

**BOARD OF FINANCE  
SPECIAL MEETING  
The Metropolitan District  
October 27, 2021**

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Andrew Adil, Allen Hoffman, Pasquale J. Salemi and District Chairman William DiBella; Citizen Member Awet Tsegai (5)

**REMOTE ATTENDANCE:** Commissioners Donald Currey and Joan Gentile (2)

**ABSENT:** Citizen Member Linda King-Corbin (1)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Commissioner Peter Gardow (remote)  
Commissioner Georgiana Holloway (remote)  
Commissioner Maureen Magnan (remote)  
Commissioner Jackie Gorsky Mandyck  
Commissioner Bhupen Patel (remote)  
Commissioner Alvin Taylor  
Commissioner James Woulfe (remote)  
Scott W. Jellison, Chief Executive Officer  
Christopher Stone, District Counsel  
John S. Mirtle, District Clerk  
Christopher Levesque, Chief Operating Officer  
Kelly Shane, Chief Administrative Officer  
Robert Barron, Chief Financial Officer  
Susan Negrelli, Director of Engineering  
Robert Schwarm, Director of Information Services  
Tom Tyler, Director of Facilities  
Jamie Harlow, Acting Director of Human Resources  
Lisa Remsen, Manager of Budget and Analysis  
Nefertere Whittingham, Financial Analyst  
Peter Krzyk, Financial Analyst  
Carrie Blardo, Assist to the Chief Operating Officer  
Victoria Escoriza, Executive Assistant (remote)  
Julie Price, Professional Level Associate  
David Silverstone, Independent Consumer Advocate  
Brian McCarthy, CDM Smith  
Joe Ridge, CDM Smith  
Bob Lamb, Lamont Financial

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Salemi called the meeting to order at 12:05 PM

**PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS**

Independent Consumer Advocate David Silverstone submitted questions on the budget prior to the meeting. He received the responses and will review them and provide additional comments in advance of the public hearing.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*On motion made by Commissioner Hoffman and duly seconded, the meeting minutes of the Board of Finance meeting of September 28, 2021 were approved.*

**FISCAL YEAR 2022 BUDGET**

Chief Financial Officer Robert Barron presented on the fiscal year 2022 budget.

**ELECTRIC, GAS AND POLYMER INCREASED COST**

Chief Executive Officer Scott Jellison discussed the increased costs for electric, gas and polymer.

**DPH PRIMACY FEE**

*On motion made by District Chairman DiBella and duly seconded, the Board of Finance recommended to the District Board to apply the excess DPH fee previously collected by the District to the water budget to effectuate a reduction in the water rate.*

**CLEAN WATER PROJECT CHARGE RATE MODEL**

Brian McCarthy of CDM Smith and Bob Lamb of Lamont Financial presented on the Clean Water Project charge rate model.

**DISPOSITION OF SURPLUS LAND AND APPROPRIATION FOR ASSOCIATED EXPENSES**

To: Board of Finance for consideration on October 27, 2021

WHEREAS, The Metropolitan District (the "District") owns significant acreage of surplus real property, some of which may be of little or no use to the core missions of the District, and which may be suitable for sale in order to relieve the District of the costs of taxes, maintenance, insurance and oversight; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the District to develop a program to identify, prioritize and select parcels of such surplus lands for disposition pursuant to State statutes and regulations, and the District's Charter and Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, such program for disposition will identify acreage eligible for sale, determine the requirements and procedures for authorization of sale of the properties, prioritize the parcels most appropriate for such disposition and establish the requisite State and District procedures and approvals required for lawful transfer; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Finance of The Metropolitan District hereby recommends to the District Board, the establishment of a program to identify surplus lands of the District eligible for sale subject to State statutory, regulatory, Charter and ordinance requirements, and further authorizes the District staff to take such action as appropriate thereof; and

AND FURTHER, any costs or expenses associated with this initiative shall be paid from or included within existing purchase orders or contracts, and to the extent additional funds may be necessary and justified to complete this initiative, District staff shall present the funding request to the Finance Committee and the District Board for their consideration; and

AND FURTHER, upon completion of the work associated with this initiative, District staff shall report and make recommendations to the District bureaus of cognizance (i.e., Water Bureau and Bureau of Public Works), which in turn shall make recommendations, as deemed appropriate, to the District Board.

Respectively submitted,



Scott W. Jellison  
Chief Executive Officer

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

#### **OPPORTUNITY FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No one from the public appeared to be heard.

#### **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS**

Commissioner Hoffman requested that at the next Board of Finance meeting the staff discuss broad scale issues of security and how it is addressed in the budget.

Commissioner Mandyck requested that in the budget, the general descriptions have a greater level of detail that explains what the line item is. Commissioner Mandyck also inquired about whether there are any pension costs that are not shown in the budget.

Commissioner Salemi inquired about the increase of the sewer customer service charge and whether the charge goes solely towards sewer costs.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:08 PM

ATTEST:

John S. Mirtle, Esq.  
District Clerk

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Date of Approval