

PASSAIC VALLEY WATER COMMISSION MEETING OF

JUNE 24, 2014

(OPEN SESSION)

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

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LOUIS AMODIO, Administrative Secretary

1 MR. AMODIO: Roll call.

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

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6 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

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You have a quorum.

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The time is 12:00 noon.

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10 All of the requirements of the Open Public
11 Meetings Act have been met. Notices have been
12 furnished to all Commissioners; City Clerks of
13 Paterson, Passaic, and Clifton; North Jersey
14 Herald News; The Record - Passaic County edition
15 and the Commission's Executive Staff with a copy
16 posted at the main bulletin board at the Clifton
17 facility.

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Will you please rise.

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Commissioner Graddy, would you please lead
us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Commissioner Graddy, would you please
stand. Counsel, swear in new Commissioner Graddy.

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(Whereupon, Russell Graddy was sworn in as
a Commissioner from Paterson)

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1 MR. AMODIO: Okay. We have members of the
2 public.

3 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: If the public would
4 just indulge us in one more minute.

5 We have a vacancy in our Vice-Presidency.
6 Being we're on a roll here, I'd like to take care
7 of that small business and then we'll go right
8 into public portion.

9 So do I have any nominations?

10 COMMISSIONER CLEAVES: I'd like to
11 nominate Commissioner Levine.

12 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Second.

13 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: All right. Second
14 by Commissioner Sanchez.

15 Hearing no objections, move you up from
16 Treasurer to Vice-President.

17 Then I will now need a nomination for
18 Treasurer.

19 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: I nominate
20 Commissioner Bazian.

21 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: We're playing
22 musical chairs today. Okay.

23 Do I have a second?

24 COMMISSIONER CLEAVES: Second.

25 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: All right. Hearing

1 no objections, I'm losing my Secretary who's now
2 going to be the Treasurer, so now we need a
3 Secretary.

4 Go ahead.

5 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: I nominate
6 Commissioner Cleaves.

7 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Second.

8 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Boy, that was easy.
9 I hope the rest of our meeting goes that well.

10 Louis, do you have all that?

11 MR. AMODIO: I do.

12 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: All right. Thank
13 you very much.

14 We have a sign-in sheet. If I may have
15 it, please, so I can call our speakers in order.

16 Mr. Linteris.

17 MR. LINTERIS: Thank you very much, Madam
18 Chairperson.

19 Good afternoon. My name is Bill Linteris.
20 I'm President of the Passaic County Board of
21 Realtors. As you know, the Board has attended
22 previous meetings of this Commission to raise
23 concerns about the plans to drain Great Notch, New
24 Street, and Levine Reservoirs in Woodland Park and
25 Paterson and replace them with concrete tanks.

1 However, I am here today to speak about some of
2 the positive developments which have taken place
3 since the last Commission meeting.

4 As you know, at the last meeting, Passaic
5 County Board of Realtors indicated our support for
6 extending the DEP Administrative Consent Order and
7 the Commission did vote for a two-month extension
8 request. As you know, the DEP actually approved a
9 three-month extension for alternate sites to be
10 considered for the Levine Reservoir. Our Board
11 feels this is a very positive step in the right
12 direction and also feels that this Commission
13 should take similar steps for the Great Notch and
14 New Street Reservoirs as well at the appropriate
15 time.

16 The Passaic County Board of Realtors hopes
17 that during this three-month period, the Passaic
18 Valley Water Commission will hold public hearings
19 on all three reservoirs in Paterson and Woodland
20 Park during the evening or weekend hours when
21 there are more members of the public that can
22 attend.

23 Lastly, I would like to ask the following
24 four questions which were part of the list of
25 questions asked at last month's meeting. The

1 Board looks forward to the Commission's response
2 to those questions but feel these four in
3 particular from last month need to be posed again
4 for response.

5 1. Have the bonds indicated by the
6 Passaic Valley Water Commission that will be used
7 to finance the \$135 million reservoir draining and
8 tank construction project been approved, and if
9 so, when does the 30-year repayment period begin?
10 If not, when is the 30-year period estimated to
11 begin?

12 2. Given that the \$135 million in bonds
13 were slated to be paid off over a period of 30
14 years, what is the anticipated effect on quarterly
15 water bills at the end of the 30-year period?

16 3. Have the Passaic Valley Water
17 Commission scheduled or will it be scheduling its
18 own public hearings or information sessions
19 specific to the reservoir project rather than
20 relying on outside groups such as the Paterson
21 Historic Preservation Commission or New Jersey
22 Community Development Corporation?

23 4. What is the position of this
24 Commission on looking at alternatives for the
25 Great Notch and New Street Reservoirs to be left

1 as open air bodies of water that have tanks
2 located off-site such as the case with the
3 Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis Reservoir, which has
4 been decommissioned for years but is still an open
5 air body of water in Central Park?

6 Again, I thank you for giving me this time
7 to speak and ask these questions today and the
8 Board looks to your response.

9 Thank you very much.

10 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Catherine Best.

11 MS. BEST: I don't need to speak.

12 Thank you.

13 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Thank you very much.

14 Michelle Epstein.

15 MS. EPSTEIN: No comment.

16 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: All right. Thank
17 you. Just moral support today. Liking that.

18 Jo-Anne Mitchell.

19 MS. MITCHELL: No comment.

20 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Okay. Mr. Guarasci.

21 MR. GUARASCI: Good afternoon. I want to
22 publicly thank this Board for requesting a minimum
23 two-month delay for the DEP to consider
24 alternative sites, and more importantly, to really
25 step back and take a careful look at the project

1 as a whole, considering other competing projects
2 and reviewing the overall impacts to our historic
3 and natural environment.

4 On June 2nd, my colleagues and I met with
5 Assistant Commissioner Dan Kennedy, who oversees
6 water resources at NJDEP. We advocated for this
7 delay as well as a more comprehensive approach to
8 coordinating the work of this body with those
9 responsible for other public mandates affecting
10 water and sewer infrastructure. We look forward
11 to a continuing dialogue with Assistant
12 Commissioner Kennedy and his colleagues.

13 As you know, hard-working ratepayers
14 around the region are struggling to meet their
15 utility bills each month and I can say for certain
16 in Paterson that it won't be getting any easier.
17 As I mentioned last month, Paterson residents are
18 facing another EPA mandate to develop and
19 implement a Long Term Combined Sewer Overflow
20 Control Plan. This plan will be in the hundreds
21 of millions of dollars. No one really knows the
22 total cost separating the entire sewer system for
23 150,000 people. As it stands, this cost will be
24 paid for by Paterson taxpayers alone.

