

TAUNTON MUNICIPAL LIGHTING PLANT

MINUTES OF MEETING

TIME: Tuesday, March 15, 2022

4:00 PM – 5:50 PM

PLACE: Office of the Commission

PRESENT: Chairman Blackwell, Commissioner Corr, Commissioner Hebert, Manager Holmes, Attorney Pollart (KP Law), Ms. Davine, Mr. October, Ms. Silveira, Mr. Melanson, Mr. Irving, Mr. Worthington, Ms. Vohnoutka, Mr. Hopkins, Mr. Strojny, Mr. Tremont, Mr. Botelho, Mr. Rodrigue, Mr. Clancy, Ms. Britland, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Camera (Water Dept.), Ms. Hayston, Mr. Foley

Chairman Blackwell called the meeting to order.

Chairman Blackwell called for a roll call.

Present

Commissioner Hebert
Commissioner Corr
Chairman Blackwell

Absent

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Motion by Commissioner Corr, seconded by Commissioner Hebert to approve. Unanimous.

REGULAR WARRANT OF FEBRUARY 17, 2022

REGULAR WARRANT OF FEBRUARY 24, 2022

REGULAR WARRANT OF MARCH 3, 2022

REGULAR WARRANT OF MARCH 10, 2022

Motion by Commissioner Hebert, seconded by Commissioner Corr to approve. Unanimous.

AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR SEALED BIDS AND/OR PROPOSALS:

Interoffice Communication from Dana Sullivan to Kim Holmes dated March 9, 2022: Subject: Request for IFB – Tree Trimming

Manager Holmes read the following memo into the record:

Line Clearance Tree Trimming, City of Taunton, West of Route 138

Request permission to send out Request for Proposals (RFP) for Line Clearance Tree Trimming in the City of Taunton West of Route 138 and North Dighton. This trimming will involve all streets and private ways in the City that have overhead construction. The last time West Taunton was contracted out for line clearance was 2015. Estimated cost is \$950,000. This was vetted by the Strategic Planning Committee.

Motion by Commissioner Corr, seconded by Commissioner Hebert to authorize the request for proposals for line clearance tree trimming in the City of Taunton West of Route 138 and North Dighton for an estimated cost of \$950,000. Unanimous.

AWARD OF SEALED BIDS AND/OR PROPOSALS

Award of Sealed Bid for 13,500 Feet 350 MCM 15KV EPR Copper Underground Cable

Manager Holmes read the following award of bid into the record:

Transmission and Distribution Engineering Bid Evaluation					
13,500 Feet 350 MCM 15KV EPR Copper Underground Cable					
IFB 22-01	February 23, 2022				
Company	Meets Specs	Unit Price Per Foot	Total Price	Delivery Weeks	Comments
A.J. Hurley Boston, MA	YES	15.595	210,532.50	34 Weeks	Quoting Okonite MV-105 Price firm for 60 days
Wesco Manchester, NH	NO	13.978	188,703.00	48 Weeks	Quoting CME MV-105 with Escalation & De-escalation
Irby Utilities Liverpool, NY	NO	15.460	208,710.00	34 Weeks	Quoting Okonite MV-90 with Escalation & De-escalation
Wesco Manchester, NH	NO	15.830	213,705.00	34 Weeks	Quoting Okonite MV-90 with Escalation & De-escalation
Wesco Manchester, NH	NO	15.536	223,236.00	46 Weeks	Quoting LS Cable MV-90 with Escalation & De-escalation

The TMLP Engineering Department recommends A.J. Hurley for a total purchase price of \$210,532.50, lowest firm cost and delivery time that meets specifications.

