BOARD OF FINANCE
The Metropolitan District
555 Main Street
Hartford, Connecticut 06103
Monday, July 9, 2018

PRESENT: Commissioners Luis Caban, Allen Hoffman and Pasquale J. Salemi; Citizen Members Ron Angelo and Linda King-Corbin; and District Chairman William A. DiBella (6)

ABSENT: Commissioner Donald Currey; Citizen Member Ram Aberasturia (2)

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioner Denise Hall
Commissioner Whit Osgood
Commissioner Domenic M. Pane
Commissioner Bhupen Patel
Scott W. Jellison, Chief Executive Officer
John M. Zinzarella, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Business Services
R. Bartley Halloran, District Counsel
Brendan Fox, Assistant District Counsel
Carl R. Nasto, Assistant District Counsel
John S. Mirtle, District Clerk
Christopher Levesque, Director of Operations
Sue Negrelli, Director of Engineering
Robert Schwarm, Director of Information Technology
Kelly Shane, Director of Procurement
Tom Tyler, Director of Facilities
Robert Zaik, Director of Human Resources
Kerry E. Martin, Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer
Victoria S. Escoriza, Executive Assistant

CALL TO ORDER
Chairman Salemi called the meeting to order at 5:10 PM

PUBLIC COMMENTS RELATIVE TO AGENDA ITEMS
Judy Allen of West Hartford asked questions regarding the budget appropriation

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
On motion made by Commissioner Caban and duly seconded, the meeting minutes of the Board of Finance meeting of June 4, 2018 were approved.
REQUIRED AUDITOR COMMUNICATIONS  
FISCAL YEAR 2017 AUDIT

Vanessa Rossitto and Jessica Aniskoff of Blum Shapiro presented the required auditor communications for the fiscal year 2017 audit.

BUSINESS TRANSFORMATION PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND DATA CLEANSING

To: Board of Finance for consideration on July 9, 2018

Bond counsel prepared the following resolution for consideration by the Board of Finance:

It is therefore RECOMMENDED that it be:

Voted: That the Board of Finance recommends to the District Board passage of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING $7,500,000 FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY IN SUPPORT OF THE DISTRICT’S BUSINESS TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF $7,500,000 BONDS OF THE DISTRICT TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE

RESOLVED:

Section 1. The sum of $7,500,000 is hereby appropriated for information technology in support of the District’s Business Transformation Project. Specifically, this appropriation includes project management costs for the SAP system reimplementation, including legacy SAP data cleansing services in preparation for data migration into the District’s new SAP system. Such costs may include those for hardware, software, labor costs for District employees as well as costs for the services of third parties, legal, administrative and other financing costs related thereto.

Section 2. To meet said appropriation $7,500,000 bonds of the District are authorized to be issued in one or more series in accordance with applicable General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended to date and as amended from time to time in the future, public acts of the Connecticut General Assembly, as amended to date and as amended from time to time in the future, and special acts of the Connecticut General Assembly, as amended to date and as amended from time to time in the future (together, “Connecticut laws”), and the District’s Charter. Said bonds shall be issued in fully registered form, be executed in the name and on behalf of the District by the manual or facsimile signatures of the Chairman or Vice Chairman and the Treasurer or the Deputy Treasurer, and bear the District seal or a facsimile thereof. The bonds may be secured by the full faith and credit of the District and/or by special revenues of the District pledged thereto by the District Board, in accordance with Connecticut laws and the District’s Charter. Each of the bonds shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been duly complied with and that such bond is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law. The aggregate principal amount of the
bonds to be issued, the form of issuance as serial, term or discount bonds, the dated date, final maturity, annual installments of principal, whether interest on the bonds will be fixed or variable, the rate or rates of interest, or method of determining interest rates thereon, whether such interest shall be excluded or included in gross income for federal income tax purposes, denominations, terms of redemption, if any, the date, time of issue and sale and all other terms, details and particulars of such bonds shall be determined by the District Board, in accordance with Connecticut laws and the District’s Charter, following recommendation of the Board of Finance. It is hereby found and determined that the issuance of any such bonds the interest on which is included in gross income for federal income tax purposes is in the public interest. The bonds may be sold by competitive bid or negotiated sale, as determined by the District Board. If sold by competitive bid, a notice of sale, or summary thereof, shall be published at least five (5) days in advance of the sale in a recognized publication carrying municipal bond notices and devoted primarily to financial news and the subject of state and municipal bonds. If sold by negotiated sale, the form and details of the bond purchase agreement for the sale of the bonds shall be determined by the District Board.

Section 3. The Treasurer and the Deputy Treasurer are authorized to make temporary borrowings in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of said bonds. Notes or certificates of indebtedness evidencing such borrowings may be sold by competitive bid or negotiated sale, as determined by the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer, in such manner as shall be determined by said Officers. Said notes or certificates of indebtedness shall be issued in fully registered form, be executed in the name and on behalf of the District by the manual or facsimile signatures of the Chairman or Vice Chairman and the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer, and bear the District seal or a facsimile thereof. The notes or certificates of indebtedness may be secured by the full faith and credit of the District and/ or by special revenues of the District pledged therefore by the District Board in accordance with Connecticut laws and the District’s Charter. Each of the notes shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been duly complied with and that such note is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law. The net interest cost on such notes or certificates of indebtedness, including renewals thereof, and the expense of preparing, issuing and marketing them, to the extent paid from the proceeds of such renewals or said bonds, shall be included as a cost of the project. Upon the sale of the bonds, the proceeds thereof, to the extent required, shall be applied forthwith to the payment of the principal of and the interest on such notes or certificates of indebtedness then outstanding or shall be deposited with a bank or trust company in trust for such purpose.

