

PASSAIC VALLEY WATER COMMISSION MEETING OF
NOVEMBER 9, 2016
(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

GLORIA KOLODZIEJ, Vice President

GERALD G. FRIEND, Treasurer

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

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JAMES G. DUPREY, Director of Engineering

YITZ WEISS, Comptroller

LOUIS AMODIO, Administrative Secretary

1 MR. AMODIO: On the roll.

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3 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
4 present respond in the affirmative. Commissioner
5 Kolodziej is not present yet)

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7 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

8 The time is 12:03.

9 You have a quorum.

10 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Commissioner Kolodziej
11 is coming.

12 MR. AMODIO: Oh, Commissioner Kolodziej is
13 here.

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

22 Will you please rise.

23 Commissioner Blumenthal.

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25 (Pledge of Allegiance)

1 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Do you have something
2 to say, Bill?

3 MR. LINTERIS: I'm here. I'm the public
4 today.

5 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Okay. Go ahead.

6 MR. LINTERIS: Bill Linteris. I'm here
7 representing Passaic County Board of Realtors and
8 as always, I'm here just to get an update as to
9 where we are with the three reservoirs and the
10 various investigations and outreach that we have
11 been waiting for: Levine, New Street, and Great
12 Notch. I'd like to know if there are any updates
13 as to where we are and what's going on with the
14 outreach that you did in Woodland Park.

15 Thank you.

16 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: You want to discuss
17 that with him, Joe, after the meeting?

18 MR. BELLA: Yeah, I'd be happy to.

19 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Mr. Linteris, will you
20 have Joe reach out to you and kind of give you an
21 update of what's going on.

22 MR. LINTERIS: You have closed session and
23 everything else so Joe will reach out to me.

24 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: I'll have Joe do that.

25 MR. LINTERIS: It will be good for the

1 Commissioners to hear what's going on too.

2 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: We do know.

3 MR. BELLA: Just quickly. We're just
4 getting ready to start the value engineering
5 section. That will be in the next month we'll get
6 started.

7 The outreach, they're still working on
8 putting the report together and as soon as we get
9 all the finals, we'll let you know. We'll give it
10 to the Commissioners.

11 MR. LINTERIS: All right. Thank you very
12 much.

13 MR. AMODIO: There's no one else from the
14 public.

15 Do I have a motion to close the public
16 portion?

17 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: So move.

18 COMMISSIONER CLEAVES: Second.

19 MR. AMODIO: Motion by Commissioner
20 Kolodziej.

21 Second by Commissioner Cleaves.

22 On the roll.

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

1 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

2 The time is 12:06.

3 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Who's the gentleman?

4 MR. AMODIO: That's Louis Alamo from Alamo
5 Insurance. He's here. He's on the agenda for
6 closed session unless Counsel thinks he could do
7 it in open.

8 MR. HANLEY: Well, it depends. It could
9 be in the nature of negotiation, so maybe you
10 should go into closed first and then do whatever
11 you have to do.

12 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: All right. So let's
13 move on.

14 Is Dominick closed session too?

15 MR. BELLA: Yes, under Administration.

16 MR. AMODIO: Yes.

17 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Okay. So let's go
18 into closed.

19 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: So move.

20 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Second by Commissioner
21 Levine.

22 MR. AMODIO: Commissioner Vannoy offers
23 the following Resolution for adoption:

24 WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Open Public
25 Meetings Act, permits the exclusion of the public

1 from a meeting in certain circumstances; and.

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

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

6 1. The public shall be excluded from
7 discussion of the hereinafter specified subject
8 matters; the general nature of the subject matters
9 being: Financial, Insurance, Personnel,
10 Contracts, Negotiations, Security, and Law or any
11 other matters that may be discussed in camera.

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

17 3. This Resolution shall take effect
18 immediately.

19 Second by Commissioner Levine.

20 On the roll.

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22 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
23 respond in the affirmative)
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25 MR. AMODIO: Gentlemen, please close the

1 doors.

