

SECOND TAXING DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting
December 15, 2009

Present:	Mary E. Burgess Al Ayme Maria Borges-Lopez Mary Mann Sylvester Maultsby Cesar A. Ramirez	Chairperson Vice Chairperson
Also Present:	John M. Hiscock Candace Pampoukidis	General Manager District Clerk
Public Present:	Jannie Williams Douglas Peoples Lou Guimond Mary Geake Michael Geake	Library Board Representative 25 Pogany Street 26 Shorefront Park

Call To Order

Chairperson Mary E. Burgess called the Regular Meeting of the Second Taxing District Commissioners to order at 7:04 p.m. on Tuesday, December 15 2009. The meeting was held at South Norwalk Electric and Water, One State Street, South Norwalk, Connecticut.

Acceptance of the Minutes

Commissioner Burgess: "...Second Taxing District, the City of Norwalk, regular meeting of District Commissioners, Tuesday, December 15th at 7:00 p.m. And the first order of business is a motion to accept the minutes of the regular meeting."

Commissioner Borges-Lopez: "So moved."

Commissioner Ayme: "Second."

Commissioner Burgess: "Is there any discussion?"

[No remarks]

Commissioner Burgess: "Okay, all in favor?"

Commissioners simultaneously: "Aye."

Commissioner Burgess: "Any opposed?"

[No opposed]

Commissioner Burgess: “Abstentions?”

[No abstentions]

Commissioner Borges-Lopez made a motion to accept the regular meeting minutes of November 10, 2009. Commissioner Ayme seconded and the motion passed unanimously with all six Commissioners voting in favor and none opposed.

CONSENT AGENDA

2010 DC Monthly Meeting Schedule
2010 SNEW Holiday Schedule
Customer Appeal – 26 Shorefront Park
Customer Appeal – 25 Pogany Street

Commissioner Burgess: “Okay, now item three, need a motion to accept the consent agenda; pass the consent agenda, right?”

Commissioner Ramirez: “(Inaudible).”

Commissioner Maultsby: “I second it.”

Commissioner Burgess: “Okay, is there any discussion of that?”

[No remarks]

Commissioner Burgess: “No? All in favor?”

Commissioners simultaneously: “Aye.”

Commissioner Burgess: “Opposed?”

[No opposed]

Commissioner Burgess: “Abstentions?”

[No abstentions]

The consent agenda passed unanimously with all Commissioners voting in favor, and none opposed.

REGULAR AGENDA

South Norwalk Branch Public Library
Library Board Vacancy

Commissioner Burgess: “Alright, item four, South Norwalk...”

Commissioner Maultsby: “Public Library.”

Commissioner Burgess: “...Branch Public Library vacancy.”

Mr. Hiscock: “Okay, we have a vacancy coming up as of the first of the year on the Library Board. The term of Jannie Williams expires. It’s a three-year term. So the Commission does need to fill that vacancy.”

Commissioner Burgess: “Okay.”

Commissioner Mann: “Madam Chair?”

Commissioner Burgess: “Yes [acknowledging Commissioner Mann]?”

Commissioner Mann: “I would like to make a motion to re-appoint Jannie Williams to the Library Board. I’ve worked with Jannie on the Library Board for the past three years and I think she’s done a wonderful job. She’s also the Library Board Treasurer. And we’re dealing with some difficult situations right at the present moment, and I think it would be in our best interest if we... if she continued on as our representative.”

Commissioner Borges-Lopez: “I second.”

Commissioner Maultsby: “Madam Chairman?”

Commissioner Burgess: “Yes [acknowledging Commissioner Maultsby]?”

Commissioner Maultsby: “It would be might great pleasure and an honor to second that motion.”

Commissioner Burgess: “Okay, are there any other nominations?”

[No remarks]

Commissioner Burgess: “Okay, all in favor?”

Commissioners simultaneously: “Aye.”

Commissioner Burgess: “Opposed?”

[No opposed]

Commissioner Mann made a motion to re-appoint Jannie Williams as a representative for the Second Taxing District to the Library Board for a three-year term from January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2012. Commissioner Borges-Lopez and Commissioner Maultsby seconded and the motion passed with all six Commissioners voting in favor and none opposed.

Appeals Committee Procedures

Commissioner Burgess: “Okay. Now, appeals committee procedures.”

Mr. Hiscock: “Okay. Under tab five of your board book there’s a write up on a more detailed Appeals Committee procedure. We’ve been having trouble with the Appeals Committee procedure primarily because it was not adopted in a formal, Commission approved, lengthy procedure

resulting in some confusion at times, resulting in communications outside of a normal appeal procedure. I discussed this at length with Counsel Frank Zullo on three different occasions. I provided him minutes, the minutes that are included in your board packet, which are the minutes from an organizational meeting of the Appeals Committee, a copy of the Appeals Process as listed in the Rules and Regulations, and on Monday we delivered to your residence a procedure for the Appeals Committee. I had a discussion with Frank Zullo today and we made some modifications to the document that you received on Monday. These modifications were discussed and agreed to with Counsel Zullo, and I wanted to, with your permission, go over them in a little bit of detail so everybody understands exactly what the procedures are, and then comment on the areas that we've been having problems and why it is necessary to adopt, or appropriate to adopt, this more formal procedure than we previously used. As you can see it involves 14 particular sections, and it's very sequential. The first one... and by the way, the changes that we made today are in red. Obviously we tracked the document for you so you could see what we changed from the document that you saw yesterday. Okay, Appeals of the District rules, regulations or procedures shall be directed to an Appeals Committee of the District made of... Counsel Zullo originally wrote at least three Commissioners; we indicated 'not more than three Commissioners' because of the quorum issue. Four Commissioners makes a quorum of the full Commission. You can't have an Appeals Committee made up of the full Commission, and then refer it to the full Commission, that's quite illogical; who will hear the appeal and make a recommendation to the total Commission.' Two: 'All proceedings shall be open to the public.' We discussed that at length, as to whether or not it would be appropriate, and whether there are any circumstances in which opening to the public would not be appropriate. Because these are government... appeals of a government group, an agency, Counsel feels that it should be done in open public session. That it should not be done in executive session. It should not be done any other way. These, as you're aware, are clearly not appeals by employees. There's a whole series of different regulations with respect to employee appeals, and they're not to a committee, it's to the full Commission, and things along that line. And as I go through these, if anybody has any questions please bring them up. 'Appeals are to be made in writing, setting forth all of the issues in dispute and the specific relief sought.' And that's an important issue because one, you want a series of documents to work from, you want to have a full record and information, and you want to know specifically what relief is being requested. It's very difficult if you don't know the nature of the relief requested for the Appeals Committee to come in and have a good background on all of the issues unless you know what the appellant is actually requesting. 'The applicant and the District may be represented by counsel before the Appeals Committee.' That's standard protocol. 'At the hearing the General Manager of the District or his representative will set forth the rule, regulation, issue, or practice which is the subject of the appeal.' Number six 'The applicant and/or his or her representative will present his or her claim. Applicant may have witnesses testify in support of the claim.' Number seven 'The General Manager of the District or his representative shall address the position of the District relative to the claim made. The General Manager may be assisted by counsel, his staff or witnesses.' 'The Appeals Committee can ask questions of any and all participants during the hearing process.' 'Each party has a right to rebut the position taken by the other.' 'All evidence is to be presented at the time of the hearing. No additional testimony or evidence is to be given to the Appeals Committee after the hearing is closed unless requested by the Appeals Committee.' Eleven 'There shall be no communication between the applicant and any member of the Appeals Committee once an appeal has been filed and before a final decision has been reached by the Appeals Committee unless that communication is made to the total Appeals Committee during a public hearing process.' Number 12 'The Appeals Committee will have 30 days to act on the appeal and send their recommendation to the total Commission. The Appeals Committee deliberations will be held in public without any further comment from the applicant. Their recommendations and findings will be forwarded to the

total Commission setting forth reasons for their recommendation together with minutes of the hearing proceedings.’ Thirteen ‘The total Commission will act on the recommendations forwarded by the Appeals Committee within 30 days of their receipt at a public meeting of the total Commission. The Commission deliberations on the recommendations forwarded will be held in public without any further comment from applicant.’ We crossed out ‘or the public’. Frank [Counsel Zullo] originally thought of it as a public meeting process, but as we discussed it he quickly agreed that it was a Commission meeting, and it’s not a public meeting, and the public has no input on a particular appeal to the Commission. Obviously we’re not talking about the applicant, appellant here. We’re actually talking about the public. And then the ‘District staff may participate if requested by the Commission.’ Fourteen: ‘The Commission’s findings shall be final.’ For those of you on the Appeals Committee you recognize that these are pretty much the way you’ve been dealing with appeals since the Appeals Committee was created after the combining of the two Commissions into the larger single Commission. So generally this is the way they’ve been dealt with. The things that have been added are the issues with respect to communications between any member of the Appeals Committee and an applicant or appellant. That’s standard procedure in appeals. You certainly don’t, after an appeal has been filed, get into a one on one discussion with the appellant. I mean that’s absolutely standard regulatory procedures. And that’s what we had to... we certainly did clarify. We’ve created in ten that all of the evidence is to be presented at the time of the hearing and no additional testimony or evidence is to be given to the Appeals Committee after the hearing is closed. That has occasionally presented a difficulty where an individual has tried after the close of the hearing to provide additional information. That just doesn’t lead to an appropriate procedure, and it doesn’t allow us to process these in an orderly fashion. I think everything else is the way we’ve been operating, other than the time frames. The time frames were added because there were no timeframes previously. And the final thing that has been added is clearing up that the Commission’s and the Appeals Committee’s deliberations need to be done in public. They are not to be done in executive session, and the reason for that is to allow the public to be aware of the Commission’s business. There’s nothing that goes on in an Appeals Committee hearing or at a regular Commission meeting that would, under FOI, be appropriate for executive session anyway. So that was added. I can answer any... any and all questions about it, or any issues or concerns that people may have.”