Motion by Commissioner Hebert, seconded by Commissioner Corr to award the sealed bid for 13,500 feet 350 MCM 15KV EPR copper underground cable to A.J. Hurley for a total price of \$210,532.50 per the recommendation of the T&D Engineering Department. Unanimous. 22-046

Award of Sealed Bid for (40) 50 KVA, 7.9/2.4 KV Primary, 120/240V Secondary Padmount Transformers

Manager Holmes read the following bid evaluation into the record:

Transmission and Distribution Engineering Bid Evaluation								
Padmount Transformers								
(40) 50 KVA, 7.9/2.4 KV Primary, 120/240V Secondary								
IFB 21-10	February 16, 2022							
Company	Meets Specs	Unit Price	Load Loss in Watts	No Load Loss in Watts	Evaluated Unit Cost	Delivery Weeks	Total Price	Comments
Irby Utilities Liverpool, NY	YES	\$5,944.00	349	139	\$6,746.33	82 Weeks	\$237,760.00	Quoting Power Partners
Wesco Manchester, NH	YES	\$6,050.00	349	139	\$6,852.33	82-84 Weeks	\$242,000.00	Quoting Power Partners
Wesco Manchester, NH	YES	\$8,826.00	500	103	\$9,670.13	56-60 Weeks	\$353,040.00	Quoting Central Maloney

The TMLP Engineering Department recommends Irby Utilities quoting Power Partners based on lowest evaluated cost meeting specifications

Motion by Commissioner Corr, seconded by Commissioner Hebert to award the sealed bid for (40) 50 KVA, 7.9/2.4 KV Primary, 120/240V Secondary Padmount Transformers to Irby Utilities for a total price of \$237,760.00 quoting Power Partners per the recommendation of the T&D Engineering Department. Unanimous. 22-047

Award of Sealed Bid for (4) 333 KVA, 7.9 KV Primary, 2.4KV Secondary Stepdown Transformers

Manager Holmes read the following bid evaluation into the record:

Transmission and Distribution Engineering Bid Evaluation								
Stepdown Transformers								
(4) 333 KVA, 7.9 KV Primary, 2.4 KV Secondary								
IFB 21-09			February 11, 2022					
Company	Meets Specs	Unit Price	Load Loss in Watts	No Load Loss in Watts	Evaluated Unit Cost	Delivery Weeks	Total Price	Comments
Irby Utilities Liverpool, NY	YES	\$16,448.00	2024	416	\$19,862.03	82 Weeks	\$65,792.00	Quoting Power Partners
Wesco Manchester, NH	YES	\$16,744.00	2024	416	\$20,158.03	82-84 Weeks	\$66,976.00	Quoting Power Partners
Wesco Manchester, NH	YES	\$45,256.00	2749	101	\$48,419.24	56-60 Weeks	\$181,024.00	Quoting Central Maloney
The TMLP Engineering Department recommends Irby Utilities quoting Power Partners based on lowest evaluated cost meeting specifications								

Motion by Commissioner Hebert, seconded by Commissioner Corr to award the sealed bid for (4) 333 KVA, 7.9 KV Primary, 2.4 KV Secondary Stepdown Transformers to Irby Utilities quoting Power Partners for a total price of \$65,792.00 per the recommendation of the T&D Engineering Department. Unanimous. 22-048

Award of Sealed Bid for (4) 250 KVA, 7.9 KV Primary, 2.4 KV Secondary Stepdown Transformers

Manager Holmes read the following bid evaluation into the record:

Transmission and Distribution Engineering Bid Evaluation								
Stepdown Transformers								
(4) 250 KVA, 7.9 KV Primary, 2.4 KV Secondary								
IFB 21-09			February 11, 2022					
Company	Meets Specs	Unit Price	Load Loss in Watts	No Load Loss in Watts	Evaluated Unit Cost	Delivery Weeks	Total Price	Comments
Irby Utilities Liverpool, NY	YES	\$15,563.00	1316	398	\$18,187.79	82 Weeks	\$62,252.00	Quoting Power Partners
Wesco Manchester, NH	YES	\$15,844.00	1316	398	\$18,468.79	82 Weeks	\$63,276.00	Quoting Power Partners
Wesco Manchester, NH	YES	\$36,940.00	2749	101	\$40,103.24	56-60 Weeks	\$147,760.00	Quoting Central Maloney
The TMLP Engineering Department recommends Irby Utilities quoting Power Partners based on lowest evaluated cost meeting specifications								

Motion by Commissioner Corr, seconded by Commissioner Hebert to award the sealed bid for (4) 250 KVA, 7.9 KV Primary, 2.4 KV Secondary Stepdown Transformers to Irby Utilities quoting Power Partners for a total price of \$62,252.00 per the recommendation of the T&D Engineering Department. Unanimous. 22-049

Manager Holmes requested to go out of order to go into Executive Session to have a discussion with Local 1729.

Motion by Commissioner Corr, seconded by Commissioner Hebert to go out of order into Executive Session to have a discussion with Local 1729. Unanimous. 22-050

Chairman Blackwell stated "The next items on the agenda are executive session topics, one of which involves collective bargaining contract negotiations involving the TMLP unions. I note that Commissioner Corr and I have immediate family members employed by the TMLP who are members of two of those

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unions and that have a financial interest in the contract negotiations. Commission Corr, for the record, could you please state the facts that has created your conflict?"

Commissioner Corr stated "Thank you Mr. Blackwell. My wife, Kristine Sullivan-Corr, is employed by the TMLP as a Senior Clerk in the Accounting Group and is a member of the Local 462C union. My son, Mitchell Corr, is employed by the TMLP as a Resource Analyst in the Energy Supply & Planning Department and is a member of the Taunton Municipal Lighting Plant Professional Employees Association. My wife and my son are immediate family members who have a financial interest in the collective bargaining contract negotiations."

Commissioner Blackwell stated "My son, Mark E. Blackwell, Jr., was hired by the TMLP on July 3, 1989, and continues to be employed by the TMLP. My son is an Electrical Plant Supervisor in the Power Production Department and is a member of the Taunton Municipal Lighting Plant Professional Employees Association. My son is an immediate family member who has a financial interest in the collective bargaining contract negotiations."

Chairman Blackwell stated "For the record, (1) the Board of Commissioners does not have a sufficient number of members necessary to take a valid vote as a result of disqualification of members due to conflicts of interest concerning collective bargaining contract negotiations, (2) the Board of Commissioners has a legal obligation to negotiate and vote on collective bargaining contracts and no other board or authority may negotiate and vote on collective bargaining contracts for the Board of Commissioners; and (3) as a last resort, and based on advice from TMLP counsel, the rule of necessity is being invoked so that Commissioner Corr and I, who were disqualified, can participate in collective bargaining contract negotiations with the TMLP unions."

The Commission was recorded in a roll call vote to go into executive session as follows: (4:17 PM)

In Favor

Commissioner Hebert
Commissioner Corr
Chairman Blackwell

Absent

Executive Session discussion.

Motion in Executive Session made by Commissioner Corr, seconded by Commissioner Hebert to return to Open Session. 22-051

Chairman Blackwell stated we are back in Regular Session. (4:53 PM)

COMMUNICATIONS:

Contract Ratification Local 462c

Manager Holmes stated as you recall at the last Commission meeting the Commission voted to ratify terms of Coalition Bargaining. Following that meeting the Coalition could not come to a consensus and we discussed this with the Commission in Executive Session as to the contents of the contracts we have before you today. We have been able to reach an agreement with the bargaining units and we will be requesting that you ratify these contracts on a case by case basis with the first one being the contract ratification of Local 462c.

Motion by Commissioner Corr, seconded by Commissioner Hebert to ratify the contract with Local 462c for contract term November 1, 2021 through October 31, 2023. Unanimous. 22-052

Contract Ratification Local 462

Motion by Commissioner Hebert, seconded by Commissioner Corr to ratify the contract with Local 462 for the contract term of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023. Unanimous. 22-053

Contract Ratification Local 1729

Motion by Commissioner Corr, seconded by Commissioner Hebert to ratify the contract with Local 1729 for the contract term of April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2024. Unanimous. 22-054

Contract Ratification TMLP Professional Employees Association (TPEA)

Motion by Commissioner Hebert, seconded by Commissioner Corr to ratify the contract with TMLP Professional Employees Association (TPEA) for the contract term January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023. Unanimous. 22-055

Manager Holmes stated if I may, at the last Commission meeting the Commission voted to give Exempt Management the same benefits as the Coalition. Since the terms have not changed significantly, I would like to request that the Commission reaffirm that they are in favor of Exempt Management, employed as of March 1, 2022, receiving the same benefits as the current Collective Bargaining agreements. 22-056

Motion by Commissioner Corr, seconded by Commissioner Hebert that Exempt Management personnel get the same benefits as the other Union's back to March 1, 2022. Unanimous.