Section 4. In connection with the issuance of the bonds, notes or certificates of indebtedness authorized hereunder and under the Resolutions (“Authorized Obligations”), the District Board is hereby authorized to approve the terms and conditions of, including necessary covenants, limitations and restrictions on the District necessary to obtain, standby bond purchase agreements, letters of credit, lines of credit, financial guaranty insurance policies, guarantees of the District or third parties, surety agreements, or any similar agreements (“Credit Facilities”) with one or more financial institutions providing Credit Facilities (“Credit Facility Providers”) to provide for additional security for and the purchase upon tender of the Authorized Obligations, if any, under circumstances set forth in the Indentures (defined herein). Credit Facilities shall be executed in the name and on behalf of the District by the manual or facsimile signatures of the Chairman or Vice Chairman and the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer.

Section 5. In connection with the issuance of Authorized Obligations bearing interest at variable interest rates, the District Board is hereby authorized to approve the terms and conditions of, including necessary covenants, limitations and restrictions on the District necessary to enter
into, remarketing agreements, broker-dealer agreements, auction agency agreements and other agreements (the “Reoffering Agreements”) with remarketing agents, investment banking firms or other financial institutions to be appointed by the Chairman or Vice Chairman and the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer (“Reoffering Agents”), which provide for, among other things, the terms and conditions for reoffering Authorized Obligations bearing interest at variable interest rates, the Reoffering Agents’ compensation and the disclosure of the District’s financial condition. Reoffering Agreements shall be executed in the name and on behalf of the District by the manual or facsimile signatures of the Chairman or Vice Chairman and the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer.

Section 6. In connection with the issuance of Authorized Obligations, if permitted by Connecticut laws and the District’s Charter, the District Board is hereby authorized to approve the terms and conditions of, including necessary covenants, limitations and restrictions on the District necessary to obtain, an interest rate swap agreement in the form of the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. (ISDA) Master Agreement, together with applicable annexes, schedules and confirmations thereto, contracts to manage interest rate risk, including interest rate caps, options, puts, call or similar arrangements, or such other agreements permitted by Connecticut laws and the District’s Charter (“Swap Agreements”), with one or more counterparties to be selected by the Chairman or Vice Chairman and Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer, as Swap Provider (the “Swap Providers”), which provides for, among other things, the effective date or dates of the Swap Agreements, the rate of interest to be paid by the District to the Swap Providers on the principal amount of the bonds (which may be a fixed rate or a variable rate based on an index determined by the Chairman or Vice Chairman and Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer), the rate of interest to be received by the District from the Swap Providers (which may be a fixed rate or a variable rate based on an index determined by the Chairman or Vice Chairman and Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer), the payment of certain fees, the imposition of certain covenants, limitations and restrictions on the District and the execution of various other instruments. Swap Agreements shall be executed in the name and on behalf of the District by the manual or facsimile signatures of the Chairman or Vice Chairman and the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer. To the extent provided by Connecticut laws, the full faith and credit of the District may be pledged to any and all payments to be made by the District with respect to the Swap Agreements, including, any termination or netting payments to be made by the District.

Section 7. The Chairman or Vice Chairman and Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer are hereby authorized, on behalf of the District, to enter into agreements or otherwise covenant for the benefit of bondholders to provide information on an annual or other periodic basis to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (the “MSRB”) and to provide notices to the MSRB of material events as enumerated in the Securities and Exchange Commission Securities Exchange Act Rule 15c2-12, as amended, as may be necessary, appropriate or desirable to effect the sale of the bonds, notes and certificates of indebtedness authorized by this resolution. Any agreements or representations to provide information to the MSRB made prior hereto are hereby confirmed, ratified and approved.

Section 8. The District hereby expresses its official intent pursuant to Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2 to reimburse expenditures paid sixty days prior to and any time after the date of passage of this Resolution in connection with the Resolutions with the proceeds of Authorized Obligations. Said obligations shall be issued to reimburse such expenditures not later than 18 months after the date of the expenditure or such later date the Regulations may authorize. The District hereby certifies that the intention to reimburse as expressed herein is based upon its reasonable expectations as of this date. The Chairman or Vice Chairman and the Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer is each individually authorized to pay project expenses in
accordance herewith pending the issuance of the Authorized Obligations. This Section is included herein solely for purposes of compliance with Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2 and may not be used or relied on for any other purpose.

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.

OPPORTUNITY FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Judy Allen of West Hartford asked questions to clarify the approval of the resolution: “Approval of Capital Improvement Project - Business Transformation Project Management and Data Cleansing”.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM

ATTEST:

John S. Mirtle, Esq.
District Clerk

Date of Approval