Commissioner Borges-Lopez: “No questions. No.”

Commissioner Burgess: “Al [acknowledging Commissioner Ayme].”

Commissioner Ayme: “Madam Chair, I don’t know how much of an impact my comment will have on this here, and second I don’t know exactly how it read before. I think we should specify three Commissioner of the Second Taxing District Commission, because we also have an Ethics Commission of which the members are commissioners. If you think that would help clarify that, or...”

Mr. Hiscock: “Certainly that’s fine if you want to add that into the first so that it reads ‘Shall be directed to an Appeals Committee of the District made up of not more than three ‘District’ Commissioners’?”

Commissioner Ayme: “District Commissioners.”

Mr. Hiscock: “Yes, I mean that’s certainly a defined term.”

Commissioner Ayme: “Do you think that’s a valid...?”

Mr. Hiscock: “That’s the terminology that’s used throughout the Charter, and would have limited it to the seven elected District Commissioners.”

Commissioner Ayme: “Alright. Okay. So the change will read ‘three District Commissioners’?”

Mr. Hiscock: “Yes [responding to Commissioner Ayme].”

Commissioner Ayme: “Okay.”

Commissioner Burgess: “Are there any other questions?”

[No remarks]

Commissioner Burgess: “Alright, I need a motion to approve a formal Appeal Committee’s...”

Commissioner Ramirez: “I do have a question.”

Commissioner Burgess: “Oh, you have a question [responding to Commissioner Ramirez].”

Commissioner Ramirez: “This is kind of... it might be a little out of... when a person does any appeal at all, this paperwork... do we provide any rules and regulations to the appeal, to the person who actually does appeals, and if in case the person doesn’t understand English, let’s say a Latino fellow, is there any way that we... or perhaps French (inaudible), do we translate these documents to any other language, or...?”

Mr. Hiscock: “We have not translated this document to any other language. Our rules and regulations have not been translated to any other language. From my experience we have not run into that as an issue to this point in time.”

Commissioner Ramirez: “Okay.”

Mr. Hiscock: “However, it may become an issue.”

Commissioner Ramirez: “That’s correct.”

Mr. Hiscock: “We have a significant number of documents that have not been translated. We have some information on the back of our bills with respect to appeals procedures as they relate to the DPUC regulations...”

Commissioner Ramirez: “But is that document translated in Spanish or any other language? It’s just strictly in English? The one that you send to the person who will supposedly be... well let’s say in general...”

Mr. Hiscock: “In general...”

Commissioner Ramirez: “Yes?”

Mr. Hiscock: "In general... well, very specifically, we do not translate this document or the rules and regulations, nor do we provide an interpreter for someone who comes in and discusses with staff a project, a ruling, a procedure, a policy. We do not do that."

Commissioner Ramirez: "With that in mind, through the Chair and the rest of the Commissioners, it could be possible, a suggestion, that such a document, such a very important document, and due to the fact that we have very large members of other non-speaking English community; let's say Spanish or (inaudible), but let's say in Spanish. Can this document be translated, or such a recommendation that I just made, if perhaps maybe send it to in general in English and Spanish? There are different agencies who obviously we don't want to (inaudible), or wait until an issue arise. I think we should be more proactive, especially considering that we do have a very large Latino members in our community which are also our clients; businesses and residential. I think would be a very wise, and advise to help our community to make it easy."

Commissioner Burgess: "Are you saying just this document be translated?"

Commissioner Ramirez: "Well I would recommend to translate the process in Spanish on how to do any appeals perhaps to anybody that can understand. I mean right now if you have anything... I haven't seen anything in my bill perhaps, on how to do any appealing at all. I would say if you ever have any issues, and you wish to appeal, these are the processes how to do it. And perhaps there will be in English and in Spanish, and eventually maybe some other... (inaudible), Haitian community will be the second part of a larger community besides Spanish, but at this point, I would personally recommend, to see if it's possible, like any other city agencies right now, actually translating, okay, some serious documents. The most immediate documents that the people dealing with on a daily basis, or monthly basis, whatever the case might be. It is..."

Commissioner Ayme: "Madam Chair?"

Commissioner Burgess: "Yes [acknowledging Commissioner Ayme]?"

Commissioner Ayme: "Are we talking about this one document? Just one document translated?"

Commissioner Ramirez: "I would say the document to let the people know, okay, if in case they have any appeal in process or any process, any problems, okay, to appeal anything, or perhaps to do any claim..."

Commissioner Ayme: "I understand."

Commissioner Ramirez: "That's the only thing I recommend."

Commissioner Ayme: "I understand your point, but..."

Commissioner Ramirez: "I'm not expecting to translate the whole book or whatever, SNEW..."

Commissioner Ayme: "I understand your point, but are we talking about this one document right now? What are we talking about?"

Commissioner Ramirez: "Have we mailed this to the public? This document?"

Mr. Hiscock: "If it is..."

Commissioner Ramirez: "Bear with me, because this is the first time I've seen this."

Mr. Hiscock: "No, no, that's fine. That's fine. If in fact the Commission approves this document, this document will be available to anybody who wants to appeal, it will be handed out."

Commissioner Ramirez: "Okay."

Mr. Hiscock: "That's not to say that we didn't hand out other information. This is a clarification..."

Commissioner Ramirez: "That's correct. Okay."

Mr. Hiscock: "...and a more detailed document than the prior document that we issued."

Commissioner Ramirez: "Okay, well, I will suggest that perhaps on the prior document that we'll take the initiation on how to do it, it will be such, and as well this document itself, so it will be very clear to any person, non-speaking English, in the English language; perhaps it will be Latino, okay, to understand the whole process. And beyond that, you say we do not provide any translation, interpretation, when a case arises?"

Mr. Hiscock: "We do not."

Commissioner Ramirez: "And the reason is?"

Commissioner Ayme: "If I may, if I may continue with my...?"

Commissioner Maultsby: "Madam Chairman, I hear what Commissioner Ramirez is saying, but I think it would be easier to stipulate a diverse community. I think that's what you're saying. No specific..."

Commissioner Ramirez: "But if we... okay, if you're saying diverse, obviously there's many thousands, I mean hundreds of language. We're talking about the second largest community speaking in this community itself, which would be the Latino community, followed by the Haitian, and that's a proven fact."

Commissioner Maultsby: "Yes, yes, well that's what I mean..."

Commissioner Ramirez: "So if you can diverse it among the those three communities, or perhaps two..."

Commissioner Maultsby: "... if it's diverse it would be more than one ethnic group."

Commissioner Ramirez: "Yes, okay. That's fine. If you wish to do it further than only, that's fine, but I will highly recommend it to be translated to at least one language, and following through your suggestion the three, which will (inaudible). It takes... it will not be take a big amount of budget to translate these documents, okay. I think we had... basically..."

Commissioner Maultsby: "Would you accept as needed?"

Commissioner Ramirez: "Well, yes, as needed."

Commissioner Maultsby: "As needed."

Commissioner Ramirez: "But it's... well, I will say it will be in fact that this document will be translated, and have a precedent, if there is anybody needs to, a request for this document, and as well the initiation, okay, and how to do the whole appealing process, that shall be translated in another language okay? I very strongly believe that we must be proactive to assist other communities, okay?"

Commissioner Ayme: "Madam Chair?"

Commissioner Burgess: "Yes [acknowledging Commissioner Ayme]?"

Commissioner Ayme: "Alright, I wasn't finished with my questions. How about if we say on the, any document, just put a line that the document will be translated upon request. Because we have a Spanish community, we have a Haitian community..."

Commissioner Borges-Lopez: "And we have Greeks and Portuguese..."

Commissioner Maultsby: "Mhmm, Greeks, and..."

Commissioner Ayme: "And we have Portuguese."

Commissioner Maultsby: "That's the reason I said diverse; diverse."

Commissioner Ayme: "Diverse [acknowledging Commissioner Maultsby]. Okay, now if we get into the business of translating every document that we have here, which could very... it could... let me finish. It could... if we start with one, it could create a ripple effect whereby other people will say well, I want my documents translated into my language."

Commissioner Ramirez: "I disagree with you Commissioner Al."

Commissioner Ayme: "Now... no, well let me finish. May I finish?"

Commissioner Ramirez: "Yes [responding to Commissioner Ayme]."

Commissioner Ayme: "That's why what I'm suggesting is that perhaps a form letter with these documents sending a... when they are sent out, when they're sent out to the interested parties, if we include like a form letter saying if you require translation we will be happy to translate this one document that is being sent to you from the District."

Commissioner Ramirez: "Okay. Well we seen it, and I like that idea. The only problem that we might arise is suppose that we have a language that is not normally practicing, or translated in this City, and we will not get into the computer translation because that's the worst translation you ever seen, okay?"

Commissioner Ayme: “No, no, no, that’s another point.”

Commissioner Ramirez: “We can face another issue with that one, but I like that idea...”

Commissioner Ayme: “Okay, but that’s another point. No translation could possibly be made unless we get a paid, certified translator, and you tell me if I’m wrong. Nothing that is sent to the public, or let me put it to you this way, anything that is sent to the public, it’s got to be translated by a certified translator. By someone who has been certified by the State as a translator. In other words, I know Spanish, but my Spanish in terms of legal documents is no good unless I am certified by the State. Am I correct?”

