |
| 15 | it. That's actually one of the positions that I'm  |
| 16 | looking is the communications position to help     |
| 17 | fill that longer term. But fair. So you're         |
| 18 | giving me a to-do homework. You didn't say it      |
| 19 | that way, but I'm taking it that way. I have to    |
| 20 | improve that, so message received. Okay. Thanks    |
| 21 | for the feedback. I appreciate the feedback.       |
| 22 | PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Thank you.                      |
| 23 | That's it, Jim?                                    |
| 24 | MR. MUELLER: Delinquent accounts we                |
| 25 | talked a little bit about, so we provided lists or |
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| 1  | we are in the process of providing lists of the    |
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| 2  | owner cities where we're doing those shutoffs.     |
| 3  | They are coming in the next week or so going       |
| 4  | through the process of just messaging, again, that |
| 5  | communication trying to message it the right way.  |
| 6  | Low income household you mentioned it,             |
| 7  | Commissioner, we have some saying we're in, we're  |
| 8  | a part. We're meeting with them tomorrow, so       |
| 9  | we'll catch up on the email. Maybe there's a lag   |
| 10 | in terms of what they could find publicly          |
| 11 | available on it. People are starting to sign up.   |
| 12 | The State already sent us 40 people who are        |
| 13 | eligible, pre-eligible. Myself and Yitz reviewed   |
| 14 | that yesterday, so we're working on it. Again,     |
| 15 | communication. We'll make sure the message gets    |
| 16 | out.   |
| 17 | The last thing, Mr. President, is I just           |
| 18 | want to really thank the board for its support in  |
| 19 | terms of the lead service line replacements and    |
| 20 | getting out there with the message and in          |
| 21 | particular I just want to thank Commissioner       |
| 22 | Friend for attending the Clifton meeting and       |
| 23 | Commissioner/Councilman/Former Mayor Commissioner  |
| 24 | Cotton for attending the Paterson meeting with the |
| 25 | mayor as well as the press conference. I           |
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| 1  | appreciate your support and I appreciate           |
| 2  | everybody's support on that. That's a big program  |
| 3  | in terms of messaging and accessing people's       |
| 4  | houses. That next step, we can't                   |
| 5  | under-communicate how important it is that we get  |
| 6  | right to that. So, again, the more of that         |
| 7  | message keeps percolating, however we get it out;  |
| 8  | formally, informally, word of mouth, we're doing   |
| 9  | everything we can to get that message out there.   |
| 10 | I appreciate your support in continuing to push    |
| 11 | that message.                                      |
| 12 | That's it.   |
| 13 | PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Thank you.                      |
| 14 | I had a conversation with the executive            |
| 15 | director one on one but I want to bring it up with |
| 16 | the full board and I don't know how the board      |
| 17 | would like to go about it.                         |
| 18 | At the end of the year I would like to get         |
| 19 | an assessment on all these new positions,          |
| 20 | including his, the impact it has in the entity.    |
| 21 | So I don't know, I think December will be a good   |
| 22 | month to do it. I don't know if you guys have any  |
| 23 | suggestions how to go about it. What would be the  |
| 24 | way to go about it. But I'd like to assess,        |
| 25 | because we're making so many changes, bringing     |
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39 some people on board. At the end of the year by 1 2 December I think we should have a good hand where 3 we are and where we'd like to go, but I'd like to see how those investments have impacted the 4 entity. It's July, four months. Do you think 5 it's enough for us to come up with something and 6 then in December we all could? 7 COMMISSIONER COTTON: So you're saying 8 9 that the new hirees, with these positions that the 10 director have, you want to know how it's affecting 11 the workers? 12 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Yes. 13 COMMISSIONER COTTON: It is. 14 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: It is, but what I'm 15 saying to you as a board we should have a formal 16 conversation about it and see where we are. 17 I don't know, Commissioner, you're in 18 personnel, do you have any idea how to? 19 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Look, I think by 20 the end of the year it would be a fair assessment 21 to have a report and we should all meet, I agree, 22 and have Administration explain to us: Here were 23 our goals; here's where we've gotten and achieved; 24 here's where we still move forward; here are some 25 of the benefits that we've seen from the changes

