

NEW YORK WATER AUTHORITY FINANCE AND DIRECTOR'S MEETINGS

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>> GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYONE. OLGA CHERNAT, DELEGATE FOR BUDGET DIRECTOR JACQUES JIHA AND CHAIR OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF NEW YORK CITY MUNICIPAL WATER FINANCE AUTHORITY. WELCOME TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING—FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE WATER FINANCE AUTHORITY. I'D LIKE TO ASK ALL PARTICIPANTS TO KEEP THEIR PHONES ON MUTE UNLESS THEY'RE SPEAKING. AND I WILL NOW CONVENE THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING BY ASKING FOR THE ROLL CALL TO BE TAKEN FOR ATTENDANCE. DEBORAH?

>> DELEGATE FOR BUDGET DIRECTOR JACQUES JIHA.

>> OLGA CHERNAT IS HERE.

>> DELEGATE FOR ACTING FINANCE COMMISSIONER MICHAEL HYMAN.

>> ROBIN LEE FOR ACTING COMMISSIONER MICHAEL HYMAN.

>> DELEGATE FOR DEP COMMISSIONER VINCENT SAPIENZA, JR.

>> JOE MURIN FOR COMMISSIONER SAPIENZA.

>> DELEGATE FOR DEC COMMISSIONER BASIL SEGGOS.

>> SELVIN SOUTHWELL FOR BASIL SEGGOS HERE.

>> MARC SHAW.

>> HERE.

>> MAX VON HOLLWEG.

>> I'M HERE.

>> WE HAVE A QUORUM.

>> AH, THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT, THE FIRST ITEM WE HAVE ON OUR AGENDA FOR TODAY IS TO REVIEW THE RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINUTES OF THE LAST FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING. LET ME ASK FOR A MOTION AND A SECOND TO ENTERTAIN DISCUSSION OF THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION. MOTION?

>> SO MOVED.

>> THANK YOU. THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE'S LAST MEETING HAVE

BEEN CIRCULATED FOR EVERYONE'S REVIEW ABOUT A WEEK AGO. ARE THERE ANY CHANGES OR CORRECTIONS?

OK, HEARING NONE, I WILL NOW CALL THE ROLL FOR VOTE.

MR. SOUTHWELL, HOW DO YOU VOTE?

>> APPROVED.

>> MR. MURIN.

>> APPROVED.

>> MISS LEE.

>> IN FAVOR.

>> MR. VON HOLLWEG.

>> IN FAVOR.

>> MR. SHAW.

>> APPROVED.

>> AND I ALSO VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION. THE RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MINUTES IS HEREBY—IS APPROVED. THE SECOND ITEM ON THE AGENDA IS APPROVAL OF THE RESOLUTION NUMBER 159, AND THOSE RESOLUTIONS IS A RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS THAT THEY APPROVE THE ISSUANCE OF FISCAL 2020 ...BB WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM SECOND GENERATION RESOLUTION ... BONDS. LET ME ASK FOR A MOTION AND A SECOND TO ENTERTAIN DISCUSSION OF THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION.

>> MOTION, BUT I HAVE—
MOTION AND A SECOND.

>> SECOND. JOE MURIN.

>> THANK YOU. THE ... AUTHORIZED AMOUNT IS 550 MILLION, AND THE BONDS WILL BE ISSUED AS TAX-EXEMPT, FIXED-RATE BONDS FOR NEW MONEY AND REFUNDING PURPOSES. OUR CURRENT EXPECTATION OF THE TRANSACTION SIZE IS AROUND 500 MILLION, BUT AS WE'VE DONE IN PRIOR TIMES, WE HAVE BUILT IN A CUSHION. AND THAT'S REALLY HOW—BECAUSE WHEN WE IN THE MARKET, WE CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE OPPORTUNITIES OF STRONG INVESTOR DEMANDS IF SUCH HAPPENS TO PRESENT ITSELF DURING A SALE. SO THAT'S A REASON FOR AN ADDITIONAL 50 MILLION THAT'S BUILT INTO THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE CURRENT SIZE OF THE TRANSACTION. THEY'RE NOT TO EXCEED PER-INTEREST COST AS AUTHORIZED AS 4.25%. THE EXPECTED PER-INTEREST COST IS AROUND 3%. FOR THE REFUNDING FEES, WE EXPECT TO REALIZE THE ...47 MILLION OF SAVINGS, AND THESE BONDS WILL BE PRICED ON AN INSTITUTIONAL BASIS ON DECEMBER 2nd, PRECEDING WITH ONE DAY OF PRE-SALE PRICING ON DECEMBER 1st. THE CLOSING DATE FOR THE DEAL IS SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 15th. THE SALE WILL BE DONE ON A NEGOTIATED BASIS WITH THE SYNDICATE LED BY SIEBERT, WILLIAMS, SHANK,

AND THEY ARE AN NWB FIRM. ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS PROPOSED RESOLUTION?