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MR. AMODIO: All right.

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(Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
8 respond in the affirmative. Commissioner Cleaves
9 is in the other room)

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MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

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You have a quorum.

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The time is 1:10.

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Move onto the Consent Agenda.

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Minutes of Passaic Valley Water Commission
in camera session and Regular Public Meetings held
17 on October 19th, 2016.

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Do I have a motion? Motion on the
19 minutes?

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PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Move by Commissioner
21 Vannoy.

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Second by Commissioner Levine.

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MR. AMODIO: On the roll.

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(Roll call was taken, all Commissioners

1 respond in the affirmative. Commissioner Cleaves
2 is out of the room)

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4 MR. AMODIO: Commissioners Cleaves is out
5 of the room.

6 Next, does the Chair accept, receive, and
7 file --

8 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Yes.

9 MR. AMODIO: Move onto the Resolutions.
10 Would you like to do one Resolution?

11 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Yes, please.

12 MR. AMODIO: One roll call?

13 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Yes.

14 MR. AMODIO: We have Resolution
15 Memorializing Adopting the Revised Passaic Valley
16 Water Commission Employee Handbook and directing
17 the Personnel Department to immediately distribute
18 the PVWC's employees.

19 6(b) Resolution Authorizing a Shared
20 Services Agreement with the City of Passaic for
21 Fire Hydrant Testing and Inspection Services for
22 the Water Distribution System in the amount of
23 \$69,500 per year for a period of five years.

24 6(c) Resolution Authorizing a Shared
25 Services Agreement with the City of Clifton for

1 Fire Hydrant Testing and Inspection Services for
2 the Water Distribution System in the amount of
3 \$168,100 per year for a period of five years.

4 6(d) Contract 16-B-26 "Water Systems
5 Installation and Repair Services" Recommendation
6 to award a two-year contract to Montana
7 Construction Corp., Inc. of Lodi, New Jersey in
8 the amount of \$3,489,504.64.

9 6(e) Resolution of Passaic Valley Water
10 Commission designating it's Replacement Public
11 Agency Compliance Officer (P.A.C.O.), Greg B.
12 Lucianin.

13 6(f) Resolution of Passaic Valley Water
14 Commission designating its Qualified Purchasing
15 Agent (Q.P.A.) Greg B. Lucianin.

16 Questions?

17 MR. HANLEY: May I?

18 I think it might be helpful if, with
19 respect to 6(a), if you added language at the end
20 of that that relates to the requirement that every
21 employee, not just be distributed, but every
22 employee is required to sign it and acknowledge
23 receipt of it so they have a record that every
24 employee has gotten it.

25 MR. BRISMAN: Commissioners, we did put

1 that document. It's the last page of the
2 handbook. It's already there. So, absolutely.

3 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Thank you.

4 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Can I ask a
5 question?

6 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Yes.

7 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: The Shared Services
8 with the City of Passaic, what are they doing
9 their own hydrants in their own town?

10 MR. BELLA: Like --

11 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Like they do in
12 Paterson.

13 MR. BELLA: We do inspection; we pay them
14 to do that.

15 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Just our own
16 hydrants. Paterson does ours --

17 MR. BELLA: Yes.

18 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: So move by
19 Commissioner Vannoy.

20 Second by Commissioner Blumenthal.

21 MR. AMODIO: On the roll.

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

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1 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Yes, I abstain on
2 Montana.

3 MR. AMODIO: Abstain on Montana.

4 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Anything else?

5 MR. AMODIO: Yes.

6 New Business.

7 Summary of disbursements of payrolls
8 through November 9th, 2016, in the amount of
9 \$4,531,127.78.

10 Treasurer find them in order?

11 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Treasurer?

12 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Yes.

13 MR. AMODIO: Make a motion, please.

14 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: So move.

15 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

16 Motion by Commissioner Friend.

17 Do I have a second?

18 COMMISSIONER BLUMENTHAL: Second.

19 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Blumenthal.

