

MUNICIPAL UTILITIES COMMISSION
MINUTES
May 27th, 2021

The Municipal Utilities Commission met in session on Thursday, May 27th, 2021 at the Council Chambers at 503 Gay St., Cambridge, Md. In person and via Telecom and Webex due to the Covid-19 pandemic, unfortunately the telecom and webex was unavailable. Mayor Andrew Bradshaw convened the meeting at approximately 5:30pm

Present: Mayor Andrew Bradshaw
Steve Williams, MUC Commissioner
Andy Pasden, MUC Commissioner
Glenn Ford, MUC Commissioner
Joe Brooks, MUC Commissioner
Jane Dorman, Water Resource Administrator
Ed Bramble, MUC Asst. Superintendent
Kevin Johnson, Sr. -MUC Superintendent

Absent: Megan Holotik-Nabb, MUC Commissioner

Public Request

Mr. Gary Newcomb requested to come before the MUC Commission to voice his concerns about the street openings currently done by the MUC and DPW. He said neither are following the specification that was in place while he was manager of MUC nine years ago. He also submitted pictures to reinforce his conclusions. After discussion, the Muc Commission asked Mr. Johnson and Mr. Bramble to look into this and bring a report to the next meeting.

Expenditures

Expenditures for the months of March and April 2021 were submitted for approval. After discussion, motion to approve was made by Commissioner Pasden, seconded by Commissioner Brooks. Passed.

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of March 25th, 2021 were submitted for approval. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Pasden, seconded by Commissioner Williams. Passed.

Mr. Pasden asked what the status was with Southern Corrosion and the Verizon damage to the Fletcher Ave tank.

Mr. Bramble said he had not heard, but George Hyde, city engineer has been included in the loop. He will check with them and find out and report at the next meeting.

Walk-up Window

Ms. Dorman stated she was notified the window would be installed June 7th, 2021 at 9:00am.

Truck Purchase

Ms. Dorman stated this was FYI only. Truck was purchased and is in service.

MUC Employment

The Commission asked how the new employees were working out?

Ms. Dorman said they both just passed the Bacteriological Certifications yesterday. They will be in class the first full week of June for Licensing and are scheduled to do the State testing in July.

Clamp on meter

Mr. Bramble said we have installed the clamp on meter and we will wait on additional data to decide how to move forward. We did find water going thru the fire service. This is not enough to explain the total unmetered, but we will continue to look.

Ms. Dorman stated we are also looking at the larger accounts and replacing the dual meters with the new Mach 10 which are top of the line and will pick up all usage on one dial.

FY-22 Budget Update

Ms. Dorman requested an adjustment in the current budget to reflect raises for the MUC employees.

Mayor Bradshaw polled each Commissioner present and each one voted affirmatively.

This passed unanimously by Commission. The Mayor said he is pleased with the work of the MUC.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Johnson gave the superintendent's report for the months of March and April 2021.

He discussed the new services as well as the leak and pumpage.

Next Meeting Date

Ms. Dorman asked if the Commission would like to meet back at 410 Academy St. in the MUC Conference room. The Commission said they would like to return to the Conference room for the next meeting.

The meeting is scheduled for July 22nd, 2021 at 5:30pm.

With no additional business to discuss, motion to adjourn meeting was made by Commissioner Pasden, seconded by Mr. Brooks. All agreed and meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm.