

PASSAIC VALLEY WATER COMMISSION MEETING OF

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(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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1 MR. AMODIO: Roll call.

2 We're going to start the meeting,
3 gentlemen.

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

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8 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

9 The time is 9:43 a.m.

10 You have a quorum.

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

19 Would you please rise.

20 Commissioner Van Rensalier.

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22 (Pledge of Allegiance)

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24 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Before we start this
25 meeting, I'd like to ask for a moment of silence

1 for who in this lifetime was known as Barbara
2 Bush. We have different philosophies. She is
3 someone that I admired a lot. As the only woman
4 on this Board, I have to tip my hat for Barbara
5 Bush. She was the stronghold and the backbone for
6 that family. So I just ask for your moment of
7 silence in honor of Barbara Bush.

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9 (Moment of Silence)

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11 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Thank you.

12 MR. AMODIO: There are no members of the
13 public, so if you'd like we can go onto committee
14 reports.

15 There was no finance meeting. Is that
16 correct?

17 We'll move onto personnel.

18 For the record, the only one who asked for
19 their discussion in closed session was Mr. Duprey.
20 Everyone else requested open session.

21 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Okay. So we met
22 last Thursday, which was April 12th, and the
23 personnel committee has made a commitment this
24 year to really get together in a timely fashion
25 and start looking at the Passaic Valley Water

1 Commission as a whole and start making, you know,
2 changes that are definitely necessary and moving
3 things forward. And what I want to share today
4 now that we're in session is that we're looking to
5 really move things forward. We're not looking to
6 displace, replace, or anything like that, but to
7 augment this great institution and just bring it
8 up to a level of professionalism that it can be.
9 Not that it isn't now, but to bring it to have
10 more interaction between departments, to have
11 codes and policy of respect within the departments
12 and between the departments, and we're really
13 looking at these policies that we're putting in
14 place. I know there's a lot of people that are
15 not happy with certain policies or resolutions,
16 that we are going to move forward regardless,
17 with, of course, the advice and consent of the
18 entire Board.

19 We will be proposing a lot of changes in
20 the next coming months and we will be talking to
21 each and every one of our colleagues and seeing if
22 we can get consensus to make these changes.

23 So right now we don't have any new hires
24 this month, what we have is --

25 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Two new hires.

1 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: No, we don't. Well,
2 they're put on as new hires, but what they are are
3 replacements.

4 The first person on the Personnel Agenda
5 is Ignazio Iurato and he is being promoted to a
6 Permanent Senior Plumber as per the Civil Service
7 Commission. He's being promoted into his rightful
8 title.

9 The second one we're going to be
10 discussing in closed session.

11 The third hire, he's as a new hire. What
12 he is doing is he is replacing the new hire from
13 last month who wasn't able to take the job. So
14 that job was already appropriated for in last
15 meetings. So he's going to be doing that.

16 Then Daniel Blanco is coming in as a
17 Keyboarding Clerk and he is going to be replacing
18 Yovanny Veras, who is in Customer Service right
19 now and will be moving into Distribution.

20 Questions?

21 Comments?

22 Moving on.

23 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Special projects
24 met last week. We reviewed the resubmitting of
25 our fees for #18-P-21. We had two responses come

1 in. There's a recommendation from the committee
2 to award to Gibbons and that's on the agenda this
3 morning.

4 We also discussed the CH2M history of
5 amendments of that longstanding contract with a
6 recommendation for amendment number 5, which is
7 also on the agenda for this morning.

8 And then we also asked administration to
9 set up a meeting with the committee and JGSC so
10 that we can get an update on what they've been
11 going for us in 2018 so far.

12 And that was pretty much discussion in
13 special projects committee meeting.

14 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Thank you,
15 Commissioner.