Mr. Hiscock: “The last time we ran into this problem we hired a professional translator...”

Commissioner Ayme: “Exactly, and that’s exactly my point.”

Mr. Hiscock: “...to translate the document because we ran into issues about disagreements about the translation that we...”

Commissioner Ramirez: “In the grammar itself, and interpretation.”

Commissioner Maultsby: “Grammar, yes.”

Mr. Hiscock: “Yes.”

Commissioner Ayme: “Exactly.”

Commissioner Ramirez: “Absolutely.”

Commissioner Ayme: “And that... I remember...”

Commissioner Ramirez: “I wasn’t suggesting getting John Doe from the street and do the translation of this document. I’m talking about a professional. And the City is itself doesn’t, okay, it does provide a translation (inaudible) documents that it deals with on a daily basis, and that doesn’t mean that the City is facing trouble with any other language, no. It’s very clear to understand, and based on the facts of the communities that we’re dealing with, okay? Do we have, in our records, would it be fair to ask you what is the statistics, in our records, or lets say the Latino population, will be clients of SNEW; water, and as well electric?”

Mr. Hiscock: “I...”

Commissioner Ramirez: “I think that question is a little too tough right now, but...”

Mr. Hiscock: “It’s tough...”

Commissioner Ramirez: “Alright.”

Mr. Hiscock: “But I will agree that in...”

Commissioner Ramirez: “It’s increasing?”

Mr. Hiscock: "...especially the electric utility, a significant number of customers are Spanish speaking in one form or another..."

Commissioner Ramirez: "That's correct."

Mr. Hiscock: "...and I'm in no way an expert in this area at all. We have been, when necessary, we have communicated as best as possible with customers usually who come to the window and have questions. We have two meter readers that are capable of aiding us in the communication. They are by no means experts. We have difficulty in this area. We are about to resolve that difficulty, at least in one way, that we have been making some internal changes within the Department and the Commission will see an ad for an individual in the Customer Service Department who is fluent in Spanish."

Commissioner Ramirez: "Okay."

Mr. Hiscock: "...And English."

Commissioner Ramirez: "Of course, English and Spanish."

Mr. Hiscock: "Yes. You will see that ad shortly. We have made a few internal changes inside the Department, people have shifted departments, and we will have a vacancy..."

Commissioner Ramirez: "You see..."

Mr. Hiscock: "...and we'll be about to do that, but that is not going to solve what you're requesting because I don't believe that individual..."

Commissioner Ramirez: "Right, but it's (inaudible) to be proactive when we're dealing with customer service, and the reason why folks is..."

Commissioner Burgess: "Excuse me [directed to Commissioner Ramirez]."

Commissioner Ramirez: "Yes [responding to Commissioner Burgess]."

Commissioner Burgess: "Just a minute. I'm sorry, but we're dealing now with a formal Appeals Committee procedure. If we're going to discuss putting hundreds of things to be translated, I think that should wait for another meeting. I think this is what we're here to do tonight."

Commissioner Ramirez: "Okay."

Commissioner Burgess: "I don't disagree with you."

Commissioner Ramirez: "I was just suggesting this document itself."

Commissioner Burgess: "Okay."

Commissioner Ramirez: "I wasn't suggesting, as following the protocol of Mr... Commissioner Al Ayme. Okay, there is this document and obviously there are more that will follow in another meeting, but this document itself I believe, okay, we should be a little more proactive. And the

reason is because I have encountered numerous complaints from Latino customers, okay, as well the Haitian community, in complaining that they have a tough time to understand what's going on, and in the meantime they just let it go, either pay or walk away, or whatever the case might be. But then again, that's not the case right now. My suggestion is at least..."

Commissioner Burgess: "Just this document?"

Commissioner Ramirez: "Yes."

Commissioner Borges-Lopez: "Madam Chair?"

Commissioner Burgess: "Yes [acknowledging Commissioner Borges-Lopez]?"

Commissioner Borges-Lopez: "I would like to make a motion that we adopt the Appeals Committee Procedure as submitted by the counsel, as well as our General Manager."

Commissioner Ayme: "As amended, if I may."

Commissioner Borges-Lopez: "As amended with the District Commissioners."

Commissioner Ramirez: "As amended, which is good. I second it."

Commissioner Burgess: "Okay, is there any other discussion?"

Commissioner Maultsby: "Yes [responding to Commissioner Burgess]. Would you accept with necessary corrections, because that will clear up, if you discover later on that as you just made the change for Commissioner Ayme, there may be another change, and with necessary corrections would cover this vote."

Commissioner Borges-Lopez: "As amended by Commissioner Ayme, right now that's what we're voting on, as presented [responding to Commissioner Maultsby]."

Commissioner Maultsby: "But would you accept a friendly..."

Commissioner Borges-Lopez: "No, I don't believe that is necessary. What would you say, General Manager?"

Mr. Hiscock: "Commissioner Maultsby, what we would do if we found there were either errors in the document or minor changes that needed to be made, we would simply make those minor changes in tracking. We would place them on the consent agenda at the next meeting."

Commissioner Maultsby: "Okay."

Mr. Hiscock: "And that would resolve our... any internal difficulties we might have where the procedure is correct but there's a word or two that needs to be changed."

Commissioner Ramirez: "Through the Chair..."

Commissioner Maultsby: "The term, the adjective, necessary corrections, would cover that I think."

Commissioner Borges-Lopez: "My motion is as amended."

Commissioner Maultsby: "You see, this is a vote by the Commission."

Commissioner Borges-Lopez: "Yes, that's my motion. If someone..."

Commissioner Maultsby: "And it's not an ordinance yet."

Commissioner Borges-Lopez: "My motion is as amended. If someone else wants to make a motion leaving the document open ended, that's fine. But my motion is as amended, changing three District Commissioners, by Commissioner Al Ayme."

Commissioner Maultsby: "So then you would not accept a friendly, is that what I'm hearing?"

Commissioner Borges-Lopez: "There's a motion, there's a second."

Commissioner Burgess: "Yes [responding to Commissioner Borges-Lopez]."

Commissioner Ramirez: "I think with that following what this Manager recommended I think that's also following through your recommendation, phrasing it in a different way though [laughing]."

Commissioner Maultsby: "Yes, but it..."

Commissioner Borges-Lopez: "Madam Chair?"

Commissioner Burgess: "Are we ready to vote?"

Commissioner Borges-Lopez: "Thank you [directed to Commissioner Burgess]."

Commissioner Ramirez: "May I please, if you don't mind?"

Commissioner Burgess: "Yes, go ahead [responding to Commissioner Ramirez]."

Commissioner Ramirez: "Are you done, or... have you finished Commissioner [directed to Commissioner Maultsby]?"

Commissioner Maultsby: "No, I asked the Commissioner would she accept a friendly amendment."

Commissioner Mann: "Perhaps you should say no [directed to Commissioner Borges-Lopez]."

Commissioner Borges-Lopez: "I said no [directed to Commissioner Maultsby]. I said I made my motion."

Commissioner Burgess: "Are we ready to vote now?"

Commissioner Ramirez: "Okay, with that in mind, since he's done..."

Commissioner Maultsby: "Call the question. Call the question."

Commissioner Ramirez: "...would you be open for a suggestion for the next meeting to follow through in the recommendation that I have placed here tonight?"

Commissioner Burgess: "Sure [responding to Commissioner Ramirez]."

Commissioner Ramirez: "Yes?"

Commissioner Burgess: "Yes."

Commissioner Ramirez: "Thank you."

Commissioner Burgess: "Okay, any other discussion of this simple piece of paper?"

[No remarks]

Commissioner Burgess: "Okay, all in favor of adopting the Appeals Committee Procedure."

Commissioners simultaneously: "Aye."

Commissioner Burgess: "Opposed?"

Commissioner Maultsby: "Abstain."

Commissioner Burgess: "Any opposed?"

[No opposed]

Commissioner Burgess: "Any abstentions?"

Commissioner Maultsby: "One."

Commissioner Burgess: "Okay, one abstention."

Commissioner Borges-Lopez made a motion to adopt the Appeals Committee Procedure as presented and amended by Commissioner Ayme. Commissioner Ramirez seconded and the motion passed with Commissioners Burgess, Ayme, Borges-Lopez, Mann and Ramirez voting in favor and none opposed. Commissioner Maultsby abstained.

Appeals Committee Vacancy

Commissioner Burgess: "Okay, Financial Policy and Resource Committee."

Mr. Hiscock: "Commissioner [Burgess], I believe we need to move to item six."

Commissioner Burgess: "Do what?"

Mr. Hiscock: "We need to do item six, which is the Appeals Committee Vacancy as opposed to the Appeals Committee Procedure."

Commissioner Burgess: "Oh."

Mr. Hiscock: "Yes, so item six on the agenda is the Appeals Committee Vacancy, and under your tab, it's a simple issue, 'A vacancy exists on the Appeals Committee due to the death of Commissioner Brown. The Appeals Committee was formulated as a three-member committee with one alternate. The current committee consists of Chairman Burgess and Maria Borges-Lopez as regular members, and Commissioner Mary Mann as an alternate member.' So we need fill out to a three-member Appeals Committee with one alternate."

Commissioner Borges-Lopez: "I would like to appoint Mary Mann as an Appeals Committee member."

Commissioner Burgess: "You have something [directed to Commissioner Ayme]? I thought you had your hand up."

Commissioner Ayme: "No, no, but since you..."