25 We cannot advance these individual

1 projects in a vacuum. We need to fix our century
2 old PVWC pipes and infrastructure. We need to
3 deal with flooding and removing lead plumbing
4 fixtures. But this all has to be looked at
5 together.

6 Regarding the reservoirs, the common-held
7 belief often stated in this room is that "we're
8 under the gun because of the DEP". But we can see
9 through the recent letter now that even DEP
10 recognizes the need to consider alternative
11 options including, even decommissioning the Levine
12 Reservoir.

13 This is what the DEP said in their letter:

14 "Should PVWC determine that an alternative
15 location is appropriate for the siting of storage
16 tanks on or before October 1st, PVWC shall submit
17 a schedule for submission of design documents and
18 permit applications, as well as reservoir closure
19 activities, so this can be incorporated into the
20 AACO." And I think that was an important thing to
21 note.

22 So I'm glad that the DEP is on board with
23 our desire to step back and inform the public and
24 keep all options on the table.

25 Finally, I just wanted to question,

1 because I note that a discussion regarding the
2 reservoir is to take place in closed session.
3 This is really a discussion about the activities
4 of two different public agencies; this body and
5 NJDEP. This is a debate that the public is here
6 to listen to. And so I would like to know, if you
7 could state for the record and put into the
8 minutes, why this discussion as it appears is to
9 take place entirely in Executive Session so that
10 this can then be examined. And I would appreciate
11 your addressing that right now.

12 Thank you.

13 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: It's my preface that
14 we wait until after all the speakers speak. So we
15 will address that. I'll make sure that that
16 question of yours is answered before you leave
17 today.

18 MR. GUARASCI: Thank you.

19 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Mr. Weinberg.

20 MR. WEINBERG: Sure. Alan Weinberg,
21 NJCDC, Paterson, New Jersey.

22 I'll be brief. I'll sort of echo briefly
23 what Bob said to thank you for the delay and
24 opportunity to step back.

25 I will also just reiterate that, you know,

1 this is our sixth meeting and we're eager and
2 excited to have a public meeting and a public
3 forum on this. I think it's some real progress in
4 terms of stepping back and looking at this since
5 some of my colleagues I think will speak about how
6 important this project is to our neighborhood and
7 open space in Paterson. So I thank you for the
8 opportunity to be here and thank you for your vote
9 last month as well.

10 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Thank you.

11 Mr. Gonzalez.

12 MR. GONZALEZ: I want to thank you as
13 well. My name is Eddie Gonzalez. I'm Director of
14 Community Outreach for New Jersey for CDC, Great
15 Falls Promise Neighborhood which surrounds the
16 Great Falls and Levine Reservoir in Paterson.

17 Again, I want to thank this Board for
18 voting at its last meeting to consider other
19 locations and options to drain the Levine
20 Reservoir. This Board's action is a very positive
21 step as this beautiful reservoir and open space is
22 critical to our community.

23 As you all know, the reservoir's located
24 in the Great Falls National Landmark Historic
25 District and is adjacent to our newest National

1 Park. This area is preserved as a gift to our
2 children, to us, as it was left for us. But this
3 reservoir is more than just a historic site, it's
4 also important because it is some of the last
5 precious open space that we have in Paterson. I
6 believe it's the only non-river water body in
7 Paterson, in a densely populated city of about
8 150,000 people living in just eight square miles.

9 It is no secret to any of you that
10 Paterson has a limited amount of open space and
11 green recreation opportunities. Almost 50 percent
12 of Paterson is "impervious cover" or to put it
13 simple, half of Paterson is paved with asphalt
14 filled with concrete or layered brick.

15 What little space we have must be
16 preserved, not only for our history, but for our
17 children and I. Again, I want to thank you for
18 taking a step back and consider other options,
19 especially, the decommissioning of the Levine
20 Reservoir.

21 This will be welcoming news to the City of
22 Paterson residents, the ratepayers, and I'm
23 hopeful we can have a public meeting very soon to
24 inform the residents of the plans and options to
25 be considered.

1 Thank you.

2 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Mary Ann Sgobba.

3 MS. SGOBBA: No comment. Thank you.

4 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Thank you. I
5 appreciate it.

6 Gena Deroche.

7 MS. DEROCHE: I wish I could be as
8 complimentary to the Commissioners as my
9 colleagues.

10 I wish I could be as complimentary to
11 thank you for these opportunities to meet with
12 you. I believe this is the sixth session that you
13 opened to the public.

14 I wish I could believe that the Commission
15 listens to the public, but by your very own
16 actions you have delayed, postponed, ignored, and
17 basically obfuscated every attempt to hold public
18 meetings where the public is invited.

19 This project has been active for years.
20 Years. And on six separate occasions people in
21 this room from the public have politely,
22 courteously, respectfully, asked you to hold
23 public meetings. This is not a public meeting
24 when you hold it at noontime; when you hold it at
25 9:30 in the morning during the week. I'm assuming

1 that you are all moderately intelligent people who
2 understand that the public is working during those
3 times and that it's perfectly obfuscating to hold
4 these meetings at 9:30 in the morning or 12:00
5 noon. I'm assuming that might have been your view
6 of a compromise. It's absurd.

7 So while you may believe that the public
8 views these open meetings as adequate, most of the
9 public who is aware of what's going on, whose
10 pilot light is half lit, understands completely
11 and thoroughly that the purpose of this Commission
12 is to completely ignore and have absolutely no
13 respect for the public's input, regardless of the
14 fact that it is reaping in your salaries and your
15 benefits.

16 And, again, I want to say, I regret that
17 I'm unable to be as complimentary as my
18 colleagues, because I really don't think the
19 people in this room who have made these decisions
20 to obfuscate, deserve the respect that you have
21 been shown in this room.

22 Thank you.

23 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Jose Rivera.

24 MR. RIVERA: Thank you for the
25 opportunity. I agree with what she just said.

1 12:00, no. That's not the way. I think that a
2 night meeting, that should be what, you know,
3 taxpayers would like to schedule for them because
4 the majority of the taxpayers are working. So
5 that's what I would like to ask, a meeting at a
6 time, actually, 6:30 in the afternoon not good,
7 what about 8:00? What about 7:30?

8 Also, what about putting this in the
9 newspaper, because the vast majority of the people
10 are so busy that they don't even realize that this
11 is happening.

12 Thank you for the opportunity of being a
13 voice in my opinion.

14 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Anyone else from the
15 public wish to speak?

