

PASSAIC VALLEY WATER COMMISSION MEETING OF
APRIL 28, 2010
(OPEN SESSION)

C O M M I S S I O N E R S P R E S E N T :

RIGO SANCHEZ, President
IDIDA RODRIGUEZ, Vice-President
JEFFREY LEVINE, Treasurer
ROBERT L. VANNOY, Secretary
THOMAS P. DeVITA (Absent)
GLORIA KOLODZIEJ
MENACHEM BAZIAN

A L S O P R E S E N T :

JOSEPH A. BELLA, Executive Director
GEORGE T. HANLEY, Counsel
JAMES G. DUPREY, Director of Engineering
JAMES J. GALLAGHER, Personnel Director
YITZ WEISS, Comptroller
LOUIS AMODIO, Administrative Secretary

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MR. AMODIO: For the record, Commissioner
DeVita is excused absence.

On the roll. Commissioner DeVita, like I
said, excused absence.

(Roll call was taken, all Commissioners

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present respond in the affirmative)

MR. AMODIO: Commissioner Rodriguez is running late.

The time is 9:48. You have a quorum.

All of the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Acts have been met. Commission meeting notice have been furnished to all Commissioners, city clerks of Paterson, Passaic, and Clifton. North Jersey Herald News, the Record Passaic County edition, and Commission's executive staff with a copy posted on the main bulletin board of the Clifton facility.

Please rise for the pledge of allegiance.

We're going to go first into closed session. We have a number of attorneys here. I will do a motion for closed.

COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Move it.

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Just a question.

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How late is Commissioner Rodriguez going to be?

MR. AMODIO: She sent me a text message five minutes ago and said she's running five minutes late.

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: I would respectfully ask that we wait until she gets here. The lawyers, I know, are on the clock, but given the information they're giving, can we just go through Joe's report or something?

MR. AMODIO: Okay. We'll start with the Executive Director's report.

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Joe, if you would, please.

MR. BELLA: First thing I'd like to talk about the UASI grant. Ed has been working with bureaucracy in Trenton and so far it's going very well. They haven't actually granted the extension, but they tell us they will give us an extension.

PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: How long?

MR. BELLA: Till the end of the year.

PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: So we still have time to go out to bid the normal way.

MR. DUPREY: We have a Resolution in to the Board and, you know, we were going on the approach that in case they did not grant an

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extension, we didn't want to lose the money. So our Resolution allows for the award and professional services and the award under Federal GSA for the equipment and supplies so that we could get it in place by June 30th. And right now I called the consultant this morning and they are still on track and if we receive the approval from the historic group that they would have the equipment installed by June 30th provided that that Resolution is approved at today's meeting and if we get the extension, so be it.

(Whereupon, Commissioner Rodriguez is present at 9:48)

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MR. BELLA: The question is, will we have, if -- once we're granted the extension, we go through the normal bid process, vendor selection, will it be done by the end of the year?

MR. DUPREY: Yes.

PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: You don't think the pricing gets affected because we're rushing the whole thing?

MR. DUPREY: There's a couple of aspects to this. One is there's an aspect of continuity

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and consistency with the Prosecutor's fiber system. That is that they, this Millineum, this is the group that has the Federal contract. They provided for fiber system with the County. Our system has to interface with that. That's part of the grant and that interfacing includes consistency with the software and everything else. So, it would be very difficult to have a different provider take care of that. And the pricing was obtained in a competitive bid because the Federal contract has a competitive bid.

So from the timing perspective, from a consistency perspective, we recommended that the Federal GSA, that's in that Resolution, that is in the packet.

MR. HANLEY: If I may, the fact that they did go through the GSA process, which is also recognized in New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law as an exception, that's how we can avoid having to go through a separate competitive bid.

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It's analogous to operating under a State contract. That's what this Resolution contemplates. That's how you get the authority to do it. I'm told it will expedite the process very, very substantially.

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COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Commissioner Vannoy will remember how long we labored with this process, and on board with the new Prosecutor that has made all of this possible. There's considerable cost saving with these kind of numbers and just to be able to, you know, do a shared service kind of with the County, in my opinion, is a step in the right direction.

COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Yeah. I think based on what they told us, we don't even need all those different fibers. It's a simple process and, you know.

COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Question. Jim, if we didn't have a time issue, would you do it the same way? Would this still be your recommendation?

MR. DUPREY: Yeah, absolutely. It's the consistency aspect.

PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Okay. Any other questions?

That's it for you?

MR. BELLA: Yes.

PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Do you have a report on the plant's overtime?