[Commissioner Ayme consulting with Commissioner Mann]

Commissioner Ayme: "Say you're not accepting the nomination."

Commissioner Mann: "I don't want to do that."

Commissioner Burgess: "Is there a second to that nomination?"

Commissioner Ayme: "No, she's not accepting the nomination."

Commissioner Burgess: "You're not accepting?"

Commissioner Mann: "I... no, no, no."

Commissioner Ayme: "No?"

Commissioner Mann: "Let me just state my position. I think we're a little unbalanced here with three females on the Commission, and I would like to give somebody else the opportunity..."

Commissioner Ayme: "Oh, okay."

Commissioner Mann: "...if they would like to sit on the Appeals Commission, and I have no problems being an alternate. How's that?"

Commissioner Ayme: "I'll nominate myself to the Appeals Commission."

[Laughter]

Commissioner Burgess: "Oh, okay. Is there a second to that?"

[No remarks]

Commissioner Burgess: "Second?"

[No remarks]

Commissioner Burgess: "Alright, I'll second it. Any discussion? Any other nominations?"

[No remarks]

Commissioner Burgess: "Okay, all in favor of appointing Commissioner Ayme as the additional member of the Appeals Committee and having Mary Mann continue as an alternate. All in favor?"

Commissioners simultaneously: "Aye."

Commissioner Burgess: "Opposed?"

[No opposed]

Commissioner Burgess: "Any abstentions?"

[No abstentions]

Commissioner Ayme made a motion nominating himself to fill the vacancy on the Appeals Committee. Commissioner Burgess seconded and the motion passed with all six Commissioners voting in favor and none opposed.

Financial Policy and Resource Committee

Commissioner Burgess: "Okay, now we're on [item] seven."

Mr. Hiscock: "Under tab seven of your board book you'll see a brief explanation of the issue. As I think the Commission is fully aware, there has been some difficulty with the Financial Policy and Resource Committee, certainly one in staffing. We've tried many times to get it staffed. There has been little or no interest. We've had disagreements through the minutes, as I'm sure you all recall, in which items were sent to this Committee that in fact the Commission didn't feel should be sent to the Committee, and it's my understanding after discussing with Chairman Burgess the issues; and Chairman Burgess was actually the Chairman of the Financial Policy and Resource Committee when Commissioner Otha Brown was Chairman of the District, and Commissioner Burgess repeatedly indicated that this Committee essentially didn't exist in practice and should be abandoned. So what we did for the board book this evening, I placed a June 16, 2009 memorandum from myself to Commissioner Burgess with regard to attempting to poll the Committee and determine interest. There simply was little or no interest. We also put a September 12, 2008 memorandum from myself to the members of the Committee trying to get response or information; that went nowhere. We got virtually no response to that memorandum. We included a member list from September 11, 2008, and some of those individuals had actually withdrawn at that point in time, at least in practice, even though they didn't formally withdraw. There's a set of meeting notes from an August 14, 2008 meeting, an April 13, 2004 description of the Committee that was approved by the Commission April 13, 2004, [and] some notes of one of the earlier meetings. We had indicated to you that there was a sample resolution in your board book to... for your consideration, considering that it appeared the Commission's desire was to eliminate or sunset this

Committee. I apologize. It was not in your board book. It's a fairly simple resolution [passing a document out to the Commission], you can quickly read through it, but the affect of this resolution clearly is the dissolving of the Committee, the Committee structure, its sub-Committees, and everything related to the Committee."

Commissioner Burgess: "I'd like to just speak on this for a minute, why I had a problem with this Committee, is that we could only have three Commissioners on the Committee, and then the former Chairman's idea was that whatever the Committee decided it go directly to the consent calendar. I felt that denied four Commissioners a chance to speak on any matter. I never particularly approved the setup, so it certainly was my intention to do it differently."

Commissioner Ramirez: "And what would be the difference?"

Commissioner Burgess: "What?"

Commissioner Ramirez: "What would be the difference? Are there any suggestions that you might have?"

Commissioner Burgess: "The difference is that things pertaining to the District would come before seven Commissioners rather than a group which only included three Commissioners, and then seven people get a chance to speak on any such thing."

Commissioner Ramirez: "Makes sense."

Commissioner Ayme: "Madam Chair?"

Commissioner Burgess: "Yes [acknowledging Commissioner Ayme]?"

Commissioner Ayme: "If I may, I always felt that the Financial Policy and Resource Committee, especially financial policies of the Second Taxing District should be the business of the full Commission, never of a separate committee, and any related issues in terms of the Financial Policy and Resource Committee should be brought up to the full body of the Commission. That's... that was... that has always been my opinion."

Commissioner Burgess: "But the problem with that is if we have a Financial Policy and Resource Committee, and none of these people ever attend, we're wasting our time."

Commissioner Ayme: "No, that's exactly my point, that we should not have this committee."

Commissioner Burgess: "No, we shouldn't."

Commissioner Ayme: "We should not have this committee."

Commissioner Burgess: "Okay."

Commissioner Borges-Lopez: "I make a motion to adopt the resolution eliminating Financial Policy and Resource Committee and committee process."

Commissioner Ayme: "And I second."

Commissioner Burgess: “Any discussion?”

[No remarks]

Commissioner Burgess: “All in favor?”

Commissioners simultaneously: “Aye.”

Commissioner Burgess: “Opposed?”

[No opposed]

Commissioner Burgess: “Abstentions?”

[No abstentions]

Commissioner Burgess: “Okay.”

Commissioner Borges-Lopez made a motion to approve a resolution to dissolve the Financial Policy and Resource Committee and all related committees and sub-committees established by the Second Taxing District Commission on April 13, 2004. Commissioner Ayme seconded and the motion passed with all six Commissioners voting in favor and none opposed.

Health Care Premium

Commissioner Burgess: “Health Care.”

Mr. Hiscock: “Okay, under item eight in your board book, under tab eight, there’s some information with respect to the Department’s employee health care premium. In 2006, actually voted in December 2005, but in the beginning of 2006 we adopted an HSA Health Savings Plan. The deductible fully funded by the Department. We adopted the HSA in accordance with all federal State procedures, and it has worked reasonably well, and we’ve had very, very, very few complaints if any from the employees about the plan. They do enjoy it. We did it because our health care premium for our prior plan was going to dramatically increase, and we looked at this as a methodology for significant savings to the District. You’re all aware that we cover fully the premium for health coverage for the employee and the employees’ families. We have a very, very rich health care benefit for our employees by comparison, and including compared to other government forms. For the first several years the increase to the premium was very, very small. I did not bring it back to the Commission. I felt there was no need to bring it back to the Commission because the increases were CPI generally based, nothing that would cause the Commission to re-think anything with respect to the plan, and that’s generally the way we’ve dealt with health care; that when we have had major changes, or major increases, we brought it to the Commission, but other than that it was routine renewals like any other insurance that we do. This year we received a notification that our premium for the HSA plan that we currently have is going to increase by 13%. To give you a perspective on that, 13% amounts to an additional \$100,000 annually. Because of that situation we asked the agent for the Department to go out and get some pricing for us and try to determine if we could do better elsewhere. There is a document in your book that looks like this, and spells out the efforts of the agent with respect to health care coverage. The first column at the top entitled HSA Plan 5 is our current plan. The current premium is at the very bottom of the page

where it shows total cost of \$759,000. The renewal premium for the exact same plan if \$858,000, essentially a \$100,000 increase, and 13%. We then looked at a possibility that we considered; and that is not the recommendation included in your board book that we'll talk about in a minute. And that was a renewal of the HSA Plan 5, but instead of fully funding the deductible we talked about funding only half of the deductible. So that would be a decrease in employee benefits. And to give you the exact number, for a single person it would decrease their annual benefit by \$1,000. They would have to cover that \$1,000 out-of-pocket themselves. And for a family, it essentially would be a \$2,000 that they would cover out-of-pocket from the deductible, because the deductible is \$4,000. So that was a method, and you can see the reason we displayed those to you is that essentially would leave the premium the same. I mean it was a 1% increase. So we basically said if we wanted to cut the premium off, the premium to the Department off, at the same current level in actual dollars, the way to do that would be to cut the two deductibles in have so that the employees would then have \$1,000 or \$2,000 out-of-pocket. We then looked at HSA Plan 2, which would have been a 6% increase. However, the level of the plan is a lower plan, and that also simply would be lowering the benefit to the employees. We also looked at an HSA Plan 6, and looked at that. As we went through the... go ahead [acknowledging Commissioner Borges-Lopez]."

Commissioner Borges-Lopez: "The plan, HSA Plan 2, it has an In-Network deductible as well, right?"

Mr. Hiscock: "Yes."

Commissioner Borges-Lopez: "...as coinsurance? Oh, okay."

Mr. Hiscock: "Yes."

Commissioner Borges-Lopez: "Coinsurance and deductible, 90/10; 2,000/\$4,000 and 90/10?"

Mr. Hiscock: "Correct."

Commissioner Borges-Lopez: "Okay."

Mr. Hiscock: "Okay, so that in essence means if Oxford approved a \$100.00 bill - they would pay \$90, the employee would pay \$10.00."

Commissioner Borges-Lopez: "\$10.00, yes."

Mr. Hiscock: "So that's the difference between the [Plan] 2 and the [Plan] 5, so the employees then would start to have some co-pays to pay, okay? They currently do not. If you look at HSA Plan 5, under the Coinsurance it says 'NA', which is 'Not Applicable.'"

Commissioner Ramirez: "Not applicable."

