

HARRISON COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
September 30, 2019

Be it remembered that a meeting of the Harrison County Utility Authority Board of Directors was held on September 30, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the Harrison County Utility Authority Board Room, at 10271 Express Drive in Gulfport, Mississippi. In attendance were:

BOARD AND STAFF:

Mayor Chipper McDermott, City of Pass Christian, Director
Mayor George Bass, City of Long Beach, Director
Mayor Andrew "Fofo" Gilich, City of Biloxi, Director
Mr. Al Gombos, representing the City of D'Iberville
Mayor Billy Hewes, City of Gulfport, Director
Supervisor Marlin Ladner, Harrison County (1), Director
Supervisor Connie Rockco, Harrison County (2), Director
Mr. James Simpson, Wise Carter Attorneys, Esquire
Mr. John Wilson, Interim Executive Director, HCUA
Ms. Patra Roberts, Office Manager, HCUA
Mr. Alan Lane, Solid Waste Coordinator

ABSENT:

AUDIENCE:

Mr. Peter Abide, City of Biloxi
Mr. Shawn Wozencraft, Michael Baker International
Mr. G. Ryland, Inframark
Ms. Cindy Lamb, Pickering Firm
Mr. Bobby Knesal, Utility Partners
Mr. Derrel Wilson, Utility Partners

Letters of designation are attached hereto as exhibit "A".

There being a quorum sufficient to transact business of the Authority, Mr. Gombos called the meeting to order. The following proceedings were had and done.

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A. Opening Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance
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B. Public Comments

Mr. Gombos opened the floor for public comments. There were no public comments.

Mr. Wilson introduced Ms. Megan Catchot, as the new HCUA Financial Officer.

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C. Gulfport Solid Waste Settlement

Mr. Holleman presented the board with the revised Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to be approved subject to approval by the City of Gulfport.

Mayor Gilich made a motion to approval the settlement MOU as presented by Mr. Peter Abide subject to approval by the City of Gulfport, seconded by Supervisor Rockco. A roll call vote resulted in the following votes:

Biloxi	voted	aye
Gulfport	voted	aye
D'Iberville	voted	aye
Long Beach	voted	aye
Harrison County (1)	voted	aye
Harrison County (2)	voted	aye
Pass Christian	voted	aye

The motion passed. A copy of the settlement MOU is attached hereto as exhibit "B".

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D. O & M Services Contract Recommendation

Mayor Gilich made a motion to enter negotiations with Utility Partners for the O & M Services contract based on the recommendation of the Technical Committee and the Interim Executive Director, seconded by Mayor Bass. A roll call vote resulted in the following votes:

Biloxi	voted	aye
Gulfport	voted	aye
D'Iberville	voted	aye
Long Beach	voted	aye
Harrison County (1)	voted	aye
Harrison County (2)	voted	abstained
Pass Christian	voted	aye

The motion passed. A copy of the memorandum is attached hereto as exhibit "C".

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D. Revised Fiscal Year 2020 Budget

Motion

Mayor Gilich made a motion to approve the FY 2020 Budget as presented with \$1million to fund the remainder of the O & M Contract, seconded by Supervisor Rockco.

There was discussion about whether to partially fund the O & M contract through December 31, 2019 or fully fund it for the entire fiscal year. Mr. Simpson reiterated the board would be required to have a unanimous budget amendment to add the remaining costs for O & M services for the rest of the fiscal year.

Substitute Motion

Mayor Bass made a substitute motion to approve the FY 2020 Budget with \$3,710,600 to fully fund the O & M Contract for the year, seconded by Supervisor Ladner. A roll call vote resulted in the following votes:

Biloxi	voted	aye
Gulfport	voted	aye
D'Iberville	voted	nay
Long Beach	voted	aye
Harrison County (1)	voted	aye
Harrison County (2)	voted	aye
Pass Christian	voted	aye

The motion failed for lack of a unanimous vote. The original motion stands.

Mr. Gombos stated his concern for the O & M cost increase to the City of D'Iberville. He re-stated his support of adopting a postage stamp rate for O & M cost.

Supervisor Rockco requested an evaluation be conducted to determine the effectiveness of a postage stamp rate.

Mayor McDermott suggested the O & M contract period run concurrently with the fiscal year.

Motion

Mr. Gombos called the vote on the original motion made by Mayor Gilich and seconded by Supervisor Rockco. A roll call vote resulted in the following votes:

Biloxi	voted	aye
Gulfport	voted	aye
D'Iberville	voted	aye
Long Beach	voted	nay
Harrison County (1)	voted	nay
Harrison County (2)	voted	aye
Pass Christian	voted	aye

The motion failed for lack of a unanimous vote.

Motion

Mayor Gilich made a motion to amend the budget to include \$3,710,600 to fully fund the O & M Contract for the fiscal year, seconded by Mayor McDermott. A roll call vote resulted in the following votes:

Biloxi	voted	aye
Gulfport	voted	aye
D'Iberville	voted	aye
Long Beach	voted	aye
Harrison County (1)	voted	aye
Harrison County (2)	voted	aye
Pass Christian	voted	aye

The motion passed. A copy of the budget is attached hereto as exhibit "D".

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Motion

Mayor Gilich made a motion to distribute the potential Gulfport solid waste settlement funds (\$7000,000) among HCUA member agencies excluding Gulfport according to house count as of September 30, 2019, seconded by Supervisor Ladner. A roll call vote resulted in the following votes:

Biloxi	voted	aye
Gulfport	voted	aye
D'Iberville	voted	aye
Long Beach	voted	aye
Harrison County (1)	voted	aye
Harrison County (2)	voted	aye
Pass Christian	voted	aye

The motion passed.

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Motion

Mayor McDermott made a motion to close the job announcement for the Executive Director position on October 3, 2019, seconded by Supervisor Ladner. A roll call vote resulted in the following votes:

Biloxi	voted	aye
Gulfport	voted	aye
D'Iberville	voted	aye

Long Beach	voted	aye
Harrison County (1)	voted	aye
Harrison County (2)	voted	aye
Pass Christian	voted	aye

The motion passed.

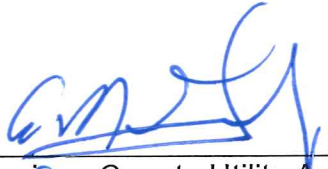
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L. Adjourn - At this time Mayor McDermott made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mayor Bass. A roll call vote resulted in the following votes:

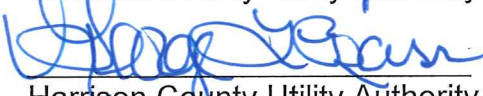
Biloxi	voted	aye
Gulfport	voted	aye
D'Iberville	voted	aye
Long Beach	voted	aye
Harrison County (1)	voted	aye
Harrison County (2)	voted	aye
Pass Christian	voted	aye

The motion to adjourn passed.

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