40 that we made; just so that we have a better 1 2 understanding to know we're on the right path. So 3 I agree with you and I think by the end of the year, maybe we would do that at a year anniversary 4 5 type of thing, but I think some sort of update by 6 the end of year I don't think is unreasonable, I 7 agree. PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: If any commissioner 8 9 has any input how to go about it, please enlighten 10 me, but I would like to have that conversation by 11 the end of the year. 12 COMMISSIONER COTTON: Remember I had said 13 when he came in, I said to you and Joe that he 14 needs to have something and meet with the 15 employees. They're the ones who's running this 16 plant 24 hours 7 days a week. They're running it. 17 You don't want an employee unhappy really bad 18 because no telling what they may do. So I'm just 19 saying. So I think he still needs to have that 20 little gathering at both sites this way they can 21 get a better feel. It's easy just to walk and 22 shake hands *hi*, *hi*, *hi*. It makes people feel 23 somewhat differently about a person. 24 MR. MUELLER: Commissioner, one point, we 25 did do a barbecue in the back early July right

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| 1  | before July 4th. I was out there for about an      |
| 2  | hour and a half talking to different people. I     |
| 3  | should probably work on my own communications.     |
| 4  | COMMISSIONER COTTON: Did you know about            |
| 5  | that barbecue?                                     |
| 6  | COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: No, but it was             |
| 7  | way too hot for me to come. I would have zoomed.   |
| 8  | COMMISSIONER COTTON: I would've came. I            |
| 9  | was at the last one last year.                     |
| 10 | MR. MUELLER: Part of what I'm doing is             |
| 11 | still learning how to communicate.                 |
| 12 | COMMISSIONER DEPADUA: Look, he had the             |
| 13 | barbecue. I was going to suggest to do like a      |
| 14 | yearly picnic like the sheriff used to do in       |
| 15 | Paterson, Englehardt.                              |
| 16 | MR. MUELLER: We're planning for Little             |
| 17 | Falls, Labor Day and Distribution will             |
| 18 | MR. BRISMAN: We had an ice cream party.            |
| 19 | MR. MUELLER: It was Director Garcia's              |
| 20 | idea. Last Friday was a hundred degrees so         |
| 21 | 2:00 in the afternoon an ice cream truck showed up |
| 22 | here in Clifton. People loved it. I got so much    |
| 23 | positive feedback. Again, Director Garcia, his     |
| 24 | third week on the job, he emailed me and said what |
| 25 | do you think. I said it's a great idea. I was up   |
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42 at Little Falls all day. Actually, Jen Loudon had 1 2 come to just preview so we walked the lab and 3 walked the plant with her and the ice cream truck showed up, so I was at Little Falls for that. 4 5 People really appreciated that. Commissioner Cotton, thanks for the 6 7 continuing challenge. I agree, I have to work, continually to work on that and also work on my 8 9 own communication to the commission. Maybe I can 10 pick your brain off on the side because sometimes 11 I'm not sure what is public versus, you know, if 12 there's a quorum. There's those limits where I'm 13 very conscious of that, oh, is this all of sudden 14 a public meeting because I have four commissioners 15 at an event at the same time. So, again, that's 16 one of the reasons. It's not that I don't want to 17 communicate or can't communicate. I'm sensitive 18 to that aspect of it where this is a little 19 different. 20 COMMISSIONER COTTON: That's why you have 21 him. 22 MR. MUELLER: Okay. Fair enough. 23 MR. BRISMAN: They can come for ice cream. 24 MR. MUELLER: Do I not pick your brain all 25 the time? I do pick his brain, but thanks for

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| 1  | continuing to challenge me. I'll continue to look  |
| 2  | for ways and also continue to communicate to the   |
| 3  | board for those opportunities.                     |
| 4  | COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Of course, given           |
| 5  | the latest union demands for a contract, you may   |
| 6  | want to wear a Kevlar vest when you meet people in |
| 7  | public.  |
| 8  | MR. BRISMAN: We'll get to that in a few            |
| 9  | minutes.   |
| 10 | PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Comptroller's report.           |
| 11 | MR. WEISS: Cash on hand is 10.3 million.           |
| 12 | Our accounts receivable is at                      |
| 13 | 18.5 million.                                      |
| 14 | Accounts payable is at 4.8 million.                |
| 15 | Our auditors are wrapping up the audit             |