Mr. Hiscock: "HAS Plan... and they're all basically the same plan, administered the same way. They're just financial changes. HSA Plan 6, which would give us a 3% increase, would then have a... higher deductibles, but it would go back to no coinsurance. And then we have the HSA Plan 6, higher deductibles, and that would have been a 14% increase. So HSA Plan 6 and HSA Plan 5 are identical. It's simply that there would be a different deductible. We would then end up with a higher amount that we would outlay for the employees. We also went to CIGNA and looked at

their HSA Plan. That one had a lifetime maximum benefit of \$5 million. We were concerned about that. We really are concerned about that. You get an individual with a heart condition, needing a heart transplant, or somebody with a severe form of cancer, that's a tough one. So limiting the upper amount is always we really... that becomes a gamble with the employees. And, you know, for the most part it never happens, but it can. And not to bring back history, but we did in the late 90's early 2000 range have an employee spouse, family member, that was... had a very, very serious cancer situation and would have easily gone over that \$5 million. So we kind of ruled that out. The problem that we have, so you understand why we have only Oxford and one CIGNA plan is Aetna, Anthem, ConnectiCare, Health Net and Trustmark all declined to quote. And they declined to quote for us because we have a significant number of retired employees subject to be on our plan based on our Employee Manual and all of our work rules that we've adopted over time, and those... they do not want to deal with retirees under 65 years. Over 65 they automatically go to the Medicaid/Medicare program, it's not a problem, but when you have... and we have a significant number of retirees under 65 that based on our retirement plan belong on health insurance. So we have all of these companies that simply will not quote. We used to have trouble with Oxford. Oxford had a ratio of retirees to regular employees, and one year we went over by one and the agent had to lean at a fairly high level at Oxford and show the statistics that within two years, because some of the retirees would have gotten to 65 and they would be off, that they agreed. And it was actually only one year that they had to sort of swallow the ratio. So it's difficult for us, and that's what I want to point out to everybody, that's it not where we can go out and get five, or six, or seven different quotes. The other problem that we have is we're a small company, and it's very difficult when you're a small company to get a lot of interest in your particular (inaudible). They're dealing with groups of, you know, hundreds and thousands, and here we are a group in the 60's for numbers. Yes [acknowledging Commissioner Borges-Lopez]?"

Commissioner Borges-Lopez: "John [Mr. Hiscock], from what I see here, if you look at Plan 2, basically an employee could be out of \$3,000 and \$6,000, \$3,000 for single and \$6,000 for more than one, which technically when you look at funding half, 50% of the deductible on the Plan 5, I mean it's a better offer for the employees than the Plan option 2. And then the same thing I see with [Plan] 6 and 7. I don't see any great savings there for the employees at all."

Mr. Hiscock: "No."

Commissioner Borges-Lopez: "I mean funding the 50% is giving them a better, you know, coverage, as well..."

Mr. Hiscock: "Yes, they would be in a better position."

Commissioner Borges-Lopez: "...in a better position, you know, as far as out-of-pocket."

Mr. Hiscock: "Absolutely. They very definitely would be in a better position than the other plans, so it really came down to... my recommendation as you can see in the board book was to, even though it's a \$100,000 increase, my recommendation was to continue with the current plan, pay the increased premium. I have two reasons for doing it. One, I don't think anybody knows where health care is going, and we're all reading about all sorts of changes. I think it's a bad time to make a change. I think it sends a bad signal to the employees. Our employees are happy with their health coverage. There's no doubt about it."

Commissioner Ramirez: "This policy renews every year, or?"

Mr. Hiscock: "I'm sorry [acknowledging Commissioner Ramirez]?"

Commissioner Ramirez: "What is the term, the contract, for one year?"

Mr. Hiscock: "One year."

Commissioner Ramirez: "Oh."

Mr. Hiscock: "One year. Our renewal period is January 1st, so you will be renewing for one year. Now the only... the only comment I have about that since you brought it up is if we stay with Oxford, that's the premium for the year. If for some reason we chose another health plan in April that would be fine, because the Oxford is month-to-month. You can cancel on 30 days notice. And that's pretty much standard in the insurance industry. So you could cancel on 30 days notice. So if there was something that came up, and obviously nothing is going to come up, but if someone was going to come up that was a tremendous savings, yes, we could give notice to Oxford and move away to another carrier; highly unlikely because of the marketplace issues with respect to the retirees."

Commissioner Borges-Lopez: "I only have on concern, because I heard that most carriers offering HSA, they're not... they were going to change the contribution, the funding, of 100% for the deductible because they feel that the reason for an HSA is to give the responsibility onto the employee so that they don't abuse it, therefore if a company, an employer is funding 100% that will not happen. So I don't know if they made a change yet, but I have heard that that's in the works, so just wanted to mention it to you for point of reference."

Mr. Hiscock: "Yes, fortunately the renewal is for a year so if it changes we'll be covered for..."

Commissioner Borges-Lopez: "Okay, so there hasn't been any notification?"

Mr. Hiscock: "No."

Commissioner Borges-Lopez: "Okay."

Mr. Hiscock: "No notifications. No issues. There are other significant benefits. I mean some of our employees, and not to get into too much detail, but some of our employees essentially take the deductible, put it in the HSA and then pay the prescriptions and whatever they have to pay out-of-pocket. And the reason they do that, the HAS is like an IRA, and the interest made on it is non-taxable. So it becomes a retirement plan. So some of the older employees have a tendency to do that. So they do actually pay out-of-pocket, but they're saving the money on the other side."

Commissioner Borges-Lopez: "They go to Wal-Mart..."

Commissioner Mann: "Wal-Mart, and get \$4.00 prescriptions."

Commissioner Borges-Lopez: "[Laughing] ...\$4.00 prescriptions."

[Laughter]

Mr. Hiscock: "Right. Yeah, I know."

[Laughter]

Commissioner Borges-Lopez: "They go to Wal-Mart and they pay \$4.00 for the prescription, because I know a few people who do this."

Mr. Hiscock: "Yes, and that's not a surprise."

Commissioner Borges-Lopez: "Okay, so..."

Commissioner Ayme: "Madam Chair?"

Mr. Hiscock: "And I can give you a personal example. I don't mind doing this on the record. Prescriptions, until you get over the deductible and match it up with our other prescription plan, are expensive. My wife has asthma and takes a significant amount of medication, and every time she goes into CVS and they go to ring up the prescription, they look down and go 'This can't be. There's something wrong here. We need \$186.00 for this prescription.' Well it's true, because of the way the plan is. Most people who have any prescriptions end up using the \$2,000 to \$4,000 anyway."

Commissioner Borges-Lopez: "Yes, yes."

Mr. Hiscock: "They just have a tendency to leave it in the HSA for the tax advantage, and then they pay out-of-pocket elsewhere."

Commissioner Burgess: "Commissioner Ayme?"

Commissioner Ayme: "I would imagine that you're looking for a motion of approval tonight?"

Mr. Hiscock: "If... I'd prefer a motion to approve the recommendation, which is to stay with the current plan. If you make no motion we're going to stay where we are anyway, unless you make a motion not to stay in that plan, and we can pick one of the other plans here. These are our only choices."

Commissioner Ayme: "No, but you need a motion for the increase. We have to pay for the increase."

Mr. Hiscock: "No, you don't need a motion..."

Commissioner Ramirez: "You don't need..."

Mr. Hiscock: "You need a motion to stay in the current plan and accept the increase as presented by Oxford."

Commissioner Ayme: "Alright. Okay, before we get into the... okay, before we get into the business, I... this plan is until when, April?"

Mr. Hiscock: "No, the plan is for one year."

Commissioner Ayme: "For one year? Until when?"

Mr. Hiscock: "So it's until December 31, 2010."

Commissioner Ayme: "Oh, December? Oh, okay, calendar."

Mr. Hiscock: "Calendar year."

Commissioner Ayme: "Calendar year."

Mr. Hiscock: "And I was only saying... I used the April as an example. We could terminate early if there was another plan available that was cost effective."

Commissioner Ayme: "Now you said before that we are like isolated in terms of the insurance that we have, just for the water and electric company? That we cannot go outside? We should be able to go outside. Is there a plan...? I'm not saying right now..."

Mr. Hiscock: "Okay."

Commissioner Ayme: "...But what I'm saying is that we should look into, for example CMEEC, or an industry-wide group. It's got to have... they've got to have something that covers the entire industry."

Mr. Hiscock: "We used to be in CBIA, Aetna for many, many years, and that was very cost effective. We belonged to CBIA, Connecticut Business Industry Association..."

Commissioner Ayme: "Right. Right."

Mr. Hiscock: "We belonged to CBIA for quite a few years because the health premium plus the dues was less than anything else we could get anywhere, and our dues weren't expensive. They were... I don't remember, \$1,500, \$2,000 per year; whatever it was. So we have looked into that in the past. CMEEC has no health insurance plan. It has no interest in a health insurance plan. It has one for its own employees. They only have 30 something employees. The other Connecticut muni's have no interest in that because they're cities; Norwich, Groton, and Wallingford. And they're like Norwalk. They have hundreds, and hundreds, and hundreds of employees, so they're in a better bargaining position. So there would be no reason for CMEEC to adopt something like this."

Commissioner Ayme: "How about the other seven utilities within CMEEC? Do they have something that they are doing together, or?"

Mr. Hiscock: "No. Norwich is a city. It's got hundreds of employees. Groton has hundreds of employees. Wallingford has quite a few employees, and probably more than Norwich and Groton combined. So they have no interest in any of this."

Commissioner Ayme: "Okay."