20 On the roll.

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

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24 MR. AMODIO: We have a Resolution Passaic
25 Valley Water Commission to renew its application

1 with the New Jersey Utilities Authority Joint
2 Insurance Fund and we have a Resolution of Passaic
3 Valley Water Commission to participate in the
4 State Health Benefits Program.

5 Questions?

6 Motion?

7 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: So move.

8 MR. AMODIO: Motion by Commissioner
9 Kolodziej.

10 COMMISSIONER CLEAVES: Second.

11 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Cleaves.

12 Thank you.

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 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

19 Last we have Personnel. I'll go through
20 these quickly.

21 New Hire: Kevin Tirserio.

22 Title of Senior Water Treatment Plant
23 Operator.

24 Salary: \$45,000.00.

25 Range: \$20,565.00 to \$72,820.80.

1 Promotions:

2 2(a) John Cascone.

3 Title to Senior Mechanic.

4 Proposed Salary: \$86,637.20.

5 Range: \$51,667.20.

6 MR. BRISMAN: Mr. Chairman, I believe
7 salary was changed.

8 MR. AMODIO: The range, the range was
9 changed from 92,000; the top of the range.

10 6(b) Ronald Meola.

11 Title of Senior Maintenance Repairer.

12 Heat and A/C Permanent.

13 No change in salary.

14 No change in range.

15 Salary is \$67,996.03.

16 Range of \$60,000 to \$71,385.60.

17 6(c) Charles Poyssick.

18 New title would be Chemist Water Analysis.

19 Salary will be \$66,215.24.

20 Range will be \$21,821.80 to \$79,515.80.

21 6(d) Marisah Potkalesky.

22 Senior Technician, Management Information
23 Systems.

24 Salary of \$58,381.89.

25 Range: \$45,000.00 to \$62,000.00.

1 6(e) Greg Lucianin.

2 Title of Buyer.

3 Salary: \$77,881.49.

4 Range of \$32,518.98 to \$123,673.68.

5 Any questions?

6 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Commissioner Friend.

7 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: The title Buyer, I
8 asked Joe, he supplied me with the Civil Service
9 designation. There is a Buyer designation;
10 there's a Purchasing Agent designation. And I
11 think the job description all falls within the
12 Purchasing Agent rather than Buyer. Salary range
13 should be the same, but I think the proper
14 classification --

15 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Let me ask you this.
16 I have a question. I mean, I agree with the
17 promotion and everything else. The range, the 120
18 something, is that a common salary for this type
19 of --

20 MR. BELLA: That's the current range that
21 the existing individual has and I believe it's
22 reasonable. There was nothing different. It's
23 certainly in the assistant's range and department
24 head range, so I'm fine with that.

25 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: What's the

1 difference between a Buyer and a Purchasing Agent?

2 MR. BELLA: It's subtle differences. He
3 would be reporting directly to the Purchasing
4 Agent. Just a little better, you know. It
5 says --

6 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Purchasing Agent is
7 more like a supervisor.

8 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: What is a Buyer?
9 Buyer is a department head?

10 MR. BELLA: No, the Purchasing Agent would
11 be like the department head.

12 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: What's Linda's title
13 now?

14 MR. BELLA: Buyer.

15 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: That's her title
16 now?

17 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: It's semantics.

18 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: I didn't know what
19 her title was. I thought it was Purchasing Agent.
20 I thought she was a department head.

21 MR. BELLA: Well, yes, to a degree, but
22 not, you know, usually in a department.

23 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: This is to take her
24 position.

25 MR. BELLA: Yes, because she is going to

1 retire.

2 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Wait, wait, one
3 thing. What is the proposed salary of 77 with one
4 increment? Does that include the increment? What
5 does that mean? I meant to ask that on the last
6 one too.

7 MR. BELLA: That's with one increment.

8 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: That's already in
9 there?

10 MR. BELLA: Yes.

11 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Okay.