Major Project Request – 1814.52 Upgrade & Extension

Manager Holmes read the Major Project Request into the record:

Project Title: 1814.52 Upgrade & Extension

Project Description: Install new underground duct bank, replace station cables with 500MCM copper and run new spacer cable from Station #18 to Fremont Street utilizing 1814.52. Existing spacer cable on Fremont Street to be use, however, new spacer cable to be run from South Boundary Road out to Bay Street via Bassett Street. Verizon to be responsible for setting and relocation of poles as needed. This project has been vetted by the Strategic Planning Committee for 2022.

Project Justification: 1814.52 is an underutilized reliable circuit with plenty of load growth available. Currently 1814.51 feeds this area of Bay Street is our worst one of our performing feeders. New spacer cable and circuit hardening of the 1814.52 in this area would alleviate load off the 1814.51. This three phase extension of the 1814.52 from Station #18 to Fremont Street, coupled with new underground station cables, would greatly assist 1814.51 to create more reliable service in heavily treed area for customers through modernization of electric distribution system. This will also alleviate feeder 1814.51 amperage which is normally high. This would allow for future growth potential 1814.51 going forward. Since 2016, this section of the system has been responsible for 31 major outages. This would also remove load off circuit 1814.IP3 which is currently on Fremont Street allowing for load growth in Myles Standish Industrial Park.

Alternates Considered: None considered at this time.

Budget Estimate: Project Start Year: 2022

Total Amount Requested: \$500,000

Commissioner Corr stated that the City has eliminated South Boundary Road and it is now all considered Bassett Street.

Manager Holmes stated that we will make a note of that. Thank you.

Motion by Commissioner Hebert, seconded by Commissioner Corr to approve the Major Project Request for the 1814.52 Upgrade & Extension for a budget estimate of \$500,000.00. Unanimous.

22-057

Major Project Request – Cooling Tower Repair

Manager Holmes read the following Major Project Request into the record:

Project Title: Cooling Tower Repair

Project Description: Repair cooling tower internal wood framing, louvers and related thermal components. This project has been vetted by the Strategic Planning Committee.

Project Justification: The cooling tower was found to have structural weakness in several areas as a result of an inspection that was performed under the Cooling Tower Repair Phase I analysis in 2019, Major Project 1180. This effort will be to repair sections identified in the findings of that analysis. In addition, part of the cooling tower has collapsed due to ice accumulation on the weakened structure. The result is an emergency repair effort for operational and safety reasons.

Alternates Considered: Do nothing. This option is not considered viable. The cooling tower is a critical part of Unit #9 operation and needs to be repaired for viability and safety reasons.

<u>Budget Estimate:</u>	<u>Project Start Year:</u>	2022
	<u>Total Amount Requested:</u>	\$1,450,000

Commissioner Blackwell asked what the scope of work that is going to be done.

The Commission invited Mr. James Irving and Mr. Peter Botelho to the table.

Mr. Botelho stated that we had some serious snow and ice damage from the last storm. A section of the tower actually came down. As a result, to repair this, we can structure from the report that was done other failed members have literally failed and broke as well. So what we are going to do is take an outage and we need to drain the entire cooling tower basin and we are going to replace all the vertical members on the base up to 8 feet so that this work can be done one cell at a time and the unit will still be able to be operational and available. We need to take the outage in order to fix all the base issue including the section that fell down. We are also going to be replacing a lot of members from the hot deck down. The hot deck actually from the scoffers there is actually a 4 inch fall on the dividing wall of cells 2 and 3 so we have some serious movement going on that is not acceptable. It is deemed unsafe for operation. We are going to start in cell 2 to get that safe and clear out the debris and then go through each cell and once we have authorization for an outage through ISO-NE we are going to drain the tower to replace all of the vertical members.