16 MR. AMODIO: Moving on to the Executive
17 Director's report.

18 MR. BELLA: Just in general, you know
19 about the last few days or actually month or so
20 the weather's been crazy. We've had a lot of
21 problems down in the plant. Most of the them not
22 our fault. One of the big problems we're
23 addressing now is the problems with the
24 electronics, computer systems that are cropping up
25 as we try to replace and upgrade. One of the

1 things we're going to recommend when we do our
2 annual professional services is add additional
3 projects in there to have somebody come and help
4 us with that portion. It's very complicated and
5 we have some design to do and that type of thing.
6 So that will be coming up in the future.

7 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: I think also you
8 should look at the capital, you know, capital
9 plan.

10 MR. BELLA: Yes.

11 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Improvement plan and
12 look at those things because with the weather
13 changes, you're absolutely right. I took a ride
14 by the river and with the rainfall we had on
15 Monday, it was scary.

16 MR. BELLA: I got to tell you, the plant
17 that we built all those years performed
18 outstandingly.

19 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Yeah.

20 MR. BELLA: It was not knocked out because
21 of the power situation, which has affected the
22 computers and so it was out for a long time. We
23 brought it back online and jumped way up.
24 Conditions got really difficult to treat. It
25 didn't miss a beat the whole time. That's unusual

1 you start up a plant from black and go right into
2 running and our people did a great job;
3 maintenance and process people.

4 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: That's what I was
5 going to say. Those are the kinds of things that
6 we're looking at. Human capital, I mean, you cap
7 on it. And you can't really pay for that and the
8 people that we have at the plant are outstanding.
9 When these kinds of circumstances and sets of
10 emergencies come on and they can respond, you
11 know, people like Wendy and Mike Marotta and all
12 of them. You know, they come together, they come
13 together and they really... And we've had some
14 really horrific and unexpected weather this year
15 and that crew up there has really held it
16 together.

17 So I have to commend you, Joe, on your
18 leadership. They've done an outstanding job.

19 MR. BELLA: They have.

20 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: They really have.

21 MR. BELLA: Very professional.

22 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Yes, yes.

23 MR. BELLA: And they're well-known
24 throughout the industry.

25 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Some of them are

1 very professional, very, very professional.

2 MR. BELLA: The other thing I wanted to
3 show you is the spring, these are preliminary
4 results of the spring samplings. This is really
5 important findings here. One of the things that
6 we noticed is that we have parts on our system
7 that are protected anticorrosion. That's
8 corrosion inhibitor that lowers the lead results
9 in parts of our area. In other parts of the
10 system we can't feed because of the reservoirs.
11 So if you look at this, the first page in
12 particular, you look at it and it says 64 samples
13 in the protected area.

14 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: What page is that?

15 MR. BELLA: The very first page with the
16 gray.

17 MR. AMODIO: No, no.

18 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: It was put on the
19 table this morning.

20 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Oh, this one. Okay.

21 MR. BELLA: And then the unprotected area
22 had 60. So if you look at the numbers, the
23 samples are above 15 parts per billion 1 and 3.
24 So it's always higher. That ratio always seems to
25 be about three times higher, between two and a

1 half up to as much as four times higher.

2 If you look at the 70th percentile and
3 90 percentile, they're always two, three times
4 higher in unprotected areas as opposed to
5 protected areas.

6 Here's the thing I want to point out to
7 you. This is in my opinion one of the most
8 important findings we've been able to ascertain
9 now. We're seeing this more frequently now
10 because in the protected areas we've had about
11 almost two years where we've been adding
12 phosphates. What we're seeing there is the number
13 of non-detects is much higher than in the
14 undetected. In other words, the areas where we
15 sample, and these are all tier 1 sample locations,
16 which means they have lead from the curb to the
17 house and everything. They're built before 1981
18 or '82 or built in that time period where the
19 lead, according to the regulations -- but at any
20 rate, we see that we're finding detections
21 everywhere we go in the unprotected areas of lead.
22 And that is really, really important because what
23 it's saying is nobody's escaped. And so it's an
24 important finding. It's the first time we're
25 really starting to see that balancing -- that

1 unbalancing, I'm sorry, the unbalancing is
2 important because of the fact that these people
3 are not, you know, they're not seeing zero and the
4 fact is that they're higher.