16 MS. VAN SAVAGE: Yes.

17 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Go right ahead.

18 You are?

19 MS. VAN SAVAGE: Carol Van Savage. I
20 think I was third on the list.

21 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: I am sorry, Carol.
22 You are a good woman.

23 MS. VAN SAVAGE: That's okay.

24 I do thank the Commission for the
25 opportunity to speak. I am a Clifton resident.

1 I'm a realtor. I sell homes. I have great
2 concerns over what the cost that this is starting
3 out at, what it will escalate to by the time these
4 projects are finished.

5 I also have a concern, I believe at the
6 prior meeting we were told that all of our
7 questions would be answered, would be e-mailed to
8 us since we had provided our e-mail addresses.
9 And to the best of my knowledge, I know I did not
10 receive one and I checked with several of the
11 other people here and they did not receive answers
12 to those questions that we were told at the time
13 could not be answered right then, but would be
14 answered. And I respectfully would request that
15 that be done.

16 Thank you.

17 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Did I skip anyone
18 else? I hope not.

19 May I have a motion to close the public
20 hearing?

21 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Move it.

22 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Second.

23 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Thank you. Moving
24 in not in any particular order, but I think the
25 question on the closed session: This is customary

1 when we receive any official documents from
2 Trenton to go into closed session. This is just a
3 standard Resolution that is letting us know that
4 we have been granted a three-month extension and
5 you just read the parts of the Resolution. That
6 will only give the Commissioners an opportunity to
7 ask Mr. Bella if there was any other specific
8 information that we should be brought up to date.

9 As far as the public is concerned, it's
10 only going to center on that three months, which
11 we're not complaining about. We got an extra
12 months than we asked for. And it also focuses on
13 what their timetable is.

14 The timetable for the Woodland Park
15 reservoirs is so far down the line that, you can
16 correct me if I'm wrong, Joe, is so far down the
17 line that the State and us are not even talking
18 about that. The two immediate ones are the two
19 that affect Paterson. So those are the two that
20 they're holding our feet to the fire on.

21 But as far as I know today, the discussion
22 will just center on Levine, if there's any
23 questions by the Commissioners. I don't have any,
24 but if anybody else does, that's their proper time
25 to do that.

1 MR. GUARASCI: May I just ask?

2 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: I don't think so. I
3 don't think so.

4 Carol, I want to apologize. Our
5 Administration and all our community has been
6 dealing with a major main break that affected
7 Clifton and Passaic to the point that our major
8 business districts were shut down. They really
9 didn't have the time to do this. But I'm sure,
10 Joe, you can assign somebody to make sure that
11 they get the answers to those, plus the four new
12 questions which are really just a resubmission of
13 the questions before.

14 And we're out of the crisis. We did well.
15 So we should be able to get that out to you.

16 MS. VAN SAVAGE: Van Houten Avenue is now
17 open?

18 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Oh, no. That's a
19 whole different. That's PSE&G. That wasn't us,
20 so we're okay there.

21 MR. HANLEY: I just want to sort of make a
22 slight clarifying statement about the closed
23 session sessions.

24 You're right, a lot of the substance of
25 what would be discussed belongs in open session

1 when it comes to the reservoirs. There are,
2 however, certain items that would relate to
3 exceptions under both contractual and potential
4 litigation. And the fact that we are subject to
5 an ACO which allow us, and also really to a point
6 of view responsibility require us to have certain
7 portions of those discussions in closed session.
8 And when those issues are resolved, you are
9 entitled to those minutes as well. And I think
10 you've already received or I hope you already
11 received a portion of the past minutes relating to
12 that. I know I cleared them.

13 MR. GUARASCI: No, we haven't.

14 MR. HANLEY: Well, they should be
15 available. So maybe we can discuss it after --

16 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: I think under the
17 OPRA law, Mr. Hanley, we can see what they asked
18 for and what they got and whatever they're missing
19 we will make sure they get.

20 MR. HANLEY: Yeah.

21 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Because they
22 requested a lot and he's done a yeoman's job in
23 pulling all that together. Let's look at their
24 list to make sure that we haven't skipped any of
25 those closed session minutes that they need.

1 MR. HANLEY: It took some time.

2 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Yes.

3 MR. HANLEY: I had to go through them, but
4 I've completed that probably a few weeks ago.

5 MR. GUARASCI: Can I just ask one question
6 on that?

7 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Yes, you may.

8 MR. HANLEY: If you can wait until after,
9 I'll --

10 MR. GUARASCI: No, the only point I want
11 to make, and I say this respectfully, in the six
12 months that we've been here, there's been no
13 public debate or dialogue amongst members of this
14 Commission in the public on a significant public
15 works project of this nature. And I do believe
16 that you're depriving the public of the
17 opportunity to hear what their appointed
18 representatives think about this because
19 everything you've done in closed session. And I
20 don't think that that's correct. And I don't want
21 this to be more contentious than it has to be, but
22 I think that you are not operating in the spirit
23 of the Open Public Meetings Act by having the
24 entirety of your discussions in Executive Session.

25 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Now that the public

1 portion is really closed. Any other further
2 dialogue with me or Mr. Hanley or Mr. Bella will
3 have to be done after our meeting. I really
4 appreciate it.

5 The last thing are the meetings. Number
6 one: We're still working on setting up a meeting
7 with them.

8 Mr. Bella, have we gotten any closer to a
9 meeting date with them?

10 MR. BELLA: Like we told them last time,
11 we're waiting for the results of the alternative
12 study. Actually, I was hoping to have one
13 submitted to us, but they didn't get back to us.
14 As soon as we get that, it should be in the next
15 couple of days and we'll schedule it. And we'll
16 be more than happy to discuss it.

17 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: All right. So
18 either they wait until we have additional
19 information, but if they want it sooner, you're
20 ready to go sooner?

21 MR. BELLA: I would prefer to have these
22 things you asked us to do all along.

23 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: It will be an
24 evening meeting - we get that loud and clear - at
25 your convenience, on your turf. We're listening;

1 believe us, we are listening. So Mr. Bella will
2 make sure it's at a convenient time for the
3 involved parties. It's on a turf that's
4 comfortable to the Community Development
5 Authority.

6 And I really have to thank my fellow
7 colleague, Commissioner Cleaves, who is going to
8 be reaching out to the new mayor who will be
9 installed after July 1st and the newly sworn in
10 council members to schedule a meeting as we've
11 done in Clifton, as we've done in Passaic.
12 Commissioner Cleaves has taken it upon herself to
13 make sure that that kind of meeting takes place in
14 the City Hall of Paterson. So that will give you
15 two opportunities to bring the Paterson community
16 together for that dialogue. Okay.