Mr. Hiscock: "They have their own... just like Norwalk has its own plan."

Commissioner Ayme: "Right."

Mr. Hiscock: "It doesn't group with anybody else. It has their own insurance plan."

Commissioner Ayme: "They don't group?"

Mr. Hiscock: "So that's why CMEEC has never been involved in any of that. So we haven't been able to... to... when we had the ability to do CBIA, we did it. We don't have that ability at this point. Nobody is offering that kind of insurance that we're aware of anywhere. And we have the retiree issue."

Commissioner Ramirez: "And the thing is, the big question mark, what will be transpiring a year from now with this...?"

Commissioner Ayme: "Well the thing is that this is going to expire. This insurance policy will expire in December."

Mr. Hiscock: "Well it will be up for renewal for the premium."

Commissioner Ramirez: "Right."

Commissioner Ayme: "Meaning this month."

Mr. Hiscock: "It's not going to actually expire. It's just there's going to be another premium."

Commissioner Ayme: "At the end of this month?"

Mr. Hiscock: "Yes, it expires the 31st."

Commissioner Ayme: "Okay, so next year, through the next year, what do you do? You bid to... you seek bids from other companies, or how do you have to do it?"

Mr. Hiscock: "Well that's what we did this year. I mean you can see we sought bids from the companies listed on the bottom and got no bids, no response, even after discussing it."

Commissioner Ayme: "Oh, you got no response."

Mr. Hiscock: "Right."

Commissioner Ramirez: "He explained that."

Mr. Hiscock: "We don't meet the... we have the retiree problem."

Commissioner Borges-Lopez: "Some insurance companies won't even give them a quote."

Mr. Hiscock: "Yes, they just simply won't quote because of our retirees. So we don't have a whole pile of options is what I'm trying to say."

Commissioner Maultsby: "We are considered risky."

Mr. Hiscock: "Well I don't know if we're risky."

Commissioner Maultsby: "You know, I don't mean literally, but from the bidding perspective."

Mr. Hiscock: "Yes, I would prefer that we..."

Commissioner Ramirez: "To remain as it is right now."

Mr. Hiscock: "Remain as it is..."

Commissioner Ramirez: "That's it."

Mr. Hiscock: "...pay the increased premium, and then I think we're all going to see what happens with health insurance in the next year anyway. It's probably not the right time to make a change is what I'm trying to say."

Commissioner Ayme: "Alright."

Commissioner Maultsby: "So then Madam Chairman, what kind of motion are you, are we looking for?"

Commissioner Burgess: "A motion to..."

Commissioner Ayme: "We don't have to take action."

Commissioner Ramirez: "We don't have to make any motion at all."

Commissioner Maultsby: "We don't have to a motion..."

Commissioner Ramirez: "Unless you want to do some changes."

Commissioner Maultsby: "...if, if..."

Mr. Hiscock: "Unless you want me to do something different."

Commissioner Ramirez: "No, I would say... no, no."

Commissioner Maultsby: "Okay."

Commissioner Ayme: "No, we just let it go I think."

Mr. Hiscock: "So I will take the lack of a motion as the authority to simply pay the premium."

Commissioner Ramirez: "Continue."

Commissioner Maultsby: "Continue on."

Mr. Hiscock: "Yes."

Commissioner Maultsby: "Yes."

Commissioner Ramirez: "That's it."

Electric Rules and Regulations

Commissioner Burgess: "Well we... this is almost the same as we got quite awhile ago?"

Mr. Hiscock: "This is identical. I don't mean to beat a dead horse, but this is the identical document that you received I believe in April."

Commissioner Burgess: "March 20th."

Mr. Hiscock: "Well the document says March 20th. It might have been March 20th. It's certainly April or March. This was the document that the former Chair refused to discuss at the meeting, even though it was on the agenda, and referred it to a committee. The minutes clearly... it's public record, the minutes are pretty clear that the then Chairman Brown did not want this to be handled without going to a committee first. There was no committee as far as I, as Manager, were concerned, as far as the committee chairman was concerned, so it has sat in the identical form that it was on March 20, 2009. We have used these rules administratively so we could deal with developers and customers, and these are not the kind of... these are technical rules. These are dealing with the electricians, and how buildings are served, and transformers as you know, and poles, and wires, and all of that. They are not the kind of thing that you normally would deal with in an appeal. They're very technically oriented. They're very engineering and code oriented. We can discuss them. We can adopt them as is. We can certainly... any way you would like to handle it. I'm just saying it's a very complex document."

Commissioner Ayme: "Through the Chair."

Commissioner Burgess: "Yes [acknowledging Commissioner Ayme]."

Commissioner Ayme: "Are you looking for a ratification on this document?"

Mr. Hiscock: "At some point I... yes, I would prefer ratification."

Commissioner Ayme: "Okay. Alright."

Mr. Hiscock: "I would have preferred ratification of this document in March."

Commissioner Ayme: "On that... if I may, Madam Chair, on that basis I move to table until we've had a chance to look at it."

Commissioner Burgess: "Alright, well, I've looked at it til I'm sick of it."

Commissioner Ramirez: "I'm going to be with Al [Commissioner Ayme], because I have not been able to go through the whole process here."

Commissioner Burgess: "Okay, well enjoy yourself [laughing]."

Commissioner Maultsby: "Motion to table is not debatable, Madam Chair."

Commissioner Ayme: "It is not debatable."

Commissioner Ramirez: "...because this is a very complex... I mean, probably I might go through it and I'll still say what the heck is this, but at least will have a little better understanding..."

Commissioner Maultsby: "You can't debate it [whispering to Commissioner Ramirez]. Motion to [table]."

Commissioner Ramirez: "No, but..."

Mr. Hiscock: "Would..."

Commissioner Borges-Lopez: "Is there a second?"

Commissioner Ayme: "It doesn't... a table doesn't require a second?"

Commissioner Maultsby: "No."

Commissioner Ramirez: "Well I second it."

Commissioner Ayme: "But I will hear what you have to say [directed to Mr. Hiscock]."

Mr. Hiscock: "No, I think you need to do your... make a determination on table before I make any further comments, because my comments will be moot depending on what you do here."

Commissioner Ramirez: "You wish to table, right?"

Commissioner Burgess: "It doesn't require a second, does it?"

Commissioner Maultsby: "It doesn't. No."

Commissioner Borges-Lopez: "No."

Commissioner Ramirez: "No, it doesn't require."

Commissioner Maultsby: "It's not debatable either."

Commissioner Burgess: "All in favor of tabling this until the next meeting?"

Commissioners simultaneously: "Aye."

Commissioner Burgess: "Opposed?"

[No opposed]

Commissioner Burgess: "Okay."

The motion by Commissioner Ayme to table Item 9, Electric Rules and Regulations, until the January 2010 Commission meeting passed unanimously with all six Commissioners voting in favor and none opposed.

Mr. Hiscock: "Okay, now, what I'm willing to offer to you..."

[Laughter]

Commissioner Ramirez: "Okay, here it comes."

[Laughter]

Mr. Hiscock: "If anyone wants an educational session, I'm more than willing to have staff do an informal..."

Commissioner Maultsby: "Hmm, that's good."

Commissioner Ramirez: "I think that would be a good idea though."

Mr. Hiscock: "Okay, however, you need to be prepared depending on how much of an education you'd like on this to be here for a significant amount of time."

Commissioner Maultsby: "Amount of time, yes, I know."

Mr. Hiscock: "Okay, your choice. And I'm not in any way discouraging, I'm simply saying that this document was developed by three professional engineers, the head of the Line Department and others, so it's very techy oriented. Please read through it, and then if you decide that you want a briefing from staff about the document we'll put it together and you can do that."

Commissioner Maultsby: "It's good. It's good."

Commissioner Ayme: "That's a good idea."

Commissioner Maultsby: "That's good. Excellent."

Mr. Hiscock: "Because there's no way you can deal with this this evening based on its length."

Commissioner Borges-Lopez: "Is this like a half a day, or a full day, briefing, or...? Just so we have an idea."

Commissioner Ayme: "Three days; one week?"

[Laughter]

Mr. Hiscock: "No, no, bare bones, two hours."

Commissioner Ayme: "Oh, okay."

Commissioner Borges-Lopez: "Okay."

Mr. Hiscock: "If you ask a lot of questions, four hours."

Commissioner Ayme: "Okay."

Mr. Hiscock: "If you debate the detail..."

[Laughter]

Commissioner Ayme: "Whatever."

[Laughter]

Commissioner Borges-Lopez: "Will they do it one on one, because then it will be two hours."

[Laughter]

Mr. Hiscock: "You know it's going to take three staff individuals to go through this."

Commissioner Ramirez: "I think we should be a group, though."

Commissioner Ayme: "Yes."

Mr. Hiscock: "It really needs to be a group."

Commissioner Ramirez: "Yes."

Mr. Hiscock: "It technically will be public..."

Commissioner Ayme: "Just listen to what they have to say for a couple of hours."

Commissioner Ramirez: "Just be reasonable, you know, not to ask so many questions because..."

Mr. Hiscock: "I don't know your schedules. I mean, which time frame; night, day?"

Commissioner Ramirez: "After 3:00 would be... or after... what time do you finish [directed to Commissioner Borges-Lopez]?"

Commissioner Borges-Lopez: "That's fine. I'll make myself available."

Commissioner Ramirez: "3:30?"

Commissioner Mann: "I actually started reading it and I was like, what [laughing]?"

Commissioner Ramirez: "Sir [directed to Mr. Hiscock]?"