5 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: This reporting is
6 extremely important and I appreciate it because I
7 think this gives justification to what is
8 absolutely necessary and what is our
9 responsibility to do.

10 MR. BELLA: We have to protect our water.

11 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Yes, absolutely.
12 Absolutely. This is something I think, and
13 Commissioner Kolodziej and I spoke about in our
14 special projects meeting and it's really, really
15 important that the things that we are doing here
16 and some phenomenal things that we're doing here
17 really gets out to the public, really gets out to
18 first and foremost to our owner cities, to the
19 cities that purchase, you know, water from us and
20 looking at it as a whole and possibly putting a
21 community outreach strategy together, you know,
22 community outreach, community information,
23 sharing, probably getting, you know, stakeholders
24 and people that really care about this issue.

25 And I think there are a lot of David Soos

1 out there that care about these kinds of issues in
2 our cities. I mean, everywhere we look we find
3 them and sort of take a relationship and make it
4 positive and see how we can work collectively and
5 collaboratively and comprehensively and really
6 give the proper information that our cities merit
7 and get buy-ins from, whether it's the council,
8 mayor, whoever it is, community base. And it's
9 something that would be lasting.

10 And I've been talking about this for a
11 long time but I think now we have to do it. And
12 I'm excited and I'm looking forward to this.
13 Great information.

14 MR. AMODIO: Any other questions?

15 Moving onto Controller's report.

16 MR. WEISS: Cash on hand is 26.2 million.

17 Accounts receivable is at 18.4 million.

18 Our 30 days or less accounts receivable is
19 at 17.3 million. That's 94 percent, which is
20 good.

21 Accounts payable is at 3.7 million.

22 Our audit is mostly done. We're expecting
23 to get a draft report from the auditors any day
24 and even though we will have the draft, we
25 probably will not be issuing the report for

1 several months because we're waiting on numbers
2 from the State.

3 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: What kind of
4 numbers?

5 MR. WEISS: Related to pensions. They're
6 not releasing them until June.

7 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Well, we can
8 certainly do something with the draft. Right?

9 MR. WEISS: Correct.

10 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Even with the draft
11 we can have our auditors come in and, you know, I
12 mean, they can always come into the finance
13 committee and then opt to take it out of committee
14 and bring it to us. But I think this is
15 important. We're doing it early enough in the
16 year.

17 MR. WEISS: Yes, absolutely.

18 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: By the way, as a
19 Local Board member, I have to say we have to fill
20 out our financial disclosures. Please send me
21 that short form. I don't know what it is, but
22 let's do it so we don't have problems with our
23 budget this year. They're due May something. I
24 got to get on it. I'm the most delinquent, to be
25 quite honest with all of you. I'm bad and I'm a

1 member of the Finance Board.

2 MR. AMODIO: That's it.

3 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: We're going to
4 closed.

5 MR. AMODIO: We'll move on to closed
6 session.

7 Do I have a motion?

8 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: So moved.

9 MR. AMODIO: Motion by Commissioner
10 Vannoy.

11 Second?

12 MR. BRISMAN: Add the Garfield matter.

13 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Very briefly.

14 MR. AMODIO: Whereas, Section 8 of the
15 Open Public Meetings Act permits the exclusion of
16 the public from a meeting in certain
17 circumstances; and

18 WHEREAS, the public body is of the opinion
19 that such circumstances presently exist;

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE RIGHT RESOLVED, by the
21 Commissioners of Passaic Valley Water Commission:

22 1. The public shall be excluded from the
23 discussion of the hereinafter specified subject
24 matters; the general nature of the subject matter
25 being: Financial, Insurance, Personnel,

1 Contracts, Negotiations, Security, and Law,
2 Personnel, Administration and any other matters as
3 may be discussed in camera.