17 So I guess you will keep Mr. Guarasci or
18 somebody...

19 Commissioner Cleaves has offered to keep
20 you abreast of her efforts to arrange a meeting at
21 Paterson City Hall with the new the mayor and new
22 council.

23 So I think you're moving forward. We have
24 a lot of business to cover today. So I thank you
25 all for coming again and I'm sure we'll see you at

1 the next meeting.

2 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Committee reports,
3 Louis, we're up to.

4 MR. AMODIO: Personnel.

5 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Personnel, here we
6 go.

7 COMMISSIONER CLEAVES: I'm to report what
8 happened in our personnel meeting that took place
9 yesterday.

10 There were two main topics that we talked
11 about. One was the intern program. As you know,
12 we have an intern program in place but we have no
13 documentation as to how we inquire our interns,
14 how long we keep them.

15 So I charged the Personnel Director to
16 come up with some criteria for us, keeping in mind
17 the laws from the Civil Service Commission of how
18 long we are to keep interns, what Civil Service
19 says the process is for interns, and then we will
20 incorporate that into our structure for interns.

21 Right now we have six interns on staff
22 here and we will be requesting that we have seven
23 interns. So that gives each Commissioner an
24 opportunity to recommend an intern also for the
25 internship program.

1 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: I think Joe Bella
2 has two interns too.

3 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Let her finish.
4 We'll add other things we would like the committee
5 to look at.

6 COMMISSIONER CLEAVES: At the next
7 meeting, they're going to bring the criteria and
8 at the personnel meeting, the Commissioners we
9 will sit and add what we think needs to be added
10 and subtract what we think needs to be subtracted.
11 But we want to start with the basics. We want
12 them to come up with the basics; what they think
13 the intern program should look like and then we
14 will bring our input before we bring it back to
15 the body for voting on, in accepting that as a
16 policy.

17 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Now --

18 COMMISSIONER CLEAVES: This is just the
19 intern program.

20 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Just to add, I
21 thought we also said until we get that criteria,
22 we're going to leave it the way it is.

23 COMMISSIONER CLEAVES: Leave it the way it
24 is. It's supposed to suspend I think in
25 September. The way the program is now, it's

1 supposed to suspend in September. We will leave
2 it in place the way it is and, hopefully, we'll
3 have it all hashed out and everything by then so
4 when the new program can start, we won't have a
5 big gap and when we don't have interns in the
6 program.

7 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: I think the way it
8 used to be, like years ago, they were Joe Bella,
9 our Executive Director's intern. Is that correct,
10 Joe?

11 COMMISSIONER CLEAVES: Well, he has to
12 approve all of our submissions.

13 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: But he had I think
14 two for himself and then he works and he used to
15 put them in engineering.

16 COMMISSIONER CLEAVES: One per
17 Commissioner and he gets two.

18 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Right. That's what
19 I mean. I wouldn't want to take these out of all.
20 It started going with Commissioners. But he works
21 directly. Joe can speak how it used to be,
22 whatever. But I think it was two, right, Joe?

23 MR. BELLA: It was two.

24 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: I wouldn't want to
25 take it away from him.

1 COMMISSIONER CLEAVES: It's a new day. We
2 can do things differently. We're not taking
3 anything away from him. We're working in
4 conjunction.

5 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: No, no. I love that
6 he gets two of the nine total. If we even
7 allocate to use them all.

8 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: If we need them.

9 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: And Joe will be the
10 final say if we need then.

11 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: And when we get to
12 finance, Commissioner Levine is going to fill you
13 in on our discussion on finance.

14 COMMISSIONER CLEAVES: And the other one
15 was the summer help.

16 As you know, we all are eligible to
17 sponsor two summer help. Some of us have
18 submitted; some of us haven't. It was told to us
19 in the meeting that the budget is in place that we
20 could all have an additional summer help. So as
21 opposed to having two, we can now have three a
22 piece. So if you already submitted two, you can
23 submit one more, if you would like.

24 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: We're going to have
25 to do two things: One, let me clarify the budget

1 is in place. We did not budget enough for three.
2 However, our Comptroller said that we can move
3 money around in the salary account to do that. I
4 think he made a wonderful point, because just
5 because we can provide a job experience, it should
6 be a meaningful experience for our summer help.

7 So I've asked Mr. Bella to give us a list
8 of the areas that this, if you choose summer help,
9 where they will be working.

10 Joe, what areas have you designated as to
11 where this extra person would go?

12 MR. BELLA: The additional people now
13 would be mainly things like landscaping, our
14 hydrant program, to paint hydrants, and cleaning
15 vehicles. You know, once a year we try to take
16 everything out of all of our trucks and clean them
17 up. So those are the kind of jobs we have now.
18 The engineering jobs and customer service jobs
19 have pretty much filled up. So that's what we
20 have left. And they're good jobs.

21 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: And for summer help,
22 they'll be very happy to take it and that was one
23 of the things Commissioner Levine stressed at our
24 meeting was that people should know where they're
25 going to be assigning their extra help and that's

1 why we're going to have to amend this policy.

2 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Joe, is there a need
3 for us --

4 MR. BELLA: We can use them.

5 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: There's a need for
6 us to have it?

7 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: It's physical labor.

8 MR. BELLA: We can definitely use them in
9 that respect.

10 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: What happens is it's
11 physical. We put them on, they want to use them
12 to cut lawns and then somebody calls up, something
13 happens, the next thing you know they're working
14 in customer service.

15 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: In the past we had
16 kids hanging around.

17 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: That's not going to
18 happen.

19 MR. BELLA: When we go to four, that'll
20 happen, but that's not going to happen with three.

21 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: No, I think that's
22 why Commissioner Vannoy picked three.

23 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: It has to be
24 physical labor. The third person that we're going
25 to put on, let them know ahead of time it's

1 physical, you know. They're not going to be
2 sitting, you know, next to you, Joe, in an office.
3 They're going to be outside working and painting,
4 maintenance, cleaning, doing something like that.

5 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Exactly.

6 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: It's work work.

7 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: And the finance
8 committee will be monitoring this because when we
9 plan for this next year, you know, Mr. Weiss made
10 a really good point with people like me who are
11 very dollar conscious. He said: We could do
12 this. Know if I'm taking it from someplace else
13 then you're making this a priority over something
14 else. But as a pilot program this year, I have no
15 problem supporting that so that we will monitor
16 this.

