

**COMMITTEE ON MDC GOVERNMENT
SPECIAL MEETING**

The Metropolitan District
555 Main Street, Hartford CT
Wednesday, January 15, 2020

Present: Commissioners Peter Gardow, Denise Hall, James Healy, Allen Hoffman, Jean Holloway, Gary LeBeau, Maureen Magnan, Alphonse Marotta, Alvin Taylor and District Chairman William A. DiBella (10)

Absent: Commissioner John Avedisian, Avery Buell and David Ionno (3)

Also

Present: Scott W. Jellison, Chief Executive Officer
Christopher Stone, Assistant District Counsel
Brendan Fox, Assistant District Counsel
John S. Mirtle, District Clerk
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
Nick Salemi, Special Services Administrator
Carrie Blardo, Assistant to the Chief Operating Officer
Kerry E. Martin, Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer
Victoria S. Escoriza, Executive Assistant
David Silverstone, Independent Consumer Advocate

CALL TO ORDER

Assistant District Counsel Christopher R. Stone called the meeting to order at
4:13 PM

PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS

No one from the public appeared to be heard.

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

Assistant District Counsel Christopher R. Stone called for the election of the Chairperson. Commissioner Magnan placed Commissioner Allen Hoffman's name in nomination, the nomination was duly seconded.

There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed.

Commissioner Hoffman was elected Chairperson of the Committee on MDC Government for 2020 and 2021. Chairman Hoffman assumed the Chair and thanked the Committee on MDC Government.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRPERSON

Chairman Taylor called for the election of the Vice Chairperson. District Chairperson DiBella placed Commissioner Avery Buell's name in nomination, and the nomination was duly seconded.

There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed.

Commissioner Avery Buell was elected Vice Chairperson of the Committee on MDC Government for 2020 and 2021.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made by Commissioner Taylor and duly seconded, the meeting minutes of December 16, 2019 were approved.

REVISIONS TO DISTRICT WATER RATES

To: The Committee on MDC Government for consideration on January 15, 2020

District staff, through the Office of District Counsel, submits the following ordinance revisions to The Metropolitan District Water Ordinances for consideration by the District Board. Pursuant to the authority set forth in Section 1(g) of Special Act 08-9 (Regular Session 2008).

WATER SUPPLY ORDINANCES:

§ W1f "SURCHARGE OUTSIDE THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS"

Therefore, it is **RECOMMENDED** that it be

VOTED: That the Committee on MDC Government recommends to the District Board passage of the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the following Metropolitan District's Ordinances be revised and adopted as follows:

SEC. W1f SURCHARGE OUTSIDE THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

In towns outside the limits of The Metropolitan District for which capital improvements or layout and assessment projects are constructed, in addition to charges under SEC. W1a, W1b and W1c, there shall be a surcharge on the water rates determined from the size of the meter installed on the premises, as follows:

Farmington

SIZE OF METER	MONTHLY BILLING	MONTHLY BILLING
5/8"	<u>\$1.27</u>	\$1.07
1"	<u>\$2.54</u>	\$2.14
1 1/2"	<u>\$5.09</u>	\$4.27
2"	<u>\$9.54</u>	\$80.13
3"	<u>\$222.54</u>	\$186.97
4"	<u>\$381.50</u>	\$320.53
6"	<u>\$508.67</u>	\$427.37
8"	<u>\$1,271.68</u>	\$1,068.43

Glastonbury

SIZE OF METER	MONTHLY BILLING	MONTHLY BILLING
5/8"	<u>\$2.16</u>	\$1.57
3/4"	<u>\$3.24</u>	\$2.35
1"	<u>\$4.32</u>	\$3.13
1 1/2"	<u>\$8.63</u>	\$6.26
2"	<u>\$16.19</u>	\$117.44
3"	<u>\$377.69</u>	\$274.03
4"	<u>\$647.48</u>	\$469.77