Mr. Hiscock: "Yes [acknowledging Commissioner Ramirez]?"

Commissioner Ramirez: "After 3:30?"

Mr. Hiscock: "Whatever the Commission wishes."

Commissioner Ayme: "I suggest that the District Clerk calls the... tries to set up the..."

Commissioner Ramirez: "Would you be so kind to say after 3:30, if that would be okay?"

Ms. Pampoukidis: "So we're looking at daytime?"

Commissioner Maultsby: "Dates."

Mr. Hiscock: "Sometime after the first of the year, please."

Commissioner Ramirez: "Yes."

Commissioner Ayme: "After the first of the year, okay."

Commissioner Borges-Lopez: "After the first of the year, I agree."

Mr. Hiscock: "Okay?"

Commissioner Borges-Lopez: "Yes."

Mr. Hiscock: "Sometime in early January?"

Commissioner Borges-Lopez: "Yes."

Mr. Hiscock: "We'll pick an afternoon, and we'll have our staff prepared, and we'll outline the document for you. Certain sections you'll want to skip over, other sections you may want to discuss in detail."

Commissioner Ayme: "Okay."

Commissioner Ramirez: "Good. We appreciate it."

Commissioner Maultsby: "That's an excellent, excellent, excellent idea."

Mr. Hiscock: "Moving forward is important."

Commissioner Ramirez: "Yes indeed."

Public Participation

Commissioner Burgess: "Public participation now. Public?"

Commissioner Ramirez: "Thank you for your patience."

Mr. Guimond: "I want to..."

Commissioner Maultsby: "You're moving on [responding to Mr. Guimond]?"

Mr. Guimond: "I wanted to speak. Is that what you're asking?"

Commissioner Mann: "Yes."

Commissioner Ayme: "Yes."

Mr. Guimond: "When my wife appeared, whenever it was, there were only two people on the sub-committee, and I raised a question about whether that was a quorum or not and never got an answer. But the abbreviated version here is as follows..."

Commissioner Ramirez: "I'm sorry, sir, can you state your name please, who you are?"

Mr. Guimond: "I'm Lou Guimond."

Commissioner Ramirez: "From where, sir?"

Mr. Guimond: "Shorefront Park."

Commissioner Ramirez: "Okay."

Mr. Guimond: "Alright, this all started over a year ago when I made the payment on the 11th, assuming that Veteran's Day was a grace day. And it was knocked out of the box because the pay date is normally on the 10th, which would have posted on the 11th, and Vets Day was not... initially said was not recognized as a national holiday. Accordingly, all of the subsequent earned discounts were disallowed while the original was under appeal. Hiscock and company took nearly a year to respond with guidance on the formula, and only when Tamburri turned off the power about a month ago, Mr. Barber came forward to explain to me to date the unknown process of the appeal, which was interesting to hear all this stuff tonight, because forget Spanish doctor [directed to Commissioner Ramirez], you can't figure it out in English!"

Commissioner Ramirez: "Thank you. I appreciate it."

Mr. Guimond: "So then I don't who had the audacity to charge \$35.00 to turn the power back on, which just annoyed the hell out of me, and I have to say that only in a non-competitive environment could this kind of silliness occur. I feel that all the earned credits while the original argument was under appeal are earned and we should have them. Now to add insult to injury on all of this, one of our sons is seriously ill, and the documentation was sent three times to Tamburri and company, and as much as I hate to say so, this bastard just keeps on sending these letters. And it's good that I don't need them. And you guys can look at this [tossing a piece of paper onto the Commission table]. In the meanwhile, all this stuff about Roger has been sent three or four times. The heart of the matter is, if you have a person that's significantly ill they can't turn off the power. There's a lot of ambiguity and a lot of disconnect in this operation. I've been in business a long time, and I bet you that I have a file, I don't know, we'll say an inch thick because I just made up my mind that this was too much. Now you're talking about the Spanish community. South Norwalk has historically been an immigrant community. If SNEW has not been addressing the fact; this has nothing to do with me now, if SNEW has not been addressing the fact that South Norwalk has historically been an immigrant community, then they're remiss in their duty; period. Years ago when my parents immigrated here it was essentially Italian, Hungarian, and Pollock's, right? Now it shifted primary, predominately to Spanish. There's Puerto Rican in the first wave, now in this wave it's Spanish.

You don't have to wonder around to see that. And this fellow here is absolutely correct about the Creole population."

Commissioner Ramirez: "Right."

Mr. Guimond: "We're communicants of St. Joseph's church, and I wonder around. They phrase the wandering Jew. I'm a wondering Catholic. And you can see that. That's not in any Catholic church. You see a predominant... I'm big time at St. Joseph's, next to big time at St. Mary's. So this operation's asleep at the switch. So for myself personally, I think it's... I think it's illegal to deny earned credits while an original item is under appeal, and that, you know, I don't view it as illegal. I view it as illegal. Furthermore, to have to wait a year to get guidance on how to proceed through this maze, and then only after I raised holy hell with the meter reader who came to shut off the meter, and I wouldn't let him turn it off. So they sent three or four guys there. We had like a little pow-wow. Ludicrous! Absolutely ludicrous!"

Commissioner Burgess: "Anyone else?"

Mr. Peoples: "Yes, definitely got somebody else. Doug Peoples, 25 Pogany. I'm assuming the item five was directly brought up because of my appeal over the last few weeks. And I definitely brought your appeals procedure to more of a light. And with that regard, in terms of the Spanish community and wanting to translate that, absolutely it should be in two forms. And absolutely you can say if any other translations are needed, they can be made upon request. That's very simple. I mean I sat here and listened to you guys debate that for 20 minutes when it's a very simple, a very simple out. Two languages, if any other language, as needed upon request. That's not that hard. As far as my appeal goes, it says it is denied without prejudice. Somebody needs to tell me what that means. Commissioner, excuse me, sir [directed to Mr. Hiscock], you're the one that I can't get to because you won't talk to anybody face to face."

Mr. Guimond: "Amen."

Mr. Peoples: "So you won't talk to anybody face to face, so now that I have you face to face; alright, I had your secretary come out and tell me, at which at that point I'm glad I didn't roll of the wall, tell me 'I didn't buy the house'. That was your response to me [directed to Ms. Pampoukidis]. No, no, no, yes it did. I didn't make that up."

Ms. Pampoukidis: "I didn't buy the house?"

Mr. Peoples: "That's what you said to me. Alright, so don't... I'm not going to make that up. Those words came directly from your mouth. 'I didn't buy the house'. It might have slipped out, but that's what you said, alright."

Mr. Hiscock: "Without prejudice', you want to know what it means?"

Mr. Peoples: "I want to know what it means."

Mr. Hiscock: "It means you can re-apply."

Mr. Peoples: "Okay, what is re-applying going to do for me, because you have stated that you want me, you want me, to build and pay for a main that no one else is going to use, and... but what is re-

applying going to do for me, and how do I re-apply that I won't have you pulling out this ridiculous document that only helps your company? It doesn't help the people that it needs to help. It only helps your company get something paid for out of my pocket."

Mr. Hiscock: "I had a discussion... and the reason the suggestion was without prejudice, so that you actually could re-apply as opposed to not being able to re-apply at a later date. I had a discussion with Alan Lo about the information that you had provided and the statements that you had made, and based on Alan Lo's statement that the City was discussing with you the situation, and had not resolved it completely with you, that we would reject it without prejudice, so that if you work something out with the City, you could re-apply. It was done to aid you."

Mr. Peoples: "And how would I... how would I know this?"

Mr. Hiscock: "Once the Commission went through the process this evening you would, and you will still get a letter explaining that to you very specifically. You had a pending appeal. That's part of the appeal problem that you are aware of, you heard this evening, that we've discussed with counsel. The applicants who attempt after an appeal, or during an appeal, to individually contact individual commissioners created chaos for the appeal procedure and due process. So we made it very clear in the document that that was not permitted."

Mr. Peoples: "I have no problem with that."

Mr. Hiscock: "Okay."

Mr. Peoples: "I understand. I understand that..."

Mr. Hiscock: "Fine."

Mr. Peoples: "...that part, alright, but when I get a letter the day before. I just got this yesterday [referring to a copy of the legal notice of the meeting]. I got this yesterday. I'm glad I was in town to actually receive this, or I would have known that nothing, nothing was going on, alright. I would like to have... I mean, who are the Committee members that rejected this? I want to hear from them why they rejected it."

Commissioner Mann: "I happen to be one of the Committee members who sat on the Commission, and my feelings as we asked the management to go back to the City and gather additional information, because as it stands unless the City was willing to give us a document stating that there would be no further building on that particular property that we would not go forth with doing this."

Mr. Peoples: "And I did, I did give that.... I did give that to, to you guys, but the document was insufficient as far as you guys were concerned."

Commissioner Borges-Lopez: "We needed a deed of restriction from the City of Norwalk."

Mr. Peoples: "Well I don't understand. Why do you need a deed restriction? Why do you need a deed restriction when it clearly in the letter stated that if at any time there was any... there was... first the letter said there was no development going to be made, then it said if at any time, if there was development made, that the City would pay for it. I'm not seeing what..."

Commissioner Mann: "That's not what the letter said."

Commissioner Borges-Lopez: "The person who signed the letter doesn't have the authority to speak for the City of Norwalk. It has to come from the right department. It has to go through the City Counsel."

Commissioner Burgess: "And that letter did come from a City department, as opposed to coming from the City."

Commissioner Ramirez: "If I may, I mean I'm a little naïve in the whole chaos of what's going on here, but obviously..."