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MR. BELLA: I don't have it with me.

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PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Because I don't have it with me, but I was looking at it the other day and they're coming back out amazingly small overtime than the regular salary.

MR. BELLA: well, part of our recommendation is to hire some additional operators that will come to the org. chart.

PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Can we get some numbers for the Commissioners? I want the Commissioners to take a look at it.

MR. BELLA: All right. we'll get you the numbers.

PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: All right. when can we have it by?

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: was it because of the flooding?

MR. BELLA: we had a huge amount because of the flooding.

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: We need a justification as to why the increase.

COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Can I ask a favor, perhaps. I don't think this is an issue that it's a one time issue. I think this is something that we may want to keep an eye on.

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: We've been

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tracking it. I mean, I don't know, Yitz was doing a great job last year giving it to us on a monthly
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basis because this has been an issue here.

COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: I saw one report ad hoc just as a result of a conversation, but I was wondering perhaps if it might not make sense for us to get a report on overtime on a monthly basis.

PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: We used to do that. Why don't we do that again?

COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Can we?

MR. WEISS: The reason why we stopped was because we switched payroll systems. It was a bit of a challenge getting the information out.

COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Can we get it on a monthly basis January, February, and March? I don't want the numbers skewed by the floods in March. March will skew the numbers. We want to review this and have an idea that we want January, February, March, and April each month separately so at least we can have an idea. If there's a blip in March, that would make sense. Otherwise, if I'm just looking at numbers now with March built in it, it's going to skew the whole analysis.

MR. WEISS: I'll get you a copy of what we

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had last year and we'll get it updated for this year.

COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Yeah, I just need this year. I don't think I need last year.

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: This year would be good.

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But, Commissioner Bazian, what we did was we did comparisons. We did quarterly comparisons from the year before and that helped us a lot to get on track with that because at one point that was really out of control.

COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Jim, when do you think we can get this, the report? Or Yitz, when do you think we can see that?

MR. WEISS: Next week.

COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Next week. Fair enough.

MR. AMODIO: Anything else, Joe?

MR. BELLA: For now, no. There's some things we want to talk about in closed session.

PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: So I guess we can go into closed session.

George, what are we going to discuss in closed session?

MR. HANLEY: He has a whole list. It's

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all on your agenda.

PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: I'd like to discuss this additional item, which is the health care memo that we had about the State planning. Here.

MR. HANLEY: I know, I think I know what it is, but I'm hesitating --

COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Before we do this, should we go --

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: I don't know if it's for closed session.

COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Is this a
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contractual issue?

MR. HANLEY: It is a contractual issue. The merits of which -- honestly, I'm not sure that you can do this in closed.

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: So we'll do it in open.

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Exactly. That's the only difference. It makes no difference.

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: When we come back.

PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Anything else to discuss in closed session that anybody has?

No.

MR. HANLEY: I want to add the issue

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Beatties Dam.

MR. AMODIO: Beatties Dam will be added.

MR. HANLEY: Under potential litigation.

PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: There was a Resolution to go into closed session.

MR. AMODIO: I'm about to do that.

Motion by Commissioner Bazian.

Do I have a second?

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Second.

MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Rodriguez.

Pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, Commissioner Bazian offers the following Resolution for adoption:

whereas, Section 8 of the Open Public Meetings Act permits the exclusion of the public

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from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

whereas, the public body is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, by Commissioners of Passaic Valley Water Commission:

1. The public shall be excluded from discussion of the hereinafter specified subject matters; the general nature of the subject matters being: Financial, Insurance, Personnel, Contracts, Negotiations, Security, Various

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Litigation: 75 Franklin Avenue, Nutley, New Jersey easement, Gregory Realty Company, LLC versus PVWC, American Contracting versus PVWC, Linda Williams versus Board of Education of the City of Paterson versus PVWC, Nathaniel Jones versus PVWC, Keith Scheck versus PVWC, Jose Diaz, Jr., versus PVWC, Samuel A. Rivera versus PVWC, Sanders Green, III versus PVWC, Allied Tank-Status, Beatties Dam. Under Personnel, appointments of Jerome Bell, transfer of Lisa Guzman, Maria Malfa, supervisor, On-Track Employee Assistance Program, Summer Assistance Program. Miscellaneous: Sales of CPR Equipment. Personnel Issues: The Estate of Alan C. Levine and Richard Zangoglia. Township of Harrison - Water System Services Agreement, Point View Reservoir, IT Technology Committee Report.

2. It is anticipated at this time that the above-stated subject matters will be ratified during public meeting following or soon thereafter

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as reason for the discussion no longer exists.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

On the roll.