17 We're going to have to amend this
18 particular Resolution from four to three, which we
19 will do.

20 And, also, whoever took out the item, I
21 think it's extremely important to leave it in,
22 department heads will advise areas where work is
23 needed and the Personnel Director will provide a
24 job description of the position to be filled. For
25 some reason that was removed. I think it's

1 essential that it's included in here so that our
2 Administration is isolated from that experience
3 that Commissioner Levine has just mentioned
4 because we certainly don't want that to happen.

5 Okay. So with that addition of changing
6 the two to three and putting in number 8 on the
7 department heads, can someone move?

8 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Move.

9 COMMISSIONER CLEAVES: Second.

10 MR. AMODIO: Motion by Commissioner
11 Bazian.

12 Second by Commissioner Cleaves.

13 On the roll.

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

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18 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: I was a no, but
19 hearing Joe, I'm going to vote yes.

20 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: As a pilot program
21 and closer monitoring this year, yes is the way to
22 go.

23 Thank you.

24 MR. AMODIO: Motion approved.

25 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: If I may? I wanted

1 to make a comment, actually, a suggestion with
2 regards to the intern program.

3 There was rather lengthy discussion on the
4 record, I want to say a little bit more than a
5 year ago about this, where there was an attempt
6 through the discussions to come up with what we
7 felt the purpose of the program was, how it was
8 supposed to work, et cetera. Understanding that
9 personnel was taking a look at this and I think
10 that's a wonderful thing.

11 I just wanted to suggest it might not be a
12 bad idea to review what we said before so perhaps
13 our original thinking might become more apparent
14 and would be taken into account.

15 The second thing is my concern with
16 regards to the intern program is understanding
17 that the program's going to sunset in September,
18 but my concern is we'll be out of money in the
19 budget in September.

20 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: It's the same
21 premise that we're using for this program. We
22 were told that, again, we can move monies from the
23 salary account around to sure up that. But we
24 were also told at that meeting that one of the
25 people that are on this list is going to be hired

1 full time, so that creates a vacancy which,
2 obviously, is not going to need money and that was
3 one of the more heavily subsidized people. And
4 then a couple of the other people, depending on
5 what the standards will be, may not be in the
6 program anymore. They may be leaving for whatever
7 their reason leaving. So Yitz had said we should
8 be able to get through until September.

9 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: And also employees
10 that were budgeted for that retired early. They
11 were budgeted for the whole year in the salaries
12 that now there's money that can be moved from
13 there. Like if an employee was budgeted for the
14 whole year making 70,000, he retired in the middle
15 of the year, that 70,000 was still in the budget.

16 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: I understand that.
17 However, if I may?

18 Another point that I've been making all
19 year is that the concept of "in the budget",
20 putting those three words in quotes, does not mean
21 that we have enough money somewhere floating
22 around in another account. An \$80 million budget
23 is not a blank check for us to spend \$80 million
24 however we want to. If we need money in a budget
25 line item that is running out, the suggestion I

1 have made as a procedure was that there should be
2 a Resolution moving money in the budget. This was
3 actually a recommendation of our auditors.

4 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: We can do that.

5 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: That's all I'm
6 suggesting.

7 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: It's almost the same
8 thing we were saying.

9 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: We went through
10 this. We went through this. This is another
11 instance where we do not have a formal policy. I
12 appreciate all the input that you can give our
13 personnel committee. We talked about it a lot of
14 times. But this, just like the program with
15 increasing the summer help, it's going to be
16 monitored; monitored through finance which will
17 help us in the budgeting process.

18 So while I respect what you're saying, the
19 minimal amount of money that we're going to need
20 to get them through to September before we may
21 change or put a solid procedure here --

22 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Our CFO wanted to
23 wait until the money ran out rather than --

24 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Right. It's not
25 going to run out before September, which everybody

1 is going to be --

2 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: He said you have
3 time.

4 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: You can ask Yitz,
5 but we respect what you're saying because there's
6 nobody that's done more for the budgeting process
7 than you have, Commissioner Bazian. And I really
8 think our finance committee is all on board,
9 everybody is on the same page. With the tighter
10 monitoring this year, I think we're going to have
11 another great year, as the auditor said this year,
12 because of the diligence of everybody around this
13 table.

14 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Madam President,
15 can I?

16 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Yes.

17 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: If I'm not
18 mistaken, I think there's a limitation as to how
19 many hours they can work and it could be estimated
20 how much money they could legally make without
21 becoming a legal employee. So I guess if we're
22 going to do two, three, four, five, whatever the
23 Board decides, I believe what you're saying is we
24 should have a formal budget item for that. And I
25 agree with you a hundred percent, so let's find

1 out what the guidelines are going to be and then
2 let's allocate the money formally for it.

3 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: The beauty part of
4 this will be the timing of our finance committee.
5 This is the first year that we're holding
6 Administration's feet to the fire to get us a
7 budget proposal by August. Perfect timing with
8 what personnel's putting together. So the worst
9 case scenario is, everything is frozen and nothing
10 starts until the next budget year. So both
11 committees are working together and it's a point
12 well taken. Point well taken.

13 Anything else on personnel?

14 Thank you very much.

15 MR. AMODIO: Anything else on finance?

16 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Can I say one thing
17 on personnel? I'm sorry.

18 There has been some discussion about some
19 promotion that Administration feels that they
20 should be granted. And my idea is that we should
21 have a conversation as a whole. Joe is putting a
22 list together and I don't know what the process
23 that the Board wants to use to come up with a fair
24 process, but I'd like to get some input from the
25 Board as to how we're going to do that. I don't

1 know how many individuals, I don't know who they
2 are, but I guess Joe is putting that together.

3 MR. BELLA: We said we would have that for
4 the next personnel committee meeting and then
5 we'll bring it to full Board after that; the list
6 of individuals that we talked about promoting or
7 change the salary.

8 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Yes. Finance is
9 going to have to look at it. But you're
10 absolutely right, what's happening here, which is
11 a joy to my heart, is that we're actually
12 listening to one another and all of the minutes
13 that I have read through since January, it's all
14 putting us on the same track. We're trying to put
15 everybody, especially in the organizational end of
16 it, where they belong, not piecemeal. But you're
17 absolutely right. So although personnel and
18 finance will be getting the first look at it, the
19 bottom line is it comes here for a decision by the
20 group as a whole. And you'll have all of that
21 information, you know, ahead of time, so that
22 you'll have that.