12 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: How much was the
13 previous salary before that, Joe?

14 MR. BELLA: I think it was 68,7.

15 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: So he went up how
16 much?

17 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Nine thousand
18 dollars -- 11,000 -- oh, no, let me get my math
19 right; 9,000.

20 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Whose salary are you
21 talking about?

22 MR. AMODIO: Lucianin.

23 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: All right.

24 MR. AMODIO: Any further questions?

25 We're going to change it to Purchasing

1 Agent.

2 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Can you do that?

3 MR. BELLA: Yes.

4 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: What is the Civil
5 Service title though?

6 MR. BELLA: Purchasing Agent.

7 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Purchasing Agent.

8 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Okay.

9 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Motion by Commissioner
10 Vannoy.

11 Commissioner Blumenthal seconds it.

12 MR. AMODIO: On the roll.

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

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17 MR. AMODIO: If you'd like to go back up.
18 You have the Executive Director's report we have
19 not gotten to.

20 MR. BELLA: Well, Commissioners, the
21 drought is not abated, actually, getting worse
22 even though there's a little bit of rain we have.
23 It seems every time we have a Commission meeting
24 it rains, so when things get bad, we'll start
25 calling one a week.

1 PRESIDENT SANCHEZ: Let's have one
2 everyday.

3 MR. BELLA: But we continue to supply Suez
4 with 10 million gallons of water a day. There are
5 some issues which I will bring out a little later
6 on that. I'd like to talk about in a little more
7 detail about how they changed the water, you know,
8 pass and flow requirements in stream. But so far
9 it hasn't had an impact on us.

10 Other than that, everything is running
11 well.

12 We had a pretty big main break yesterday.
13 The only reason I want to bring it up, normally,
14 under the circumstances you would have had dirty
15 water through the whole high service area in
16 Clifton, but because of all that cleaning and
17 lining projects that we've done in the past, we
18 had some dirty water but it was minimal under
19 those conditions.

20 We've taken a good step to start hiring
21 some people, which we needed to do. And next
22 meeting we'll be coming back with a few more hires
23 for the pump station and laboratory, just to give
24 you a heads up on that. Again, that will all be
25 laid out and it's all budgeted.

1 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Those are entry
2 level positions?

3 MR. BELLA: They will be, yes.

4 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: And when we do
5 our advertising, where do we advertise for those
6 positions here?

7 MR. BELLA: Usually --

8 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Where would
9 people look for that?

10 MR. BELLA: Usually in the local
11 newspapers and Monster and some other ones.
12 Sometimes we even go to the New York Times.

13 MR. AMODIO: Star Ledger.

14 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Will some of
15 these require licensing of some kind? You're
16 talking pump station, I'm thinking in terms of --

17 MR. BELLA: In the pump station we don't
18 require as much. It's not required like the
19 filter plant because it's not quite as technical.
20 We're already starting thinking about maybe having
21 to require them to have the W license which is
22 more of a pumping kind of -- I mean, overall the
23 idea is increase the level of sophistication
24 because the business is becoming more
25 sophisticated.

1 MR. AMODIO: Any further questions?

2 Yitz, would you like to give the

3 Comptroller's Report.

4 MR. WEISS: Cash on hand is 16.3 million.

5 Accounts payable is at 4 million.

6 Accounts receivable is 16 million.

7 Thirty days or less account's receivable
8 is at 15 million which is in line with what it was
9 last year.

10 For next month you'll have the Corrective
11 Action Plan. I'll have that back for you and you
12 should have the budget hopefully.

13 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Good job.

14 MR. AMODIO: Any questions?

15 No questions.

16 We have nothing further on the agenda.

17 Does anyone have anything for Good and
18 Welfare?

19 No.

20 Motion to adjourn.

21 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: So move.

22 COMMISSIONER CLEAVES: Second.

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

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MR. AMODIO: Thank you, everyone.

The time is 1:25.

Next meeting is scheduled for December 21.

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