Commissioner Blackwell stated that we have done some work and that the structure has been in commercial operation for 47 years and I know it has seen its share of water.

Mr. Irving added that this is not the last time we will come before the Commission because there is still other work to be done. We still have the stairs, the roof deck and other things.

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Motion by Commissioner Corr, seconded by Commissioner Hebert to approve the Major Project Request for the Cooling Tower Repair for a Budget Estimate of \$1,450,000.00. Unanimous. 22-058

Major Project Request – Plant Air Compressor Upgrade

Manager Holmes read the following Major Project Request into the record:

Project Title: Plant Air Compressor Upgrade

Project Description: Replace and upgrade current failing air compressors for Instrumentation, CEMS and general plant uses.

Project Justification: The current air compressors are over 30 years old with increasing maintenance and operation costs and unreliable operation. There are also several air compressors that can no longer operate and are no longer supported. The current ones that are working leak oil into the air line systems, affecting end user devices and are increasing maintenance and operation costs. A loss of plant air pressure will result in a loss of electric generation and unit operation and will negatively affect unit reliability. New plant air compressor equipment will be more efficient than the existing equipment therefore reducing plant maintenance costs, plant electric load and usage costs while increasing unit reliability. This project has been vetted and approved by the Strategic Planning Committee.

Alternates Considered: Do nothing, keep original equipment with increasing maintenance and operation costs, and reducing unit reliability. This option is not recommended.

Budget Estimate: Project Start Year: 2022

Total Amount Requested: \$150,000

Motion by Commissioner Hebert, seconded by Commissioner Corr to approve the Major Project Request for the Plant Air Compressor Upgrade for a Budget Estimate of \$150,000.00. Unanimous. 22-059

Interoffice Communication from Kimberly Holmes to the Commission dated March 15, 2022:

Subject: Energy New England Board of Directors

Manager Holmes read the following memo into the record:

In accordance with the terms and conditions of the Energy New England Operating Agreement, Commission authorization is requested to appoint me to serve out the balance of the term Kenneth Goulart was serving which ends on March 31, 2023.

The attached vote must be certified by the Secretary to the Taunton Municipal Lighting Plant Commission.

VOTE

At a duly convened meeting of the Taunton Municipal Lighting Plant Commission held on March 15, 2022, it was upon motion duly made and seconded,

VOTED: Than Kimberly Holmes be and is hereby elected as a Class C Member of the
Energy New England Board through March 31, 2023.

A true copy.

ATTEST: _____

Peter J. Corr, Secretary

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Motion by Commissioner Corr, seconded by Commissioner Hebert to approve the appointment of Kimberly Holmes to Energy New England Board of Directors.

Attorney Pollart stated may I suggest that the vote reflect the actual language of the certificate that the Secretary has to sign.

Chairman Blackwell stated so you want a new motion.

Attorney Pollart responded yes please.

Motion by Commissioner Corr, seconded by Commissioner Hebert at a duly convened meeting of the Taunton Municipal Lighting Plant Commission held on March 15, 2022, it was upon motion duly made and seconded, VOTED that Kimberly Holmes be and is hereby elected as a Class C Member of the Energy New England Board through March 31, 2023. Unanimous.

22-060

Interoffice Communication from Kimberly Holmes to the Commission dated March 15, 2022:
Subject: NYPA TMLP Designated Voting Representative and Alternate

Manager Holmes read the following memo into the record:

Attached is a certificate of vote required by the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Energy (MDTE) through its agreement with MMWEC to designate me as TMLP's voting representative, replacing Kenneth Goulart. I would also like to take this opportunity to replace James Irving as the alternate voting representative with Devon Tremont.