4 2. It is anticipated at this time that
5 the above-stated subject matters will be ratified
6 during public meeting following or as soon
7 thereafter as the reason for the discussion no
8 longer exists.

9 3. This Resolution shall take effect
10 immediately.

11 Do I have a second?

12 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: So move.

13 MR. AMODIO: Second by Commissioner
14 Sanchez.

15 On the roll.

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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 Gentlemen, please close the doors.

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25 MR. AMODIO: Roll call.

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

MR. AMODIO: The time is 11:03 a.m.

You have a quorum.

We will move onto Consent Agenda.

We have the minutes of Passaic Valley in
camera and regular session meetings held March 26,
2018.

Do I have a motion?

COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: So moved.

MR. AMODIO: Motion by Commissioner
Kolodziej.

Second.

COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Second.

MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Sanchez.

On the roll.

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

MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

Next, does the Chair accept, receive, and
file miscellaneous purchase orders placed for the
period from March 14, 2018, to April 11th, 2018?

1 Madam Chair, do you accept, receive, and
2 file?

3 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Yes, I do.

4 MR. AMODIO: Move onto the Resolutions.
5 You'd like to do one roll for all?

6 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: I have a question on
7 (d).

8 MR. AMODIO: Which one?

9 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: (d), the last one,
10 the computers. Okay. I don't think there's a
11 meeting that we don't have on the agenda to
12 purchase computers and it's always been two, four,
13 whatever it might be. This is 34 new computers.
14 Where are these computers going, number one? And
15 number two, what do we do with the old ones if
16 they're replacing existing?

17 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: I vote to hold that
18 up and bring it to IT.

19 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: I'm sorry, what?

20 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Table that, the
21 computers.

22 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: The IT committee has
23 to make a commitment to meet. It's long overdue.

24 MR. BELLA: We need to start replacing.

25 MR. WEISS: Once we go over the bid

1 threshold for computers, we got to come back to
2 the Board every single time that we purchase
3 computers.

4 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Do we need it now?

5 MR. WEISS: Yes, we do, actually. We need
6 half of these immediately and the idea was to --

7 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Where are they
8 going?

9 MR. WEISS: Half of them are going to be
10 ordered immediately.

11 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Okay. Where is
12 "that"? I mean, that's the key. You're
13 absolutely right, Commissioner. We're talking
14 about, okay, it's under the threshold, \$33,000 --

15 MR. WEISS: No, we're over the threshold
16 already because it's cumulative for the year.

17 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Okay. So what is
18 the --

19 MR. WEISS: The threshold's \$40,000. Once
20 we're over \$40,000 for the year, that means every
21 time somebody wants to purchase any computer
22 whatsoever --

23 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: We're still getting
24 our IT Department intact, okay, because we really
25 don't have one. And my concern is can these, and

1 I think that's your question too. First of all,
2 we don't know where they're going. What are we
3 doing with the ones that we're no longer using.
4 Okay. So even though it's not \$300,000, it is
5 still equipment and hardware that we're purchasing
6 that we have no idea where it's going. Now, when
7 you say the threshold is 40,000 for the year,
8 okay, that's including this?

9 MR. WEISS: No, I'm talking about the bid
10 threshold. Once Passaic Valley Water spends over
11 30,000 in a year on computer equipment, every
12 subsequent purchase, whether it's on State
13 contract or not, has to come back to the Board for
14 approval. So half of this, what's on this list
15 right now, half of it is already allocated. We
16 know exactly where it's going.

17 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Wait. Now that's
18 even a bigger problem. Wait. We're going to buy
19 and we don't know where it's going.

20 MR. WEISS: No, we're not actually. What
21 we're doing is we're ordering the half that we
22 know. What we want is permission from the Board.
23 This is all well within our budgeted line items.

24 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: It's a not to
25 exceed.

1 MR. WEISS: So we are buying the ones we
2 need immediately but we're getting permission from
3 the Board so that --

4 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: To purchase the rest
5 at a later time.

