



"RE-BUILDING THE CITY'S WATER SYSTEMS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY"

Sewerage & Water Board OF NEW ORLEANS

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The Strategy Committee met on Monday, February 15, 2016 in the 2nd Floor Board Room, 625 St. Joseph Street, New Orleans, LA. The meeting convened at 1:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Marion Bracy, Chair
Robin Barnes, Vice Chair
Dr. Tamika Duplessis
Kerri Kane
Kimberly Thomas

ABSENT:

None.

OTHER COMMITTEE/BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

None.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Veolia/Swiss Reassessment Initiative

Mr. Grant presented the proposal of the resiliency strategy with Veolia and Swiss Re to assist the city of New Orleans and the Sewerage and Water Board to deliver an effective risk management plan. The purpose of the technical and the risk assessment is to identify all potential risks of the sewerage and water infrastructure and equipment inclusive of its networks and facilities. He introduced Mr. Jeff Hebert, the Chief Resiliency Officer for the city of New Orleans. Mr. Hebert presented a slide overview on the 'Resilient New Orleans' which focused on the Three Visions for a Resilient New Orleans:

- Adapt to Thrive
- Connect to Opportunity
- Transform City Systems

Following a discussion, the Board recommended that staff include the business leaders, stakeholders, regional partners, and schools in the resiliency process. The Board requested to receive the results of the evaluation/assessment re: Veolia/Swiss Reassessment Initiative.

Mrs. Robin Barnes moved to accept staff's recommendation to enter into negotiations re: Veolia and Swiss Re New Orleans Resilience Strategy. Mrs. Kerri Kane seconded the motion. The motion carried.

PRESENTATION ITEMS:

2. AMR Strategy

Mr. Miller presented a slide overview on 'Building a Smart City Using Automated Metering Infrastructure'. He reviewed the primary opportunities of the Automated Metering Infrastructure and the Network Configuration. He also highlighted the key steps required for the implementation of the plan. He stated staff would bring this information back to the full Board for review. The Committee members spoke in support of this strategy.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

3. Letter of Agreement between the Orleans Parish Sewerage and Water and the Orleans Parish Assessor's Office Pictometry Software Use

Mr. Grant discussed the Letter of Agreement in which the Board would enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Orleans Parish Assessor's Office for Pictometry Software Use. The Board will use the data provided by the Assessor's Office under the proposed agreement for aerial mapping services for a total amount of \$50,000.00.

4. Review of Previous Report - received

ANY OTHER MATTERS:

Mr. Grant extended an invitation to the Board to attend a visit by the Vice President of the United States, Joe Biden, at the Port of New Orleans on (Wednesday) February 17, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.

Mr. Grant informed the Committee that a Special Meeting of the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans will be called on (Saturday) February 20, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Hilton Hotel Grand Ballroom A-C at 2 Poydras Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. The purpose of the meeting: Executive Director's state of the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans report, to conduct security and safety training and recognize outstanding employee service and contributions.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

Also in attendance were Cedric S. Grant, Executive Director; Robert Miller, Deputy Director/CFO; Joseph Becker, General Superintendent; Bruce Adams, Deputy General Superintendent; Nolan Lambert, Special Counsel; Harold Marchand, Deputy Special Counsel; Sharon Judkins, Deputy Director of Administration; Ronald Doucette, Deputy Director of Security; Valerie Rivers, Deputy Director of Logistics; Kimberly Johnson, Deputy Director of Continuous Improvement; Rosita Thomas, Finance Administrator; Brenda Thornton, CommuniRep, Inc.; Jeff Hebert, City of New Orleans.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mr. Marion Bracy, Chair