Motion by Commissioner Hebert, seconded by Commissioner Corr (1) that the NYPA Recipient, City of Taunton, pursuant to Section 5.1.4 of the Agency Agreement between the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Energy (MDTE) and the Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company (MMWEC), hereby designated Kimberly Holmes its manager of municipal lighting as its Designated Voting Representative on the NYPA Recipients' Committee, to vote and execute written instruments or proxy vote, on its behalf relative to the reviewing of administrative reports, and reports of current issues and/or proposed litigation, to elect the Executive Committee, stand for election as a member of the Executive Committee and to serve, if elected, and to discuss and take any other actions on behalf of the NYPA Project Power Recipient cities and towns as may be described in the Agency Agreement and to make appropriate recommendations on issues affecting the delivery of Project Power to the MDTE and/or MMWEC; and (2) that Devon Tremont, employee of the municipal light department, are hereby designated as Alternate Designated Voting Representatives for the Taunton Municipal Lighting Plant, who shall, in the absence of the Designated Voting Representative, have all the power conferred upon the Designated Voting Representative except those additional powers conferred (if any) related to serving as a member of the Executive Committee. Unanimous.

22-061

Letter from the City of Taunton Law Department dated March 9, 2022: Subject: Taunton River Trail Project; Wetland Delineation and Survey Work for Phase 2

Manager Holmes stated that this letter is related to the proposed bike path route that has been discussed for a while. At the January 13th Commission meeting a version of this letter was presented and the Commission referred it back to Management to get clarification on the location of the flagging so this is an updated version of that letter.

Manager Holmes read the following letter into the record:

The City of Taunton is requesting your authorization for its wetlands consultant, LEC Environmental Consultants, and surveying consultant, Lighthouse Land Surveying, to enter the TMLP's property, inclusive of 1314 Somerset Avenue and the portions of the former railroad bed owned under the control of the TMLP, to place wetland delineation flags to be survey located. The survey flags are non-obstructive and are used to mark the wetlands areas for conservation purposes and for survey purposes. Following the identification of wetlands and placement of marking flags, the surveying consultant (Lighthouse) will enter the property to survey the locations of the wetland flags. The City's consultants would like to begin the flagging on or about April 15 and will be completed within the following several weeks, weather permitting. Upon receiving work schedules from the consultants, the City of Taunton will notify the TMLP of the days and times that the consultants will be accessing the property. This work is being completed as part of the preparation of plans for Phase 2 of the Taunton River Trail Project.

I would like to stress that all flagging/surveying activities will be outside of the TMLP secured perimeter.

If this is acceptable, please sign below and return to me via email at mcosta@taunton-ma.gov or forward to my attention at the Law Department, City Hall.

For informational purposes, I am providing the following summary of the project and the reasons for the wetlands flagging:

The City of Taunton Pathways Committee has been working since its inception in 2017 on the proposed creation of a public recreational trail along the former Old Colony Railroad from Weir Village toward the Dighton town line. As of 2019, the Committee obtained the support of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs for this project. The Commonwealth has provided resources for the planning, design and eventual construction of the recreational trail. At the present time, state funding has been released to move forward with the design phase of the project, and the design team is moving forward with survey work and wetland delineation as necessary for the preparation of project plans for the design and construction of the trail.

Wetland resource areas protectable under the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act must be field delineated and survey located along the length of the railroad corridor, inclusive of the TMLP property, so that they can be depicted on project plans for proper preliminary design and future permitting. With respect to the TMLP property, wetland delineation and survey work is needed in order to confirm a specific proposed route for the trail. The wetland delineation and survey work entails making the location of bordering or isolated wetlands and intermittent streams within 100 feet or perennial streams within 200 feet of the rail bed and the proposed route through the TMLP property.

As per previous communications with representatives of the TMLP, the specific route will ultimately be presented to the TMLP Commission for its review and approval. However, in order to present the proposed route to the TMLP Commission, wetland flagging and surveying is required, as indicated above.

Should you have any questions or comments regarding this letter or the proposed work, please do not hesitate to contact me. At the Commission's request, we would be please to arrange for representatives of this project to review this request in further detail with the TMLP Commission or others on behalf of the TMLP.