23 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Madam President,
24 just a quick question given what you just said. I
25 agree with Commissioner Sanchez totally. But I

1 note that we have eight, seven items on our agenda
2 that seems to represent the promotions or changes
3 in personnel. Are we saying that those are on
4 hold pending this global look or are we going to
5 be discussing the personnel agenda?

6 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: I think Chairman
7 Cleaves needs to answer that because I think I
8 know the answer, but that committee spent a great
9 deal of time going through this so they need to
10 bring us up to speed.

11 COMMISSIONER CLEAVES: On these promotions
12 here, I think they were on the Civil Service list
13 so once they are removed from the Civil Service
14 list, their salaries are comparable to what
15 they're supposed to be.

16 The first one is a correction. I think
17 their salary was incorrect. So that's corrected.

18 And then the promotions and the
19 appointments, am I correct, Louis?

20 MR. AMODIO: Yes. According to the memo,
21 they are coming off of Civil Service.

22 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: I understand that.
23 I'm not arguing that. There are two issues that I
24 have. Two questions, not an issue, I should say.

25 Number one: We're appointing people to

1 positions. Have these positions been specifically
2 budgeted for? Not do we have the money, have they
3 been budgeted for? And that is my biggest
4 question.

5 And the second thing is: We're talking
6 about promotions and appointments, understanding
7 that even if they're coming off the Civil Service
8 list, I presume that these promotions are
9 happening or the appointments are happening
10 because we have a specific need in the table of
11 organization.

12 COMMISSIONER CLEAVES: Are you saying are
13 they budget for or were they budgeted for? That's
14 a question I can't answer because I was not the
15 chair.

16 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Joe can.

17 COMMISSIONER CLEAVES: So were they
18 budgeted for --

19 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Let's start with the
20 laboratory positions since those are crucial to
21 our organization. Explain what happened there.

22 MR. BELLA: We have people leave. What we
23 did is, what we've done in the Commission for five
24 years now, we bring people into the laboratory.
25 Some of these entry level positions are people

1 with degrees in biology or chemistry or
2 environmental science. We bring them in at the
3 sample collector level. Somebody leaves, we move
4 them up. That's what's happening. We're moving
5 people up because we have some vacancies, that
6 kind of thing. And we hired some people at the
7 bottom which the Commission already did.

8 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: So those two
9 laboratory, to make a long story short, are needed
10 positions. These people have experience. This is
11 just the title that they need to do their job that
12 they've been doing for at least over two, three
13 years.

14 MR. BELLA: They've been doing it in many
15 cases.

16 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: All right.

17 MR. BELLA: The appointments, they're ones
18 that we already, you know, promoted. The
19 Commission's already promoted. And we're just
20 making them permanent off the list. They all fit
21 into the table of organization. They're all good
22 employees and it's just time to make them
23 permanent. The list came up.

24 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: So does that answer
25 your question?

1 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Yes, ma'am.

2 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: May I say one
3 thing? I'm on the personnel committee and I feel
4 like I have a great experience when these items
5 coming --

6 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Yes, you do.

7 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: One of the reasons
8 that I, and Tom was there and I asked Joe
9 specifically, nobody else but Joe, who's the
10 leader, and I said: Joe, is this something we
11 have to do now.

12 And he says yes.

13 And based on his recommendation, I guess,
14 the personnel committee says put them on the
15 agenda. But it was all Joe saying according to
16 his needs, that's why.

17 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: I'm glad you're
18 clarifying this, for the record, so should anybody
19 read our minutes, they will know that we really
20 discussed this and we really listen to one
21 another. Right.

22 I just have a question on the last one
23 which is the building superintendent. You guys
24 discussed that also.

25 MR. AMODIO: He asked for that to to be in

1 closed session.

2 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: This will be in
3 closed session, number 7.

4 So then we have our questions answered on
5 1 through 6. My questions on 7 will be answered
6 in closed session.

7 MR. AMODIO: IT.

8 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Nothing.

9 MR. AMODIO: Legal affairs did not meet.

10 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: No, but I do have a
11 report.

12 At the last meeting, I asked some
13 questions of George about the ethics training for
14 the Commission and I just received from Brown &
15 Brown a rather lengthy power point presentation
16 which he indicates he will come and make to the
17 Board just to go over our ethics situation
18 training and give us a guide, which I think is a
19 great idea. What he says is normally it takes
20 about an hour, 50 minutes with no questions. His
21 suggestion is, and he's found from his experience,
22 that the best time to do it is prior to a
23 Commission meeting.

24 So if nobody has a problem, I would like
25 to go ahead, if the Board approves it, and set

1 something up for him to come. I don't know when.
2 July we have a lot of stuff on, you want to wait
3 until September to do this?

4 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: The sooner we do
5 this, the better.

6 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Who is going to
7 come?

8 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: The guy from Brown &
9 Brown, Matthew Struck.

10 MR. HANLEY: Just to clarify, it's really
11 from the MEL/JIF and he's forwarding it to us and
12 he's experienced, apparently, at this.

13 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: He makes the
14 presentation.

15 MR. HANLEY: But it's also a requirement
16 from our insured at this point in time to do
17 something like this to, you know, show that we've
18 done some due diligence. And as you, I think,
19 also know, it's also highly recommended by the
20 Local Finance Board and the State Ethics
21 Commission.

22 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: We never had it.
23 It's actually required by State law.

24 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Not for us, but
25 every other public elected body must do this now

1 and this will help us with our insurance.

2 MR. AMODIO: George, is there a reduction
3 in our rates by them doing that? I think it was
4 \$250.

5 MR. HANLEY: Yeah. It enhances our --

6 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: The way it used to
7 work was for each Commissioner that attended an
8 ethics training session, we would get \$250 off.
9 Commissioner Kolodziej and I have been to one. I
10 think somebody else. I thought you said you went
11 to one.

12 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: I did it on-line.

13 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: So we saved money.
14 It's 50 minutes, an hour before the meeting, so I
15 think it's a great idea.

16 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Set it up.

17 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: To me, the sooner
18 the better.

19 Anybody's vacation schedule going to
20 change in July? Can we have a full Board in July?

21 I know in August you like to go away, so
22 you might not be here in August.

23 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: I'm away the whole
24 summer.

25 COMMISSIONER CLEAVES: I'm away in July.

1 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: You're away in July.
2 All right. Let's do it in September. September
3 will be good. Just know in September we will come
4 --

5 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: We'll meet a little
6 bit early.