| 16 | finally, which is great, just doing the finishing  |
| 17 | touches on that.                                   |
| 18 | Our Engineering Department has been in             |
| 19 | touch with FEMA in terms of what we submitted to   |
| 20 | them. We know that's in the process and they're    |
| 21 | working to expedite the money that they're getting |
| 22 | back to us, which will be great. We can use that   |
| 23 | to refill our reserves.                            |
| 24 | PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Thank you, Yitz.                |
| 25 | Are we ready to go into closed?                    |
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44 1 MR. BRISMAN: Can I get a motion and a 2 second? All in favor? 3 Any opposed? 4 5 \*\*\* 6 7 MR. BRISMAN: Okay. So we are back in open session. I'll take a roll. 8 9 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners 10 11 present respond in the affirmative. Commissioner 12 Levine is absent) 13 14 MR. BRISMAN: Okay. Moving to the Consent 15 Agenda. 16 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: I'm sorry, what do you 17 feel comfortable doing as one? Are we okay with all the resolutions? 18 19 MR. BRISMAN: So we're going to do a 20 Consent Agenda for the minutes of Passaic Valley 21 Water Commission in camera session and regular 22 public meetings held June 22nd, 2022. 23 We're also going to vote on all the 24 resolutions. Resolution Nos. 22-073, 22-074, 22-075, 22-076, 22-077, 22-078, 22-079, 22-080, 25

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| 1  | 22-081, 22-082, 22-083, 22-084, 22-085, 22-086, as |
| 2  | well as New Business, which is the summary of      |
| 3  | disbursements and payrolls through July 27th,      |
| 4  | 2022, in the amount of \$6,973,876.21 certified by |
| 5  | Treasurer Depadua and Controller Weiss as well as  |
| 6  | the recommendations from executive conference.     |
| 7  | COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Move it.                      |
| 8  | COMMISSIONER DEPADUA: Second.                      |
| 9  | MR. BRISMAN: We have a motion and a                |
| 10 | second.  |
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| 12 | (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners            |
| 13 | present respond in the affirmative. Commissioner   |
| 14 | Levine is absent)                                  |
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| 16 | PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: I need to abstain on            |
| 17 | the disbursements on P&A.                          |
| 18 | MR. BRISMAN: That will be noted.                   |
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| 20 | (Whereupon, the following Resolutions were         |
| 21 | approved: Resolution No. 22-073: Resolution to     |
| 22 | approve a contract extension for various existing  |
| 23 | professional services for engineering and related  |
| 24 | services listed in Attachment A with the not to    |
| 25 | exceed amount increased from 2021 Budget as Noted. |
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| 1  | Resolution No. 22-074: Resolution to               |
| 2  | advertise a request for qualifications for various |
| 3  | on-call projects listed the Attachment A.          |
| 4  | Resolution No. 22-075: Resolution to               |
| 5  | approve Change Order No. 1 for Contract No.        |
| 6  | 20-B-25 "Maintenance of HVAC Equipment and         |
| 7  | Systems."  |
| 8  | Resolution No. 22-076: Resolution to               |
| 9  | extend Contract 20-B-15 "Subsurface Exploratory    |
| 10 | Investigation for Determination of Lead Service    |
| 11 | Line in the Main System."                          |
| 12 | Resolution No. 22-077: Resolution to               |
| 13 | extend Contract No. 20-B-38 "Replacement of Water  |
| 14 | Main Appurtenances."                               |
| 15 | Resolution No. 22-078: Resolution to               |
| 16 | extend Contract No. 21-B-02 "Water Main            |
| 17 | Replacement at various locations."                 |
| 18 | Resolution No. 22-079: Resolution to               |
| 19 | extend Contract No. 22-B-11 "Concrete Restoration" |
| 20 | Resolution No. 22-080: Resolution to               |
| 21 | award Contract No. 22-B-16 "Replacement of         |
| 22 | Hydrants."   |
| 23 | Resolution No. 22-081: Resolution for              |
| 24 | emergency expenditures for furnishing and          |
| 25 | installing temporary treatment equipment at        |
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| 1  | Nosenzo Pond Wellhouse PFAS removal.              |
| 2  | Resolution No. 22-082: Resolution for             |
| 3  | 6-month extension to Builder's Risk Insurance     |
| 4  | commencing August 2022 for Contract No. 15-B-25   |
| 5  | "Water Storage Improvements Phase 1 - Standby     |
| 6  | Emergency Generators."                            |
| 7  | Resolution No. 22-083: Resolution for             |