6 MR. WEISS: Exactly.

7 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: How much do you
8 spend on computers already this year? Over
9 40,000?

10 MR. WEISS: Of course.

11 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: So this will be
12 73,000 bucks right now.

13 MR. WEISS: It's still well under what our
14 budget --

15 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: My question to you
16 is who is doing the IT coordination or
17 installation?

18 MR. WEISS: We have people that are doing
19 it.

20 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Outside.

21 MR. WEISS: I don't want to mention names.

22 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: A vendor, who's the
23 vendor? Who's the vendor and who's the person
24 doing it?

25 MR. AMODIO: Dell.

1 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: It's Dell. Okay.
2 And who's doing it here for us? You can mention
3 anybody because I didn't know that we had an IT
4 person on board.

5 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: The half that we
6 need right now, are they going to be --

7 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Who is the person
8 that will be coming in to install these computers?

9 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: -- That has a
10 computer that's being replaced?

11 MR. WEISS: Both.

12 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Who is the vendor?

13 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: The computer that's
14 being replaced, what happens to that computer?

15 MR. WEISS: All the old computers usually
16 get stored for a period of time in the basement
17 and then once a year or every couple of years they
18 get rid of them, they recycle them or they put
19 them out to bid.

20 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: How old are those
21 computers that are being replaced?

22 MR. WEISS: Old enough that we can't use
23 them anymore. They're not compatible with our
24 systems.

25 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: I'm sorry, Jim.

1 MR. DUPREY: Yeah, I just wanted to point
2 out the four Dell Precision Workstations, those
3 are for upstairs. They're very powerful computers
4 and with the recent new hires in the Engineering
5 Department, we need those to load Auto CAD and a
6 lot of very sophisticated GIS and very
7 sophisticated software that takes up a lot of
8 computer power. So those four, for sure, will go
9 immediately upstairs and put to good use.

10 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Okay. I have the
11 approval of those four. On the other 30, I'd like
12 to know where they're going and what they're
13 replacing because I realize computers today, you
14 buy them they become obsolete. Okay. But it just
15 seems like almost every meeting it's on the
16 agenda. I think we have more computers than
17 people working.

18 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: And that's why
19 this one in front of us, this Resolution in front
20 of us is essentially a not-to-exceed amount so
21 it's not showing up at every meeting for us
22 because we're already over the bid threshold. So
23 this basically is saying, look, we're adding 33,
24 anticipating we're going to need 33,000 worth of
25 computers, but at this point in time, as Jim said,

1 we're only purchasing the ones that we actually
2 need for the desks that we actually need and the
3 employees who are going to be using it and that I
4 think --

5 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: And we're not buying
6 them all. It's really proactive not to buy them
7 all at a time. What I did ask our Controller is
8 to, when he wants to do the next time when
9 something like this comes up, maybe give us a
10 description of what exactly... Like the four
11 upstairs are very important. Some new hires that
12 need computers, you know, and outdated equipment,
13 you know, that's all legitimate to purchase.

14 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Those are legit.
15 Absolutely.

16 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Our public, David
17 Soo, recommended too, that the schools and maybe
18 the schools in Paterson or Passaic or some
19 community based organizations, we might want to
20 put a public notice, we have X amount of
21 computers, anyone who's interested. If we have a
22 Facebook page. I don't know who's doing our
23 social media. But we might want to announce that
24 too and they can come by and pick them up.

25 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: So why do we need to

1 approve the whole 33,000 then? Can't we approve
2 half of it for just the 16 computers and when you
3 need new ones you come back before the Board
4 again. Why can't we do that?

5 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: But that's what
6 Commissioner Friend was saying. It seems like
7 every meeting we've got computers on this so what
8 this is basically doing is creating a
9 not-to-exceed amount so that Administration --

10 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: It has to go before
11 the IT committee before they can purchase any.
12 They can't just purchase them on their own --

13 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: How many computers
14 are you buying?

