

BOARD OF FINANCE
The Metropolitan District
555 Main Street
Hartford, Connecticut 06103
Wednesday, February 19, 2020

PRESENT: Commissioners Andrew Adil, Donald Currey, Allen Hoffman and Pasquale J. Salemi and District Chairman William A. DiBella; Citizen Members Ram Aberasturia and Ronald Angelo (7)

ABSENT: Citizen Members Joan McCarthy Gentile and Linda King-Corbin (2)

ALSO

PRESENT: Commissioner Jacqueline Mandyck
Scott W. Jellison, Chief Executive Officer
Christopher Stone, Assistant District Counsel
John S. Mirtle, District Clerk
Kelly Shane, Chief Administrative Officer
Christopher Martin, Chief Financial Officer
Christopher Levesque, Chief Operating Officer
Kelly Shane, Chief Administrative Officer
Sue Negrelli, Director of Engineering
Robert Schwarm, Director of Information Technology
Tom Tyler, Director of Facilities
Robert Zaik, Director of Human Resources
Carrie Blardo, Assistant to the Chief Operating Officer
Victoria S. Escoriza, Executive Assistant
David Silverstone, Consumer Advocate
Adam Krea, Director, Hilltop Securities

CALL TO ORDER

Assistant District Counsel Christopher Stone called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

Assistant District Counsel Stone called for the election of the Chairperson. Commissioner Hoffman placed Commissioner Pasquale Salemi's name in nomination, Commissioner Adil seconded the nomination.

There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed. Commissioner Pasquale Salemi was elected Chairman of the Board of Finance for 2020 and 2021. Chairman Salemi assumed the Chair and thanked the Board of Finance.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRPERSON

Chairman Salemi called for the election of the Vice Chairperson. Chairman Salemi placed Commissioner Allen Hoffman's name in nomination, and the nomination was duly seconded by Commissioner Adil.

There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed. Commissioner Allen Hoffman was elected Vice Chairman of the Board of Finance for 2020 and 2021.

PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS

No one from the public appeared to be heard.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made by Commissioner Hoffman and duly seconded, the meeting minutes of the Board of Finance meeting of February 3, 2020 were approved.

Without objection, agenda item #6 "Discussion Re: Comparison of 20 Year vs. 30 Year Bond Issuances" was moved after agendas item #8 "Consideration and Potential Action Re: Riverfront Recapture Subcommittee Membership".

**APPROVAL FOR STATE OF CONNECTICUT FINANCING
CWF NO. 692-C1**

To: Board of Finance for consideration on February 19, 2020

Staff seeks approval from your Board to execute and deliver the Amendment Agreement CWF No. 692-C1 (the "Amendment") to the Project Loan and Project Grant Agreement CWF No. 692-C dated June 21, 2016 (the "Original Agreement"). The Original Agreement included a project grant amount of \$140,925,166.50, a project loan in the amount of \$172,230,202.95, and a Scheduled Completion Date of February 28, 2022. The Amendment will amend the project grant amount to \$143,919,257.25, the project loan amount to \$175,889,647.75, and the Scheduled Completion Date to November 30, 2022. This would be an increase of \$3,659,444.80 in the amount of the project loan portion and an increase of \$2,994,090.75 in the project grant portion over the amounts authorized in the Original Agreement.

The low interest loan and grant will fund the construction of the South Hartford conveyance and storage tunnel and shaft (the "Project").

The State of Connecticut, through the Clean Water Fund Program, will now provide \$319,808,905.00 in state funding, which is comprised of \$143,919,257.25 in grants and \$175,889,647.75 in 2.00% loans to fund the expenses associated with the Project.

Bond Counsel prepared the following resolution for your approval.

It is therefore RECOMMENDED that it be

VOTED: That the Board of Finance recommends to the District Board passage of the following amended and restated resolution from Bond Counsel

RESOLVED:

Section 1. This resolution amends and restates a resolution of the District Board, passed at a meeting of the District Board held on June 6, 2016.

Section 2. The Chairman and the District Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer are authorized to execute and deliver the Project Loan and Project Grant Agreement No. CWF 692-C and the Amendment Agreement CWF No. 692-C1 to be entered into with the State of Connecticut (collectively, the "Agreement") and any and all Interim Funding Obligations and Project Loan Obligations for CWF No. 692-C and CWF No. 692-C1 in the aggregate amount not to exceed \$175,889,647.75. Such Interim Funding Obligations shall be dated as of their date of issue, shall mature within six months of the Scheduled Completion Date, shall bear interest at the rate of two percent (2.00%) per annum, shall be payable as to principal and interest as provided in the Agreement and, to the extent not paid prior to maturity from The Metropolitan District funds, may be renewed by the issuance of Interim Funding Obligations or Project Loan Obligations, all as provided in the Agreement. The prior actions by the Chairman and the District Treasurer in furtherance of this resolution are hereby confirmed and ratified in all respects. Capitalized terms used herein and not defined shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Agreement.

Section 3. The Project Loan Obligations shall be dated as of their date of issue, shall mature no later than twenty years from the Scheduled Completion Date, shall bear interest at the rate of two percent (2.00%) per annum and shall be payable as to principal and interest as provided in the Agreement.

Respectfully Submitted,



Scott W. Jellison
Chief Executive Officer

On motion made by Commissioner Hoffman and duly seconded, the report was received and resolution adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

RIVERFRONT RECAPTURE SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

To: Board of Finance for consideration on February 19, 2020

At a meeting of the District Board held on November 6, 2019, the District Board directed the Board of Finance to create a subcommittee comprised of a total of five (5) members, with three such members determined by the Chairperson of the Board of Finance, and one member each from the Bureau of Public Works and Water Bureau, as determined by the Chairperson of each bureau, charged with developing recommendations to the Board of Finance and the

District Board on future financial support for Riverfront Recapture, Inc., whether such support is in lieu of or in conjunction with further financial support from The Metropolitan District; and

It was further resolved that said subcommittee, which shall be referred to as the Board of Finance Subcommittee on Funding of Riverfront Recapture, Inc., may, at its discretion, request the participation of and input from other stakeholders, including but not limited to representatives from Riverfront Recapture, Inc., State agencies of cognizance, and District member and non-member in its deliberations and final recommendations to the Board of Finance.

Therefore, it is therefore RECOMMENDED that it be:

VOTED: That the Board of Finance approve the following resolution

RESOLVED: That the following Commissioners be appointed to the Board of Finance Subcommittee on Funding of Riverfront Recapture, Inc.:

Board of Finance Representatives

Commissioner Andrew Adil
Commissioner Allen Hoffman
Commissioner Pasquale Salemi

Water Bureau Representative selected by the Chair of Water Bureau

Commissioner Raymond Sweezy

Bureau of Public Works Representative selected by the Chair of BPW

Commissioner Donald Currey

Respectfully Submitted,



Scott W. Jellison
Chief Executive Officer

On motion made by Commissioner Hoffman and duly seconded, the report was received and resolution adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

COMPARISON OF 20 YEAR VS. 30 YEAR BOND ISSUANCES

Adam Krea, Director of Hilltop Securities, and Chief Financial Officer Christopher Martin, led a discussion regarding the comparison of 20 year versus 30 year bond issuances.

Commissioner Adil exited the meeting at 6:05 PM

OPPORTUNITY FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Independent Consumer Advocate David Silverstone spoke regarding bond issuances.

Judy Allen of West Hartford spoke regarding the most recent CEO report and the amount of water used by Niagara.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 PM

ATTEST:

John S. Mirtle, Esq.
District Clerk

Date of Approval