| 8  | amendment to Resolution No. 22-043 "Budget        |
| 9  | Amendment of Construction Contract No. 20-B-19    |
| 10 | 'Replacement of Air Handling Equipment at LFWTP   |
| 11 | Laboratory.'"                                     |
| 12 | Resolution No. 22-084: Resolution to              |
| 13 | approve Change Order #4 for Contract No. 15-B-25  |
| 14 | "Water Storage Improvements Phase 1 - Standby     |
| 15 | Emergency Generators."                            |
| 16 | Resolution No. 22-085: Resolution                 |
| 17 | authorizing an indemnification and hold harmless  |
| 18 | agreement with the County of Passaic Police       |
| 19 | Academy for use of PVWC's Point View Reservoir    |
| 20 | site.   |
| 21 | Resolution No. 22-086: Resolution to              |
| 22 | procure the renewal of PVWC's annual subscription |
| 23 | of Microsoft 365 from Contract No. CK04,          |
| 24 | Subcontract No. 22-24 under the New Jersey        |
| 25 | Cooperative Purchasing Alliance.)                 |
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| 2  | (Whereupon, the following items from         |
| 3  | Personnel were approved:                     |
| 4  | 1. <u>Promotions</u> .                       |
| 5  | a. Krystle Morales as Provisional Billing    |
| 6  | and Collections, Supervisor.                 |
| 7  | Current Title: Assistant Billing and         |
| 8  | Collections, Supervisor.                     |
| 9  | Current Range: \$38,000.00 - \$86,539.86.    |
| 10 | Current Salary: \$82,341.03.                 |
| 11 | Proposed Salary: \$99,900.00.                |
| 12 | Proposed Range: \$99,900.00 - \$109,777.50.  |
| 13 | b. Lisa Bresemann as Permanent Buyer as      |
| 14 | per Civil Service.                           |
| 15 | Current Title: TA Buyer                      |
| 16 | Current Range: \$100,000.00 - \$140,000.00   |
| 17 | Current Salary: \$120,343.85.                |
| 18 | Proposed Salary: \$140,000.00 (TOR)          |
| 19 | Proposed Range: \$100,000.00 - \$140,000.00. |
| 20 | c. David Soffer as Provisional Senior        |
| 21 | Engineer.                                    |
| 22 | Current Title: Assistant Engineer            |
| 23 | Current Range: \$47,993.40 - \$78,245.01     |
| 24 | Current Salary: \$67,468.33                  |
| 25 | Proposed Salary: \$85,066.80                 |
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| 1  | Proposed Range: \$85,066.80 - \$96,730.79.         |
| 2  | 2. <u>Director Position</u>                        |
| 3  | d. Director, Information Technology.               |
| 4  | Proposed Salary: \$175,000.00.                     |
| 5  | Proposed Range: \$175,000.00 - \$200,000.00.       |
| 6  | 3. <u>Change in Pay Range</u>                      |
| 7  | e. Michael Marotta General Supervisor              |
| 8  | Maintenance Repairer.                              |
| 9  | Current Salary: \$168,777.94.                      |
| 10 | Current Range: \$75,000.00 - \$168,777.94          |
| 11 | Proposed Salary: \$195,000.00                      |
| 12 | Proposed Range: \$147,000.00 - \$195,000.00.       |
| 13 | f. Wendy Simone Water Superintendent               |
| 14 | Current Salary: \$168,777.94.                      |
| 15 | Current Range: \$85,000.00 - \$168,777.94          |
| 16 | Proposed Salary: \$180,000.00                      |
| 17 | Proposed Range: \$147,000.00 - \$180,000.00)       |
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| 19 | MR. BRISMAN: We are up to 9, Good and              |
| 20 | Welfare.   |
| 21 | PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: On Good and Welfare,            |
| 22 | it's Commissioner Carmen's birthday tomorrow so we |
| 23 | want to wish her a Happy Birthday.                 |
| 24 | COMMISSIONER DEPADUA: Thank you.                   |
| 25 | PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: If she buys a cake to           |
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| 1  | please call us. For next year the cake is on me.   |
| 2  | How do you like your cake?                         |
| 3  | COMMISSIONER DEPADUA: I'll be the judge            |
| 4  | on entertainment committee so everybody's birthday |
| 5  | gets celebrated.                                   |
| 6  | Motion.  |
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| 7  | PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Here we're cheap.               |
| 8  | Jerry will get a call.                             |
| 9  | MR. BRISMAN: We need a motion to adjourn.          |
| 10 | COMMISSIONER DEPADUA: Adjourn.                     |
| 11 | MR. BRISMAN: Motion and second by                  |
| 12 | Commissioner Cotton.                               |
| 13 | All in favor, aye.                                 |
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| 10 | accurate transcript of the hearing at the time and the            |
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