15 MR. WEISS: Half.

16 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Half.

17 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: How many --

18 MR. WEISS: I asked them to double the
19 number because I knew this was coming up every
20 single month because every time we need computer
21 equipment, it's delayed. If there's an emergency,
22 if we're hiring new staff, if we need computers on
23 hand we need to be able to make these purchases.

24 The numbers that are on this that you're
25 approving are well within our budgeted line items.

1 And you've got a financial certification for the
2 full amount even though we will not be spending
3 the full amount now.

4 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: I think what's
5 key here it's a productivity issue for us. If we
6 end up waiting for every IT committee meeting or
7 every Board meeting in order to approve these, in
8 theory, we've got someone sitting at a desk with a
9 piece of equipment that will not allow them to use
10 half the software that we have loaded up that they
11 need to use until they get approval. If we hire
12 someone tomorrow, they're going to wait 30 days to
13 be able to start doing their job, so...

14 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Okay. Honestly, I'm
15 fine with this. We're going to buy them as
16 needed. What I asked Yitz in the future, for
17 future references, just give us a memo describing
18 so that this doesn't come and looks like
19 something, you know, out of the ordinary with a
20 memo attached to the Resolution.

21 Jim, anybody that comes with this kind of
22 request, please, a memo attached. The other
23 things that, you know, that we purchase, that's
24 something different. But when it comes to
25 technology or something like this, that's my

1 recommendation.

2 I don't have a problem with this today. I
3 don't know who else, because you're right, it's
4 just an amount not-to-exceed and you're going to
5 buy them according to the need.

6 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: I don't have a
7 problem. I just like to see kind of a report how
8 we're going to move this.

9 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: A memo.

10 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Where they're going
11 to go and how to replace it so that way we have an
12 idea where to find them.

13 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: And we need an idea
14 of the inventory that we have.

15 MR. SOO: Madam Chair, if I could very
16 briefly. I think I could be helpful.

17 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: You know what, the
18 public session is over. I think you can probably
19 talk to someone afterwards. You and Joe can talk
20 about it, but this is not a public session.

21 MR. SOO: I understand.

22 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Okay. Thank you.
23 Wonderful recommendation.

24 MR. AMODIO: We're going to move the
25 group, items (a) through (d).

1 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Yes.

2 MR. AMODIO: Do I have a motion?

3 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: So move.

4 MR. AMODIO: Motion by Commissioner
5 Vannoy.

6 Do I have a second?

7 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: Second.

8 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Kolodziej.
9 On the roll.

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11 (Whereupon, the following Resolutions were
12 approved:

13 (a) Resolution of Passaic Valley Water
14 Commission Recommending an 18-month extension with
15 Superior (formally Sungard Public Sector) for
16 maintenance of their Proprietary Software System,
17 in the amount not to exceed \$189,472.86.

18 (b) Resolution of Passaic Valley Water
19 Commission Project 18-P-21 (Revised) "Government
20 Relations and Public Affairs" Recommendation to
21 award to Gibbons, PC of Trenton, NJ, in the amount
22 of \$7,500.00 per month plus reimbursable expenses.

23 (c) Resolution of Passaic Valley Water
24 Commission-Changes in Scope of Professional
25 Services for Project No.12-P-43 Entitled

1 "Professional Engineering Services-Emergency
2 Back-Up Power and Water Storage Facilities-Design,
3 Permitting and Construction Administration
4 Services" Amendment number 5, with CH2M in the
5 amount of \$414,164.00.

6 (d) Resolution of Passaic Valley Water
7 Commission-State Contract #M0483-16-r-24098089967,
8 Procurement of four (4) new Dell Precisions
9 Workstations T7810, Thirty (30) new Dell OptiPlex
10 3050 MT computers, and associated monitors, from
11 Dell Marketing, L.P., of Round Rock, Texas in the
12 total amount of \$33,474.96.