South Windsor

SIZE OF METER	MONTHLY BILLING	MONTHLY BILLING
5/8"	<u>\$.40</u>	\$0.34
3/4"	<u>\$.60</u>	\$0.67
1"	<u>\$.80</u>	\$1.01
1 1/2"	<u>\$1.60</u>	\$1.35
2"	<u>\$3.01</u>	\$25.29
3"	<u>\$70.18</u>	\$59.00
4"	<u>\$120.30</u>	\$101.15
6"	<u>\$160.41</u>	\$134.86

Manchester

SIZE OF METER	MONTHLY BILLING
5/8"	<u>\$2.43</u>
1"	<u>\$7.29</u>
3"	<u>\$425.28</u>
6"	<u>\$972.07</u>

Respectfully submitted,



Scott W. Jellison
Chief Executive Officer

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

**COMMITTEE ON MDC GOVERNMENT
APPOINTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE CONSULTANTS**

To: Committee on MDC Government

January 15, 2020

Over the past year, the firms of Gaffney, Bennett and Associates Inc., SJB Strategies, LLC and Strategic Outreach Solutions, LLC have provided exemplary service in the area of government relations and advocacy within state government on behalf of the District. Based upon their collective past performance, and to maintain the necessary level of continuity within the District's legislative and administrative lobbying activities, District staff recommends the reappointment of each of these firms for the 2020 state legislative consultants. The term of these appointments would be from February 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

Furthermore, in the event the Committee on MDC Government forwards the appointments to the District Board, District staff recommends the following annual fees for state legislative consultants: (1) Gaffney, Bennett and Associates, Inc. receive \$40,000, (2) SJB Strategies, LLC receive \$20,000 and (3) Strategic Outreach Solutions, LLC receive \$50,000, for a total of \$110,000.00. Payments would be prorated over an 11-month period, commencing February 2020.

On the Federal level, District staff recommends the reappointment of Squire Patton Boggs and SJB Strategies LLC as federal legislative consultants. In the event the Committee on MDC Government forwards the appointments to the District Board, District staff recommends the following annual fees for federal legislative consultants: (1) Squire Patton Boggs receive \$150,000 and (2) SJB Strategies, LLC receive \$70,000 for a total of \$220,000.00.

It is therefore recommended that it be:

Voted: That the Committee on MDC Government recommends to the District Board passage of the following resolution:

Resolved: That the firms of Gaffney, Bennett and Associates Inc., SJB Strategies, LLC and Strategic Outreach Solutions, LLC be retained to perform state lobbying services for a period commencing on February 1, 2020 and terminating on December 31, 2020. Gaffney, Bennett and Associates, Inc. fee will receive \$40,000, SJB Strategies, LLC will receive \$20,000, and Strategic Outreach Solutions, LLC will receive \$50,000.00, for a total of \$110,000.00, to be prorated over an eleven-month period, subject to the execution of a written agreement prepared and approved by District Counsel as to form and content, reflecting the scope of services, reporting requirements and such other terms and conditions as District Counsel may specify.

Further

Resolved: That the firms of Squire Patton Boggs and SJB Strategies, LLC be retained to perform federal lobbying services for a period commencing on February 1, 2020 and terminating on December 31, 2020. Squire Patton Boggs will receive at \$150,000 and SJB Strategies, LLC will receive \$70,000, for a total of \$220,000.00, to be prorated over an eleven-month period, subject to the execution of a written agreement prepared and approved by District Counsel as to form and content, reflecting the scope of services, reporting requirements and such other terms and conditions as District Counsel may specify.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "J. J. [unclear]", written in a cursive style.

Scott W. Jellison
Chief Executive Officer

On a motion made by District Chairman DiBella and duly seconded, the report was received and adopted by unanimous vote of those present.

LEGISLATIVE OBJECTIVES

Assistant District Counsel Christopher R. Stone provided a presentation on 2020 legislative objectives.

OPPORTUNITY FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Judy Allen of West Hartford spoke regarding PFAS and suggested considering a Charter revision for an industrial rate.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:16 PM

ATTEST:

John S. Mirtle, Esq.
District Clerk

Date of Approval