Commissioner Mann: "It's in your packet."

Commissioner Maultsby: "Chair."

Commissioner Ramirez: "...it must be... I'm sorry, through the Chair, my (inaudible), my apology. How much money are we referring, that he will have to spend for all this expenses?"

Mr. Hiscock: "A very significant amount of money. I don't know."

Commissioner Ramirez: "An approximate?"

Mr. Hiscock: "\$15,000, \$20,000; I have no idea. We haven't gotten that far."

Mr. Peoples: "I've had estimates of over, doing it the way that you guys want me to do it, I've had estimates of over \$20,000 to \$35,000."

Commissioner Ramirez: "Wow."

Mr. Peoples: "This is a property that I bought to take an eye sore off the City of Norwalk. This is a property that I bought that's been sitting there in ruins for the last 10 years. This is a property that has... would have fallen down if I didn't take it over. And it was put out to bid, and nobody but me wanted to take it over. And now I want to get smacked in the face with another \$35,000 when I'm only going to be serving one person. It is absolutely ridiculous what this particular agency, regardless of the rules and regulations that they have on their papers, title 13, is trying to do to me at this point in time."

Commissioner Burgess: "No, it's absolutely ridiculous that the City won't simply give us what we need in writing."

Mr. Peoples: "That's because this agency and the City work in two different entities. They don't work together. Like a number of agencies in the City of Norwalk, they don't work together. They have the same logo. They all have the word Norwalk under it, but they don't work together as one to make the common, simple, knowledgeable, the right thing that needs to be done."

Commissioner Ramirez: "Through the Chair."

Commissioner Maultsby: "Madam Chairman? I think at this point it needs to be made clear that we are a municipality. We are... this seven, six member body, we are a municipality."

Mr. Peoples: "Okay."

Commissioner Maultsby: "We are not an agency of the City of Norwalk."

Mr. Peoples: "Did I say you were an agency of the City of Norwalk? I don't think the word agency of the City of Norwalk ever came out of my mouth. I said..."

Commissioner Maultsby: "I said two agencies, I heard to agencies."

Mr. Peoples: "I heard that you guys are down here, and one people... and you're down here on State Street, and they're up there on East Avenue, and you're not working together."

Commissioner Burgess: "Well excuse me..."

Mr. Peoples: "In this particular case, you're not working together; my feeling."

Commissioner Maultsby: "Okay."

Commissioner Burgess: "Well if that were true, then our general manager would not have had a discussion with Alan Lo."

Mr. Peoples: "If your general manager would have..."

Commissioner Burgess: "What do... what would you...?"

Mr. Peoples: "What I'm saying is everything... I'm the guy paying the money. I'm the guy, I'm the guy that is coming out... and now I'm the guy... I asked for a meeting between... here's what I asked, through this young lady here [referring to Ms. Pampoukidis], I asked for a meeting between the General Manager, myself, and Alan Lo to sit in a meeting. She said it wasn't going to happen. That way, if I sat in a meeting, he sat in a meeting, I'm there, now I know what's going on. I have... I'm the man that has to pay the money, but now I have to hear everything at the end. I don't understand why I couldn't have a meeting with the three of them. That way it could have been brought out that it's the City was going to do this, and the Second District was going to do that, and I'd hear it."

Commissioner Burgess: "Why don't you simply talk to the City, talk to Alan Lo, see how they're going to work with you, and then..."

Mr. Peoples: "I'm just... I'm trying to figure out why I can't sit in a room with one and two, and then listen to what I have to do."

Commissioner Ramirez: "Through the Chair."

Commissioner Burgess: "Yes [acknowledging Commissioner Ramirez]."

Commissioner Ramirez: “And let’s cut is short. May I? Could it be possible... we’re here for one purpose only, okay. Our mission is to be an entrepreneur and look out for our property. Therefore, still, we have clients that we have to serve and protect, and assist in any way, shape, or form that we can expand within the limit of the umbrella, okay. Is there any way, shape, or form that we can... that you folks can get together, between you... a simple request that he has placed at this point...”

Mr. Hiscock: “Now that the appeal...”

Commissioner Ramirez: “...between him, you, and Al?”

Mr. Hiscock: “Now that the appeal has been finalized, and we don’t have appeal pending, we don’t have a process issue.”

Commissioner Ramirez: “Okay.”

Mr. Hiscock: “Where I would have been meeting with Mr. Peoples without a decision rendered by the Commission, I would be undercutting the Commission’s authority and decision...”

Commissioner Ayme: “That’s right.”

Mr. Hiscock: “Counsel has clearly and absolutely told me not to do that. And the decision not to meet with you was in the due process mode, and it was not the Clerk’s decision, it was my decision relayed to you by the Clerk. And you decided that...”

Mr. Peoples: “So here’s what...”

Mr. Hiscock: “Am I going to speak, or are you going to speak?”

Mr. Peoples: “Okay, but I’m going to answer your question.”

Mr. Hiscock: “I guess you’re going to speak.”

Mr. Peoples: “I’m going to answer your question. Simply stated, that what you just said, if you would have said ‘Doug, I cannot have a meeting with you at this time’. If you would have come out, you came out and said ‘Doug, I cannot have a meeting with you at this time because it is still in appeal and at this point I have to wait until the appeal process is over’, I would have fully understood that. But nothing was communicated to me in that way. All that was communicated to me was ‘No, he will not meet with you’. You see there’s a difference between ‘No, he will not meet with you’, than ‘No, I cannot meet with you because there is a process in place that doesn’t allow me to meet with you’. Do you understand what I’m saying?”

Mr. Hiscock: “I understand what you’re saying completely.”

Mr. Guimond: “Why aren’t you more available?”

Ms. Pampoukidis: “I did explain...”

Mr. Guimond: “Six or eight months to get back the stuff that I wrote.”

Ms. Pampoukidis: "I did explain that it was because it was in the middle of an appeal. I did explain that to Mr. Peoples."

Mr. Peoples: "But what I'm saying is why... you're the General Manager. You're the man that makes the wheel grind, alright. If I request to talk to you, the General Manager, I shouldn't have a person that works for you to come out and tell you that 'No, he's not going to meet with you because there's an appeal process in place'. It would have been just as simple, just as easy for you to come out, or to get on the phone with me and say 'Doug, I cannot meet with you because this is the situation at this time'. Not sending someone out saying 'He cannot meet with you because there's an appeal process in place'. I'm looking for a courtesy that I would put out to any one of you people if you asked me to meet with you. And if it can't be done because of something, I'm going to tell you myself. I'm not going to go... especially when you're talking about this amount of money and dollars that someone is about to, or does not want... I don't want to be... I don't want to be the next person on the foreclosure list. And that's what I'm talking about. I want to make, make prudent decisions that will make me financially stable to maintain that property. And if I'm not going to... and if I have to spend \$35,000 extra, that does not make me prudent. That makes me just like everybody else that has the ability to go into foreclosure. Do you understand where I'm coming from?"

Mr. Hiscock: "Sir, I actually understand you completely. I absolutely understand you completely. You made a business decision, and the business decision, apparently you now feel is not appropriate because of a rule and regulation of ours, and you do didn't do the appropriate due diligence before you purchased the parcel. You just... just indicated... you just indicated that you were the only one to bid on it. I wonder why you were the only one to bid on it."

Mr. Peoples: "Oh, you're... so you're basically saying I'm the only stupid one that bid on it, is that what you're trying to tell me?"

Mr. Hiscock: "I didn't say that to you."

Mr. Peoples: "Alright, so... don't think I didn't do my due diligence."

Commissioner Burgess: "Wait a minute, Mr. Peoples."

Mr. Peoples: "Alright, but don't, don't... you can't... I..."

Commissioner Burgess: "Wait a minute. What do you... how do you expect this evening to end? The appeals process is over..."

Mr. Peoples: "Okay, what I'm asking for..."

Commissioner Burgess: "You're going to be informed that you can appeal again after you talk to the City."

Mr. Peoples: "Okay, what I'm asking for now... what I'm simply asking for now is I want a sit down meeting between Alan and the General Manager so that I know what direction I need to go in with my appeals process. I don't want to hear it from here. I don't want to hear it from there. I want to sit down in a room and..."

Commissioner Maultsby: “Madam Chairman, may I interrupt?”

Commissioner Burgess: “Yes [acknowledging Commissioner Maultsby].”

Commissioner Maultsby: “I think it would be wise to ask Mr. Peoples to wait until he gets that letter. Once you get that letter, then you make your request. And I think, I think we will all be... come out a little more... I’m looking for an adjective; not stressed, not stressed. We can accommodate. Is that... would you accept that?”

Mr. Peoples: “Yeah, I... I...”

Commissioner Maultsby: “Okay. I think that would be the way to do it.”

Mr. Peoples: “Honestly... I honestly am not an unreasonable man, but I’m also honestly not person that just rolls back into the... when I see something is happening...”

Commissioner Maultsby: “No, you shouldn’t have to. You shouldn’t have to.”

Mr. Guimond: “Let me tell you something, Hiscock is more of a problem here than you can imagine, and bear in mind why the two of us are here. He’s not the Pope.”

Commissioner Maultsby: “Okay. Madam Chairman, is this the conclusion?”

Commissioner Burgess: “Yes [responding to Commissioner Maultsby].”

Commissioner Maultsby: “I offer a motion to adjourn.”

Commissioner Burgess: “Second?”

Commissioner Borges-Lopez: “Second.”

Commissioner Burgess: “All in favor?”

Commissioners simultaneously: “Aye.”

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Attest:

Candace Pampoukidis
District Clerk