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

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17 MR. AMODIO: Thank you. Approved.

18 We'll move onto New Business.

19 We have Summary of Disbursements and
20 Payrolls through April 18th in the amount of
21 \$6,858,877.24.

22 Do I have a motion?

23 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: So move.

24 MR. AMODIO: Motion by Commissioner
25 Vannoy.

1 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Second.

2 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Sanchez.

3 On the roll.

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

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8 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Yeah, I have to
9 abstain on PNA, Montana, the Brownstone, and
10 Belmont Title.

11 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

12 Move onto recommendations from Executive
13 Session.

14 Again, we would like to do one vote?

15 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Yes.

16 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Yes, so move.

17 MR. AMODIO: Okay. Hold on. I just want
18 for clarification. We have the summer employment
19 will be, item number 2, will be all summer help
20 must be 17 years of age and not over 25 years of
21 age with proof of college.

22 And then the 2018 Fishing Program will be
23 June 17th, July 22nd, July 29th, August 5th, and
24 August 12th from the hours of 8:00 a.m. to
25 4:00 p.m. Is that correct?

1 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Yes.

2 MR. AMODIO: Do I have a motion on the
3 rest?

4 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: So move.

5 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Sanchez.

6 Second by Commissioner Vannoy.

7 On the roll.

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

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12 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: As amended, yes.

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14 (Whereupon, the following items from
15 Personnel were approved: 1. Promotions:

16 (a) Ignazio Iurato to Permanent Senior
17 Plumber (as per CSC). No change in salary.

18 (b) James Duprey as Business
19 Administrator.

20 Proposed Salary: \$193,589.24.

21 2. New Hires:

22 (a) Juan C. Monroig as Laborer.

23 Proposed Salary: \$38,000.00.

24 (b) Daniel Blanco as Keyboarding Clerk 1
25 (Customer Service Department replacing Yovanny

1 Veras).

2 Proposed Salary: \$38,000.00 annually.

3 3. Inter-Departmental Transfer and Title
4 Change.

5 (a) Yovanny G. Veras Santana to Laborer 1.

6 No change in salary)

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8 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

9 Before we go, Commissioner Rodriguez would
10 like to reschedule the May meeting.

11 MR. HANLEY: I have to comment.

12 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Go ahead.

13 MR. HANLEY: It sounded like you were
14 saying for the two that were being amended that
15 you didn't actually get a final Resolution as
16 amended. Did I miss that?

17 MR. AMODIO: What?

18 MR. HANLEY: There were changes to --

19 MR. AMODIO: Yeah, I recited them.

20 MR. HANLEY: I know you did, but then you
21 said we're changing it, but I don't think you got
22 a vote with the change.

23 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: We did.

24 MR. HANLEY: We did?

25 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Yeah, we did.

1 MR. AMODIO: We did.

2 MR. HANLEY: I don't think so.

3 MR. AMODIO: Okay. Do we have a vote on
4 the change as amended? Everybody is okay with
5 that?

6 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: He even said it.
7 Commissioner Kolodziej said, "As amended, yes".

8 MR. HANLEY: Yes.

9 MR. AMODIO: Are you okay with that,
10 Counsel?

11 MR. HANLEY: Yes.

12 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

13 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Can I bring up one
14 thing? Is there anything that any Commissioner
15 has a recommendation to get the fishing notice out
16 that we're actually doing fishing?

17 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Advertise it.

18 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Where we can
19 advertise so they can go see their Paterson
20 Commissioners, their Clifton Commissioners --

21 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: We send a notice to
22 the council people. I don't know how this was
23 done in the past. The way it's done, if it works.
24 I'm not reinventing. Whatever you guys recommend.

25 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: It used to work,

1 then we stopped. Then we changed the date. Then
2 we did it just one day in August. So it's been so
3 sporadic over the last six years.

4 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: So work with Louis
5 on that and make the changes and send out the
6 information.

7 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Okay. I'll figure
8 it out how to get it out there.