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(Roll call was taken, all Commissioners present respond in the affirmative)

MR. AMODIO: Time is 12:07.

You have a quorum.

I'd like to quickly go back to the Executive Director's report and actually, Mr. Hanley, the Loss Control Report from the N.J. Utilities Authority/JIF, if you'd like to give a brief.

MR. HANLEY: That was basically to point out, I believe, Louis, correct me if I'm wrong, I thought the Commission should be aware of the fact that as part of their overall review, Mr. President, there were no outstanding suggestions for improvement with respect to the Clifton site and no new suggestions for improvement period at this time, which means that we passed all of their reviews, which I think is attributed to your employees.

MR. AMODIO: Quickly we'll go to the Controller's Report.

MR. WEISS: Cash on hand is currently 11.7 million.

Accounts receivable are at 10.5 million. Our 30 days or less accounts receivable are at ten million. That's over 95 percent of the accounts.

And our accounts payable is 3.6 million.

Our audit is almost finished. I was trying to get a hold of our auditors to get a definite from them, but based on prior conversations, I believe we will have the audit for the next meeting, not the special meeting, but I believe we'll have it before the regular meeting.

You have a copy of March's internal financials. They're not one hundred percent complete, but at least it gives you something to work with.

You got the budget analysis. The only thing that's missing on the financials is you don't have the comparison budget for the revenues. I will get that done and I will get it to you as soon as it's updated.

MR. AMODIO: Any questions?

No?

Move on to Consent Agenda. Approval of

the March 17th, 2010 in camera and regular session minutes.

Motion by Commissioner Rodriguez.

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COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Second.

MR. AMODIO: On the roll.

(Roll call was taken, all Commissioners present respond in the affirmative)

MR. AMODIO: Next, Miscellaneous Purchasing reports from Linda Beckering, Purchasing Agent, from the period of March 8, 2010 to April 11th, 2010.

Does the Chair accept, receive, and file?

PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Yes.

MR. AMODIO: Move along to Requests For Action.

Acceptance of the Grant, UASI Grant in the amount of \$308,000 from the Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness for security enhancements, including authorization of award of procurement contract with Millineum Communications Group of East Hanover, New Jersey, in the amount of \$268,000 and authorization of an extension of an existing professional service agreement with

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Malcolm Pirnie, Inc. of Fair Lawn, New Jersey in the amount of \$40,000 with the above not-to-exceed total amount as set forth in the grant. This is all in accordance with the local Public Contracts Law.

Discussion?

COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Just the acceptance

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of the grant?

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Right, exactly.

MR. AMODIO: No --

MR. HANLEY: No, you're authorizing the acceptance of the grant and the contract because you can, the whole purpose of this, frankly, was to make sure you have the commitment so that you can meet the condition, the precondition of the grant.

COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: This is what we discussed earlier.

MR. AMODIO: Any further discussion?

Hearing none, do I have a motion?

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: So moved.

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Second.

(Roll call was taken, all Commissioners present respond in the affirmative)

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MR. AMODIO: Moving on. We have a Resolution authorizing the procurement of one vehicle to replace vehicle number 14 with a 2010 Dodge --

PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Does anybody have any objection to doing seven through 13 together?

MR. AMODIO: Six through 13, you mean?

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Good suggestion.

COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Actually, I do. I need to take six and seven separately. If we can break out six and seven.

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MR. AMODIO: And go eight through 13.

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: I'll move eight through 13.

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: I'll second.

MR. AMODIO: On the roll.

(Roll call was taken, all Commissioners present respond in the affirmative.

MR. AMODIO: Eight through 13 approved. Let's go back to number six.

Resolution authorizing the procurement of one vehicle to replace vehicle number 14 with a 2010 Dodge Avenger in the amount of \$16,238 from

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Hetrich Fleet Services of Milford, Delaware under State Contract #T0099 A72830.

Discussion?

COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Yes. Actually, I'm looking to Commissioner Kolodziej to remind me. We were discussing vehicles. My recollection from our finance committee meeting was that we were talking just the two cargo vans in seven. I don't remember this vehicle ever coming up. Am I missing something?

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: It was budgeted for. These vehicles have been budgeted for. The discussion was are these vehicles good enough to service and that was the only discussion we had. We were more concerned about the trucks than we were about the cars.

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COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: I just didn't remember.

MR. BELLA: That's what I thought.

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: We were at the same meeting, yeah. And the money's been budgeted for.

COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: That's not the issue. The issue was we wanted to look at each vehicle, you know. So I guess we could get a

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feeling as to whether or not this is money that we needed to expend now and I just didn't remember discussing the Dodge Avenger, that's all.

COMMISSIONER LEVINE: I remember that there was a deadline to order the vehicle in May.

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Right.

COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: That I remember.

COMMISSIONER LEVINE: I don't remember them breaking down the cars, you know, car to car and I don't remember the Avenger being mentioned but I do remember there were certain vehicles that were budgeted, they said. I don't think we got into detail which vehicles were budgeted.

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: I think when we did our bonding, Commissioner, that was -- when we did our bonding back in October, November.

COMMISSIONER LEVINE: It might have been included.

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: They were included. Because you have to include every single item you're going to buy. And I do

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remember Rigo, you made an issue about the trucks and we explained whether you do it, you have to itemize everything. I mean, we put trucks, so.

MR. BELLA: There were trucks.

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COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: So we're buying a car.

MR. BELLA: The car was to replace the old car, the vehicle.

PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: What are we doing?

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Why don't you table it. Table six. When in doubt, table six.

COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: I have no problem with the truck.

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: I'm going to move to table the car. We're having a special meeting, we can move that on.

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: This was not given to finance?

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Yes, it was, but two of us have one recollection and two people have a different recollection. So I think we need to straighten out what we all recollect in finance. We're meeting next week so we can table this.

PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Table this.

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: And we're having a special meeting on Pay-to-Play so we can throw that on that agenda.

COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Item six on the

May 5th agenda.

PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Seven we're going to move.

COMMISSIONER VANNOY: I'll move it.

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: I'm going to second.

COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Don't we have to do a motion to table six.

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: You're right, we need a formal motion.

COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Move to table six.

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Second.

(Roll call was taken, all Commissioners present respond in the affirmative)

MR. AMODIO: Number seven, authorizing the procurement of two vehicles to replace vehicle #60 and vehicle #84 with two 2010 Ford F350 Extended Cargo Vans in the amount of \$55,178 from Warnock Fleet of East Hanover, New Jersey under State Contract #T2103 A71012.

Motion by Commissioner Vannoy.

Second by Commissioner Kolodziej.

On the roll.

(Roll call was taken, all Commissioners present respond in the affirmative)

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MR. AMODIO: Motion approved.

Thank you.

Next will be Summary of Disbursements of Payrolls in the amount of \$7,113,617.54. Does the Treasurer find them in order?

COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Yes.

MR. AMODIO: would you please make a motion?

COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Make a motion.

MR. AMODIO: Do I have a second?

COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Second.

(Roll call was taken, all Commissioners present respond in the affirmative)

MR. AMODIO: Next we'll go to recommendations from Executive Session.

would you like to move the entire Personnel agenda at once or --

PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: There's only one.

MR. AMODIO: well, the item is Jerome

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Bell, Supervisor.

PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: That's it.

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: That was it.

MR. AMODIO: Excuse me, there was On-Track Employee Assistance and the sale of the CPR equipment. So move those items?

PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Yes.

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COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: So move.

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Second.

MR. AMODIO: On the roll.

(Roll call was taken, all Commissioners present respond in the affirmative)

MR. AMODIO: Motion approved.

Thank you.

Next will be annual summer program. There was a discussion in camera.

Do I have a motion?

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Move the recommendation from the personnel committee.

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Second.

MR. AMODIO: On the roll.

(Roll call was taken, all Commissioners

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present respond in the affirmative)

MR. AMODIO: Thank you very much.

Motion approved.

Next will be Point View Reservoir fishing program starting May 29th, 2010 to September 4th, 2010. Recommendation is Saturdays from 7:30 to 2:00 and the first Sunday of every month. Is that the consensus?

PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Yes.

MR. AMODIO: And the first Sunday of every month.

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COMMISSIONER LEVINE: The last Sunday
we'll save --

MR. AMODIO: Do I have a motion?

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: So move.

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Second.

MR. AMODIO: On the roll.

(Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
present respond in the affirmative, Commissioner
Levine having responded in the negative)

MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

Motion approved.

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Last will be Water System Service
Agreement with the town of Harrison, which include
water distribution systems, field services, meter
maintenance, meter readings, customer billing, and
collections.

PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Do I have a motion on
that?

COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Move it.

PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Second by Commissioner
Vannoy.

MR. AMODIO: On the roll.

(Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
present respond in the affirmative)

MR. AMODIO: Motion approved.

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Only one thing I have from Good and welfare, Pedro Fuentes, who retired. He sent a letter to the Commissioners thanking us for the Resolution on his retirement.