HEARING NO QUESTIONS, LET ME NOW CALL THE ROLL FOR VOTE.

MR. SOUTHWELL.

>> APPROVED.

>> MR. MURIN.

>> APPROVED.

>> MISS LEE.
>> APPROVED.
>> AND MR. VON HOLLWEG.
>> APPROVED.
>> AND MR. SHAW.
>> APPROVED.
>> AND FOR THE RECORD, I, OLGA CHERNAT, ALSO VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION. THE RESOLUTION IS NOW APPROVED.
IF THERE'S NO FURTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE, I'D LIKE TO ENTERTAIN DISCUSSION OF ADJOURNMENT. CAN WE HAVE A MOTION AND A SECOND?
>> SO MOVED.
>> SECOND.
>> SECOND.
>> THANK YOU. UM...IS THERE ANY FURTHER BUSINESS ANYONE WANTS TO BRING UP?
OK, HEARING NONE, LET ME NOW CALL THE ROLL FOR A VOTE FOR ADJOURNMENT.
MR. SOUTHWELL.
>> IN FAVOR.
>> MR. MURIN.
>> IN FAVOR.
>> MISS LEE.
>> IN FAVOR.
>> MR. VON HOLLWEG.
>> APPROVED.
>> MR. SHAW.
>> APPROVED.
>> AND I ALSO VOTE IN FAVOR OF ADJOURNMENT. THANK YOU. THE FINANCE COMMITTEE IS NOW ADJOURNED, AND WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING FOR WHICH I, OLGA, WILL BE CHAIR.
OK. SO I'D LIKE TO CALL TO ORDER THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF NEW YORK CITY WATER FINANCE AUTHORITY. DEBORAH,

PLEASE CALL THE ROLL CALL.

>> DELEGATE FOR BUDGET DIRECTOR JACQUES JIHA.
>> OLGA CHERNAT FOR JACQUES JIHA.
>> DELEGATE FOR ACTING FINANCE COMMISSIONER MICHAEL HYMAN.
>> ROBIN LEE FOR ACTING COMMISSIONER MICHAEL HYMAN.
>> DELEGATE FOR DEP COMMISSIONER VINCENT SAPIENZA.
>> JOE MURIN FOR COMMISSIONER SAPIENZA.

>> DELEGATE FOR DEC COMMISSIONER BASIL SEGGOS.
>> SELVIN SOUTHWELL FOR COMMISSSIONER SEGGOS.
>> MARC SHAW.
>> [AUDIO GARBLED]
>> MAX VON HOLLWEG.
>> I'M HERE.
>> WE HAVE A QUORUM.
>> THANK YOU, DEBORAH. OK, SIMILAR TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING, OUR FIRST ITEM ON THE AGENDA IS A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM OUR LAST MEETING, WHICH WAS—WHICH TOOK PLACE ON OCTOBER 14th. CAN I HAVE A MOTION AND A SECOND TO ENTERTAIN DISCUSSION OF THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION?
>> SO MOVED.
>> SECOND.
>> SECOND.
>> THANK YOU. THE MINUTES HAVE BEEN CIRCULATED FOR EVERYONE TO REVIEW. ARE THERE ANY COMMENTS OR SUGGESTED CORRECTIONS? HEARING NONE, LET ME NOW CALL THE ROLL FOR A VOTE.
MR. SOUTHWELL.
>> APPROVED.
>> MR. MURIN.
>> APPROVED.
>> MISS LEE.
>> APPROVED.
>> MR. VON HOLLWEG.
>> APPROVED.
>> MR. SHAW.
>> APPROVED.
>> AND I ALSO APPROVE. THE RESOLUTION IS NOW APPROVED. MOVING ON TO THE NEXT ITEM ON THE AGENDA, AND THAT'S THE APPROVAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL RESOLUTION NUMBER 159 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF FISCAL 2021SERIES DD BONDS. CAN I HAVE A MOTION AND A SECOND TO ENTERTAIN DISCUSSION OF THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION?

>> SO MOVED.
>> SECOND.
>> SECOND.
>> THANK YOU. AS WAS JUST DISCUSSED IN THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION WOULD AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO 550 MILLION OF WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM [INDISTINCT] RESOLUTION WRITING OF BONDS IN FISCAL 2021 SERIES DD. THE APPROVAL OF THE RESOLUTION

HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. ARE THERE ANY COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, OR THINGS TO DISCUSS?
HEARING NONE, LET ME NOW CALL THE ROLL FOR A VOTE.