9 MR. AMODIO: Counsel, you have an issue
10 the way it was done? We can change it.

11 MR. HANLEY: I didn't hear it the way
12 others heard it. Maybe I'm wrong.

13 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: That's all right.
14 We voted anyway.

15 MR. AMODIO: Is that okay?

16 MR. HANLEY: I have to look at the
17 transcript.

18 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: We'll look at the
19 transcript. For now, it's fine. There's not a
20 problem, George. We can, excuse me, we can
21 restate it and go around and take a vote. So can
22 you please restate it?

23 MR. HANLEY: Take a vote on both of them
24 together as amended.

25 MR. AMODIO: Okay.

1 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Yes. That's why he
2 said "as amended".

3 MR. AMODIO: As amended, we're voting on
4 the promotions, the new hire, inter-departmental
5 transfer and title change.

6 We have an amended Summer Help Program.
7 And we also have an amended Fishing
8 Program.

9 As amended, do I have a motion?

10 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: So move.

11 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: I'll second.

12 MR. AMODIO: Motion by Commissioner
13 Vannoy.

14 Second by Commissioner Levine.

15 On the roll.

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

19 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: As amended, yes.

20 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

21 COMMISSIONER VAN RENSALIER: As amended,
22 yes.

23 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: As clarified and
24 amended, yes.

25 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

1 Okay. Now, moving on. Commissioner
2 Rodriguez would like to reschedule the May 16th
3 meeting. She has recommended Thursday, May 24th
4 at 9:30.

5 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: That's Labor Day
6 weekend.

7 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: No, Memorial. I
8 apologize, I will be away. I won't be here.

9 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: The 23rd is
10 Memorial weekend.

11 MR. AMODIO: No.

12 MR. BRISMAN: The weekend is the 26th,
13 27th.

14 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: It has to be that
15 Tuesday.

16 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: No, I won't be here
17 that Tuesday.

18 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: The Tuesday after
19 I'm saying.

20 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: I'm not here.

21 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: The 30th for me.

22 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: I'm fine with the
23 30th.

24 COMMISSIONER KOLODZIEJ: The 30th is open.

25 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: That's after

1 Memorial Day.

2 MR. AMODIO: That's the Wednesday after
3 Memorial Day.

4 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: The 30th works
5 better. That Thursday I'm leaving.

6 MR. AMODIO: So the 30th. Everyone is
7 good, 9:30, May 30th. That will be six weeks.

8 PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ: Before we leave, I
9 mentioned this last month in closed and I'd like
10 to bring it up again in open. Jim and Joe and the
11 Personnel are going to be looking at our human
12 capital. Folks that have been here for a long
13 time. There is an issue. A lot of people have
14 been here 25 plus years looking to leave. We're
15 looking at this very, very closely. This is a
16 very serious issue. As we learned our lesson with
17 Kevin, who we're going to miss and leaves a void
18 which they're looking to fill soon, sooner than
19 later. We're also looking at the plant and other
20 individuals in this, you know, in this
21 organization that have been here a long time.
22 There is a lot of competition out there. There
23 are other companies looking at our people. Some
24 of them have already been swooped up as they say,
25 or scooped up as you say, and, you know, the human

1 capital that we have here is not replaceable that
2 easily in terms of our water treatment and
3 maintenance and construction and all of that and
4 engineering and everything. We have to really
5 look at that. So we're going to be making some
6 hard recommendations and we will be coming before
7 you with these recommendations probably totally
8 unprecedented, unheard of before in this
9 Commission, but we have to come to the 21st
10 century and really look at this and be serious
11 about where we're moving this organization, how
12 we're moving it forward.

13 I just felt compelled that you all know
14 that.

15 Thank you for your time today. I think it
16 was a great meeting.

17 MR. AMODIO: Motion to adjourn.

18 COMMISSIONER VAN RENSALIER: Move.

19 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Second.

20 MR. AMODIO: The time is 11:22 a.m.

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