Very Truly Yours,

Matthew J. Costa; Esquire, City Solicitor

Motion by Commissioner Corr, seconded by Commissioner Hebert to approve and sign the letter for the Taunton River Trail Project; Wetland Delineation and Survey Work for Phase 2. Unanimous. 22-062

Letter from The Taunton Public Schools Edward F. Leddy Preschool to the Commission dated February 11, 2022: Subject: Request for Donation

Manager Holmes read the following letter into the record:

I am writing this letter with the hopes that, as our primary business partner, you would be able to assist us with the purchase of five GoTalk 9+ Communication Devices to be used with our nonverbal students. In the past several years we have seen a dramatic increase in the number of students who are unable to communicate and need a more effective way to get their wants, needs and ideas known. The GoTalk 9+ is a low-tech, Augmentative Alternative Communication Device which uses a system of pictures and pre-recorded messages which can be tailored to each student and situation. Students will learn to choose from the pictures presented on the board and press the button to relay a message. As the students' skills develop, the choices increase and become more complex to further develop their ability to communicate. We feel that this device will greatly benefit our students and give them the ability to effectively communicate with others.

We are asking for your help with the purchase of five of these devices, to be used in several of our classrooms. The cost of each device is \$319, bringing the total amount for five devices to \$1595. Our staff and students would greatly appreciate your support.

As our business partner you have been an amazing support in assisting us with our playground several years ago and offering volunteer hours for your staff during our Safety Day, Special Olympics and Read Across America Week activities. We are also extremely grateful to have Sonja Britland as our school representative on the Edward F. Leddy School Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this to your board.

Sincerely,

Lisa Pereira, Acting Principal Edward F. Leddy Preschool

Motion by Commissioner Hebert, seconded by Commissioner Corr to authorize the General Manager to work with the Leddy School to purchase (5) GoTalk 9+ Communication Devices to be used for their nonverbal students for a total cost of \$1595.00. Unanimous. 22-063

ITEMS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE:

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chairman Blackwell announced that the next Commission meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 4:00 PM.

Chairman Blackwell stated that the next order of business is Executive Session for Executive Session pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, sec. 21(a)(2) to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with

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non-union personnel or union personnel and to conduct contract negotiations with non-union personnel or union personnel – Local 1729 and Competitive Advantage

Manager Holmes stated that we will not be returning to Public Session and will be adjourning in Executive Session.

Motion by Commissioner Hebert, seconded by Commissioner Corr to go into Executive Session for reasons cited by Chairman Blackwell.

22-064

The Commission was recorded in a roll call vote to go into executive session as follows:

In Favor

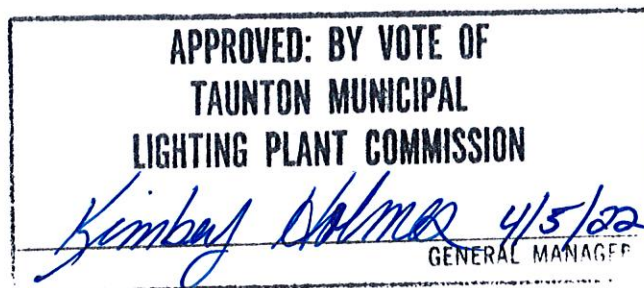
Absent

Commissioner Hebert
Commissioner Corr
Chairman Blackwell

Executive Session discussion.

Peter J. Corr
SECRETARY

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, sec. 21(a)(2) to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel or union personnel and to conduct contract negotiations with non-union personnel or union personnel – Local 1729

The Commission and members of Local 1729 discussed the offer given to all Unions on February 24, 2022.

Motion by Commissioner Corr, seconded by Commissioner Hebert to return to Regular Session. Unanimous. (4:53 PM)

22-051

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, sec. 21(a)(2) to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel or union personnel and to conduct contract negotiations with non-union personnel or union personnel – Local 1729

Manager Holmes and the Commission discussed numerous topics on this subject.

Competitive Advantage

Manager Holmes and the Commission discussed numerous topics on this subject.

Motion by Commissioner Corr, seconded by Commissioner Hebert to adjourn. Unanimous. (5:50 PM)

22-065