MR. SOUTHWELL.

>> APPROVED.

>> MR. MURIN.

>> APPROVED.

>> MISS LEE.

>> APPROVED.

>> MR. VON HOLLWEG.

>> APPROVED.

>> MR. SHAW.

>> APPROVED.

>> AND I, OLGA CHERNAT, ALSO VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION, AND THE RESOLUTION IS HEREBY APPROVED. THE THIRD ITEM ON THE AGENDA IS A RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD [INDISTINCT] THE AUTHORITY'S CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER. CAN I HAVE A MOTION AND A SECOND TO ENTERTAIN THE DISCUSSION OF THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION?

>> SO MOVED.

>> SECOND.

>> THANK YOU. SO LET ME BEGIN BY INTRODUCING TO ALL OF YOU DAVID WOMACK. HE IS THE NEW DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR FINANCE AND POLICY AND COORDINATION FOR THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET. DAVID IS A PUBLIC FINANCE VETERAN WITH OVER 35 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE AS A FINANCIAL ADVISOR AND INVESTMENT BANKER, AND HIS FULL BIOGRAPHY HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO THE BOARD PRIOR TO THIS MEETING. LET ME, UM...SEE IF DAVID WANTS TO SAY A FEW WORDS TO YOU BEFORE WE PRESS ON WITH THE VOTE AND THE DISCUSSION.

>> THANK YOU. THANK YOU, OLGA, AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. IT'S A PLEASURE MEETING YOU BY PHONE. HOPE ONE DAY, WE WILL ALL BE ABLE TO MEET IN PERSON. IT'S AN HONOR TO BE IN THIS POSITION. AS OLGA SAID, I'VE BEEN WORKING IN PUBLIC FINANCE FOR OVER 35 YEARS--ACTUALLY, IT'S CLOSER TO 40—AND IRONICALLY BEGAN MY CAREER AT JP MORGAN, THEN

MORGAN GUARANTY TRUST COMPANY SITTING TWO DESKS AWAY FROM ALAN ANDERS. WE WERE COLLEAGUES FOR ABOUT 4 YEARS UNTIL I MOVED ON. I'VE WORKED AT CITIGROUP AS WELL AND HAD THE CITY OF NEW YORK AND THE WATER AUTHORITY AS A CLIENT I GUESS SINCE 2007 AND HAD THE GOOD FORTUNE TO SENIOR MANAGE TWO WATER FINANCE AUTHORITY ISSUES IN 2010 AND 2014. SO, AGAIN, IT'S MY PLEASURE TO BE IN THIS CHAIR AND ON THE WATER AUTHORITY TEAM. I'VE BEEN AN ADMIRER OF OLGA,

OLGA'S WORK, AND THE WORK OF HER TEAM AND HOPE TO HELP HER CONTINUE IN THAT ROLE. THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, DAVID. ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS FOR MYSELF OR DAVID? SINCE THERE ARE NO QUESTIONS, LET ME NOW CALL THE ROLL FOR A VOTE. MR. SOUTHWELL.

>> APPROVED.

>> MR. MURIN.

>> APPROVED.

>> MISS LEE.

>> APPROVED.

>> MR. VON HOLLWEG.

>> APPROVED.

>> MR. SHAW.

>> APPROVED.

>> AND I ALSO VOTE IN FAVOR OF THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION. THANK YOU. THE RESOLUTION IS NOW APPROVED. CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW CEO DAVID WOMACK.

>> THANK YOU.

>> IF THERE'S NO FURTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THIS BOARD, I WOULD LIKE TO ASK FOR A MOTION AND SECOND TO ENTERTAIN DISCUSSION TO ADJOURN.

>> SO MOVED.

>> SO MOVED.

>> THANK YOU.

>> SECOND.

>> WE WILL ASK YOU NOW TO CALL THE ROLL FOR A VOTE.

MR. SOUTHWELL.

>> IN FAVOR.

>> MR. MURIN.

>> IN FAVOR.

>> MISS LEE.

>> IN FAVOR.

>> MR. VON HOLLWEG.

>> APPROVED.

>> MR. SHAW.

>> IN FAVOR.

>> I ALSO VOTE IN FAVOR OF ADJOURNING. THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATION. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING IS NOW ADJOURNED. I HOPE EVERYONE HAS A VERY NICE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY AND THE REST OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON. ENJOY AND STAY HEALTHY AND SAFE.

>> THANK YOU.
>> THANK YOU.
[BEEPING]