7 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: We'll meet a little
8 bit early. We'll have to advertise it because
9 we're meeting as a group. So it will be a special
10 meeting for that purpose.

11 MR. AMODIO: Commissioner Levine, I'm
12 sorry Commissioner Kolodziej. The finance
13 committee.

14 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: We had a good
15 finance meeting.

16 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: I think everything
17 was discussed about the budget.

18 The only thing we didn't discuss was the
19 fishing program. What we came up, we would like
20 to do for the fishing program or try was: We
21 would like to do one weekend in July fishing open
22 to the public. One weekend in August open to the
23 public. Five hours each time. And then two
24 weekdays in July and two weekdays during August.
25 The maximum it would cost was \$6,000. That's if

1 we couldn't use our own employees during the week
2 to do it.

3 After speaking later with Joe Bella, our
4 Executive Director, and some of the people who do
5 the security, I think they said they believed that
6 we could use and maneuver some of our employees
7 actually during work hours to actually help run
8 the program. So the maximum it would cost is
9 6,000.

10 We'd also be handing out the fishing
11 passes with actually the names of the cities to
12 see how many people come from each Commissioner,
13 from each city where we can actually evaluate the
14 program and figure out if it works. So we're
15 asking for the cards back and they have to be
16 signed by the person who went fishing. And on the
17 card they would be maybe numbered to show what
18 Commissioner and what city it came from.

19 Also, if it needed more, we can open one
20 day to Passaic, one to Clifton, and one to
21 Paterson for maybe like a kids event, some sort of
22 youth program or something if requested by the
23 city.

24 That's what we came up with.

25 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Again --

1 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: We discussed it in
2 personnel.

3 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Did you? Okay.
4 What did you say?

5 COMMISSIONER CLEAVES: Well, we thought we
6 haven't enough time to kick the program off for
7 this year, but after discussion maybe open it up
8 for next year, earlier --

9 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: And we can budget
10 it. Commissioner Bazian would be so happy. So we
11 basically know what the cost is.

12 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Six thousand max.

13 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: That would be for
14 the plan that you laid out.

15 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: We can expand it
16 next year.

17 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Right.

18 And one of the things that concerned me
19 was the last time we did this, they did take
20 attendance and the majority of the owner cities'
21 people did not use it. The majority, almost two
22 thirds of it, were out of town people coming to
23 use that. So my concern, I thought originally
24 this was for the owner cities to have another
25 opportunity to give, you know, their residents

1 something. So all of these things, if you discuss
2 it at that and come up with something. But I like
3 the idea that we'll be able to budget for it.

4 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: If we're going to
5 talk about it next year, I'd like to see us
6 outreaching through recreation departments, going
7 directly to them, Boys and Girls Club, because
8 they're the ones to use this and it could be used
9 as a whole and I think that's the route we should
10 go.

11 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: You're on that
12 committee. Boy, you've got a lot of work. And
13 then you got to get it past us because we spend
14 the money, right, Commissioner.

15 So I think we're all in agreement. It
16 needs more discussion. We're going to pilot it
17 for next year. We'll be able to budget for it
18 properly. And anybody that has input, please
19 contact one of the personnel committee members.

20 My only concern, like I said, is the
21 groups. I know our City of Clifton, we still
22 have, every year we have a fishing contest and our
23 recreation department used to give those little
24 tickets to those kids. How many of them used it
25 or not, we don't know, but it definitely benefits

1 the recreation departments and groups in each
2 owner city. Definitely.

3 Good work, people.

4 Anything else?

5 All right. We're good.

6 MR. AMODIO: Executive Director.

7 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Joe, you're up.

8 MR. BELLA: Actually, things are a little
9 slow in terms of sales because the weather has
10 been cold and wet. However, the cost for running
11 the treatment plant is fairly tamed because of
12 that.

13 The other thing is some of our wholesale
14 customers that have alternative supplies are
15 actually buying water from us for whatever reason.
16 So we're sort of offsetting.

17 Our program for the cleaning lining is, we
18 have some bigger capital projects, like ambient
19 air vaporizers at the treatment plant which are
20 going to add a tremendous amount of flexibility to
21 the plant and also really help us with overtime
22 and maintenance. So we're happy with that.

23 And, you know, in the next month or so,
24 you'll start to see things start to ramp up in
25 terms of cleaning the lining and terms of bigger

1 capital projects.

2 So other than that...

3 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Question: What's
4 LOX, L-O-X, Facility?

5 MR. BELLA: That's what I was talking
6 about; Liquid Oxygen Ambient Air Vaporizers.

7 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: If I can make a
8 comment?

9 Joe, in your report you mention a Public
10 Service project. In front of my office for about
11 three weeks the road is closed and we have an
12 observer there protecting us and in fact, they hit
13 a water line. And I got to tell you, within, just
14 a, within a minute, it was taken care of. Lou
15 Slaby was out there.

16 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Himself?

17 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Yes.

18 Andy Bisesi was there. Jeff Baig was
19 there. Nothing happened. It was a real minor
20 thing. I just want to commend them. They were
21 all really on top of it. Public Service's job.

22 MR. BELLA: That's a big job for us.

23 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: The City of Clifton
24 can't wait for them to finish. Every section of
25 town is just down.

1 MR. BELLA: It's one of those things you
2 hate to see, but it has to be done.

3 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: It has to be done.

4 MR. BELLA: Just like when we started
5 cleaning the lining and pipe replacement.

6 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Right, right.

7 I think Mr. Amodio will give us the
8 Comptroller.

9 MR. AMODIO: I didn't get anything from
10 Yitz.

11 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Yitz is on vacation.
12 We're going to have to skip that today. There was
13 nothing that we had to worry about in finance.

14 All right. So I guess we can then go into
15 Executive Session.

16 MR. AMODIO: Do I have a motion?

17 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Move it.

18 COMMISSIONER CLEAVES: Second.

19 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Can we eat a
20 sandwich while we do this?

21 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Absolutely.
22 Absolutely.

23 MR. AMODIO: Can I just do the Resolution
24 first.

25 WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public

1 Meetings Act permits the exclusion of the public
2 from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

3 WHEREAS, the public body is of the opinion
4 that such circumstances presently exist;.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the
6 Commissioners of the Passaic Valley Water
7 Commission:

8 1. The public shall be excluded from
9 discussion of the hereinafter specified subject
10 matters; the general nature of the subject matter
11 being: Financial, Insurance, Personnel,
12 Contracts, Negotiations, Security, and Law. We
13 have Summary Aging Reports; North Arlington v.
14 PVWC;.

15 George, I see Guido Weber. Is he for --

16 MR. HANLEY: I have two to add. The JAK
17 Diamond/Surety Bond issue and the Hold Harmless
18 Agreement regarding Paterson Police training.

19 MR. AMODIO: Under Personnel we have:

20 Kenneth Mamary - Assistant Water Treatment
21 Plant Operator.

22 Promotion: Joe-Ann Browne and Charles
23 Poyssick - Lab Tech - Water Analysis.

24 Appointments: Melvin Rivera - Senior
25 Drafting Technician.

1 Ignazio Iurato - Plumber.

2 Mayer Rosenberg - Senior Electrician.

3 Richard Zangoglia - Building

4 Superintendent.

5 Under Administration, we have a letter
6 from the NJ DEP Amended Administrative Consent
7 Order, and any other matter as may be discussed in
8 camera.

9 2. It is anticipated at this time that
10 the above-stated subject matters will be ratified
11 during public meeting following or as soon
12 thereafter as the reason for the discussion no
13 longer exists.

14 3. This Resolution shall take effect
15 immediately.

16 Second by Commissioner Cleaves.

17 On the roll.

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19 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
20 respond in the affirmative. Commissioner Graddy
21 abstained)

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25 MR. AMODIO: The time is 1:41.

1 You have a quorum.

2 We'll move onto Consent Agenda.

3 First item is minutes of Passaic Valley
4 Water Commission in camera and Regular Public
5 Session Meetings and the Professional Services
6 Meetings held on May 21st, 2014.

7 Do I have a motion?

8 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Move.

9 MR. AMODIO: Move by Commissioner Bazian.

10 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Second.

11 MR. AMODIO: Second by Commissioner
12 Levine.

13 On the roll.

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15 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
16 respond in the affirmative. Commissioner Graddy
17 having abstained)

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19 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

20 Next: Does the Chair accept, receive, and
21 file Miscellaneous Purchase Orders by Linda
22 Beckering, Purchasing Agent, for the period of
23 May 5th, 2014, to June 25th, 2014?

24 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Yes.

25 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

1 Next: We'll move on. We have a
2 Resolution Authorizing an Indemnification and Hold
3 Harmless Agreement with the City of Paterson
4 Police Department --

5 MR. HANLEY: I want to modify that.

6 MR. AMODIO: Let me finish.

7 For the use of the Point View Reservoir.
8 George.

9 MR. HANLEY: I would ask that the
10 Resolution Authorizing an Indemnification and Hold
11 Harmless Agreement with the City of Paterson
12 relating to police department training for use of
13 PVWC's Point View Reservoir subject to
14 verification of authorization by the City of
15 Paterson.

16 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Louie, you got that?

17 MR. AMODIO: Subject to authorization --

18 MR. HANLEY: Subject to verification of
19 authorization by the City of Paterson.

20 MR. AMODIO: Okay. Thank you, sir.

21 We have New Business.

22 Summary of Disbursement and Payrolls from
23 June 18th, 2014, in the amount of --

24 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Don't we have to
25 vote on that?

1 MR. AMODIO: Oh, I'm sorry. You're right.

2 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Move it.

3 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Second.

4 MR. AMODIO: Motion by Commissioner

5 Bazian.

6 Second by Commissioner Levine.

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

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11 MR. AMODIO: Motion approved.

12 Next: We have Summary of Disbursements
13 and Payrolls through June 18th, 2014, in the
14 amount of \$5,441,738.85.

15 MR. AMODIO: Commissioner Levine?

16 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Move.

17 MR. AMODIO: Second?

18 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: I'll second.

19 MR. AMODIO: On the roll.

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21 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
22 respond in the affirmative. Commissioner Graddy
23 having abstained)

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25 COMMISSIONER DeVITA: Abstain on Rachles

1 Michele and Mad River Development.

2 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Abstain on Dell and
3 APV. Whatever it is, find it out and put it in
4 there.

5 MR. AMODIO: Next: We have
6 recommendations from closed session.

7 We have promotion of Jo-Ann Browne -
8 Senior Lab Tech - Water Analysis.

9 Proposed Salary: 59,500.

10 Proposed Range: \$18,357 to \$63,846.

11 Next: Charles Poyssick - Senior Lab Tech
12 Water Analysis/TA.

13 Proposed Salary: 54,000.

14 Proposed Range: \$18,357 to \$63,846.

15 Next: Appointment: Rich Zangoglia -
16 Building Superintendent.

17 Proposed Salary: \$75,000

18 Proposed Range: \$51,665 to \$80,995.

19 Next: Melvin Rivera - Senior Drafting
20 Technician.

21 Proposed Salary: 58,000.

22 Proposed Range: \$30,000 to \$67,486.

23 Next: Ignazio Iurato - Plumber.

24 Proposed Salary: 68,765.

25 Proposed Range: \$17,809 to \$68,765.

1 Next: Mayer Rosenberg - Senior
2 Electrician.

3 No change in range of salary.

4 And from last month: Kenneth Mamary -
5 Assistant Water Treatment Plant Operator.

6 His Salary is: \$37,565.

7 Range is: \$25,000 to \$55,245.

8 Correct that amount.

9 Do I have a motion?

10 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Motion.

11 MR. AMODIO: Motion by Commissioner
12 Levine.

13 Do I have a second?

14 COMMISSIONER CLEAVES: Second.

15 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Cleaves.

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

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20 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

21 Is there anything under Good and Welfare?

22 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: I just want to make
23 one comment. As we began our meeting welcoming
24 our new colleague, Commissioner Graddy, I think we
25 should go on record thanking Commissioner Vannoy

1 for his service to our Commission.

2 I am especially grateful to him for the
3 work that he did on our security committee when we
4 had to let go of the Sheriff's Department and how
5 much money we are saving. That's one of his
6 shining moments and he was very, very instrumental
7 in making that happen.

8 And also his work with us, Commissioner
9 Sanchez, on the special projects committee. He's
10 been invaluable.

11 Just let the record show we all appreciate
12 his service.

13 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Not to forget his
14 work on IT.

15 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Oh, and IT.
16 Exactly. For Commissioner Bazian to say that.
17 Happy July 4th to everyone.

18 COMMISSIONER BAZIAN: Motion to adjourn.

19 MR. AMODIO: Motion by Commissioner
20 Bazian.

21 Second by Commissioner Levine.

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

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25 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

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Time is 1:47.

Next meeting is scheduled for July 16th;
Wednesday, July 16th.

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