Mr. Bella, do you have something?

PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: I have something. First of all, I want to wish Commissioner Kolodziej well with her family.

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: You guys were the

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best. A lot of hope.

PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: We wish you the best. My God, you're a strong woman. Difficult time. I hope you understand.

Second thing I want to speak about is the health care memo.

Should we talk about it now?

MR. HANLEY: If you want to.

PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: It's a -- I mean, the Commission wants to get to the bottom of this and the reason why, because there's two things. If you want to be in this situation or we want to find out.

MR. HANLEY: If I may, you may wish to, I don't know, either assign it to a sub-committee or have your risk manager come in, who is also your agent for this purpose with the Personnel Director and go over with you the terms.

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: No sub-committee. Everybody needs to hear.

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: What I want to do
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is, I think my recommendation. We have Jim Gallagher and Jim has been in constant contact with Dominick Cinelli. Is he here? Just to go over, because I don't think that a

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sub-committee --

MR. HANLEY: No, I withdrew it. It was just a suggestion.

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Yeah.

MR. HANLEY: The other thing I was going to say. If you wanted to characterize this as a discussion of the terms of a proposed agreement, that you can do in closed session.

PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Can we do also one thing, counsel, since you are the counsel of Passaic Valley Water Commission, can you look into this?

MR. HANLEY: I've looked into it.

PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: You have. And can you put it in writing what is said --

MR. HANLEY: I prefer to do it in closed session under the terms.

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: You should have said that.

MR. HANLEY: I also prefer to do it --

PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: That's why I asked to talk about this in closed session.

MR. HANLEY: I understand that, but I thought you were going to talk about it in a more general fashion. I apologize.

You can still go back into closed session.

PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: I would like to do that for five seconds.

MR. HANLEY: You still should have your risk manager here to explain.

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: I've been through this on the city side. It's a complicated issue. I really think George is right.

PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Let's do it for the next meeting.

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: I think we should do it from an overview stance. If you're thinking about specific people, you just need to hear the overview.

PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Can we do it for the next meeting?

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: He can give us an overview, no specifics, just an overview.

PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Jim, can you talk about these things for two minutes, just an overview?

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Overview.

MR. GALLAGHER: Okay. We met with Brown & Brown on a number of occasions. What we have decided was that it would be better if we held off

on going to the State health benefits because there's a number of changes coming with the State health benefits, including a rather significant

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increase at the end of this year which will mitigate a lot of the savings that we thought we would be able to obtain over the life of the contract.

PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Now, is that something that you know definitely or is that something you guys --

MR. GALLAGHER: We know definitely.

PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: I mean, that's all we want to know, as a body here, we want to know.

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: An increase is coming. That's made public.

PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: I don't know that. I'm asking the question whether that's something we think or it's certain?

MR. GALLAGHER: It's certain.

COMMISSIONER LEVINE: We just don't know how much.

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: We're not talking specifically about anything.

Commissioner, if I may. This has been in print for awhile regarding health benefits. The

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increase will be anywhere between 20, 25 percent.

PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: In the health plan.

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: In the State health benefits plan.

MR. GALLAGHER: If I could add one thing. They're also talking about an increase and significant reduction in the benefit side. So

you're also going to be paying more but getting less services.

PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: The thing is, I understand that. I'm not trying to doubt or judge what you're saying. My question is dealing with the State, if the State would have done everything they promised, we would be in heaven. So, you know, I don't pay attention to what the State -- so, but I want to make a decision based on information, not on speculation.

COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: In other words, if I may just to put a bottom line. If we need the risk manager, all we're doing right now is --

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: Getting an overview.

COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: I hear that.

COMMISSIONER RODRIGUEZ: One of the things I want to recommend from here on in, when these

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conversations are being had, I'd like our counsel to be here. If we want him to investigate after the fact --

PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Especially in kind of -- when we need a legal opinion not based on speculation, but a legal opinion the counsel should be involved, because everything we're saying and do we should be on record when we make a decision.

MR. GALLAGHER: That's fine. I can advise George and work around George.

PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: All right. That's the
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way it is.

MR. HANLEY: So you would like to have this on -- you want to have it on at the special meeting?

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Yes.

MR. HANLEY: Okay. So that means, what was that date again?

MR. AMODIO: May 5th.

MR. GALLAGHER: They're away.

COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Jim said Dominick may not be around.

PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Then we'll do it next meeting.

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MR. AMODIO: Motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned.

Time is 12:27.

The next meeting is May 5th, Wednesday, 9:30.

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