

Minutes of the 757<sup>th</sup> Meeting  
***"Celebrating Over 50 Years of Continuous Environmental Excellence."***  
City of Alexandria, Virginia, Sanitation Authority  
6:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 19, 2010

On Tuesday, January 19, 2010 at 6:00 p.m., the regular meeting of the Authority was held in the offices of the Authority with the following present:

Members: Mr. Edward Semonian, Chair  
Mr. Thomas Van Wagner, Vice Chair  
Ms. Elise Fulstone, Secretary-Treasurer  
Mr. Jim Larrison, Member  
Mr. David Nichols, Member

Staff: Ms. Karen Pallansch, Engineer-Director  
Ms. Wendy Batkin, Director of Strategic Resources Allocation  
Ms. Maureen O'Shaughnessy, Director of Clean Rivers  
Ms. Patricia Wheeler, Secretary to the Board

Fairfax County Representative: Mr. Shahram Mohsenin

City Representative: Mr. Maurice Daly, P.E., Division Chief/Engineering, T&ES

Counsel: Mr. Jonathan Rak, McGuire Woods  
Mr. Dave Evans, McGuire Woods

Call & Minutes

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. and asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes for the meeting held Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Fulstone asked that the comment on page 5, third paragraph down under the Informational Memo – Draft ASA Investment Policy be corrected concerning her comment on Internal Controls. These minutes were approved as amended.

Reports

December Activities Report: Mr. Van Wagner commended staff on a job well done by meeting all permit parameters during the rain event on December 25<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Fulstone commented on the fact that ASA has completed 5 years of perfect compliance with its VPDES permit and is now eligible for the NACWA Platinum Award.

Ms. Pallansch reported that Mr. Semonian has been reappointed by the City Council to another 4 year term on the Board of Directors for the Authority. Per the City's newly enacted term limit requirement, this will be his last term.

Mr. Van Wagner asked if the Authority had any process impact caused by the amount of salt and sand being used on the roads for ice and snow removal. Ms. O'Shaughnessy reported that there was no impact observed because the City uses a more eco-friendly chemical treatment. Mr. Daly said he would look into the chemicals used by the City and report back to the Board.

Old Business

Review and Approval of ASA Comments to City Sewer Master Plan Table of Contents: Ms. Pallansch reported that in order to promote better current and future sewer infrastructure planning; the City is undertaking an effort to develop a City wide Sewer Master Plan. As part of their effort, the City provided to the Authority Board a copy of the proposed Table of Contents for said plan at the December Board meeting. ASA has an integral role in the sewerage service for the City. Staff and counsel have reviewed the Table of Contents and provided comments that are believed to serve the public interest by developing a more robust document.

Staff recommends that the Board concur with the comments as drafted and authorize the Engineer-Director to submit a final version of the comments to the City on their behalf.

Mr. Nichols moved that the Board concur with the comments as drafted and authorize the Engineer-Director to submit a final version of the comments to the City on their behalf. Mr. Van Wagner seconded and the vote was unanimous in favor.

#### New Business

Presentation of Chesapeake Bay Nutrient Issues: Mr. Evans gave a presentation to the Board concerning nutrient issues surrounding the Chesapeake Bay. He reported that the EPA is taking a more aggressive approach to insuring that the Chesapeake Bay clean up is successful. This includes its current process to develop bay-wide Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for nitrogen and phosphorus that enter the Bay and the tributaries within the six-state bay drainage area. Mr. Evans reviewed the history of nutrient regulations as they relate to ASA, the potential impacts of the TMDLs on ASA, and the various strategies being employed by ASA to mitigate near and long-term nutrient regulation costs and growth-related impacts.

Ms. Fulstone asked what the change was in 1998 that led to the Bay status changing to that of an impaired waterway? Mr. Evans replied that several factors, including growth, increases in impervious surfaces leading to greater levels of storm water runoff and other nonpoint sources have caused it to become impaired. Ms. Fulstone asked if the current water quality is stabilizing and Mr. Evans stated that due to best management practices there has been a huge reduction in phosphorus. Mr. Nichols suggested that when the Authority sends out the Rate Increase Notice to its citizens ASA include information concerning the high costs to comply with the Bay act and other regulatory requirements.

Mr. Evans said that this will be a continuous process to find a solution to the nutrient issue and there will be more information to come. Mr. Semonian thanked Mr. Evans for the informative presentation.

Closed Session: At 7:20 p.m., the Chairman stated it would be appropriate to convene a closed meeting as permitted by VA Code Section 2.2-3711(A), Subsection 1 and made the following statement: "The purpose of this closed meeting is to consult with staff and counsel on personnel issues which may be discussed in closed session under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act. Mr. Semonian made the motion, Mr. Van Wagner seconded and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Upon conclusion of the closed meeting, and in compliance with Freedom of Information Act, a motion was made by Mr. Semonian and seconded by Ms. Fulstone to return to the regular meeting.

At 8:30 p.m., the meeting returned to open session and the following certification was unanimously adopted by the members: "Pursuant to 2.2-3712(D) of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, it is hereby certified that to the best of each Member's knowledge, (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirements of the Act, and (2) only public business matters identified in the motion by which this closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered by the Alexandria Sanitation Authority." Mr. Semonian made the motion with Ms. Fulstone providing the second, all Members present voted via Roll Call:

Mr. Edward Semonian	Aye
Mr. Thoams Van Wagner	Aye
Ms. Elsie Fulstone	Aye
Mr. David Nichols	Aye
Mr. Jim Larrison	Aye

Adjournment

There being no further business Mr. Van Wagner moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Mr. Nichols seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in favor.

The next regular meeting date is February 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

**APPROVED:**



**Secretary-Treasurer**