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**CITY OF NORWALK
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY VIA ZOOM VIRTUAL
VIDEOCONFERENCE AND TELECONFERENCE
SPECIAL MEETING
January 3, 2022**

Attendance: Darren Oustafine, Chairman
Lewis Clark, Vice Chairman
Barbara Smyth
John Igneri
John Bovi
Thomas Keegan

Staff: Anthony Carr, Chief of Operations and Public Works
Chris Torre, Superintendent of Operations
Ralph Kolb, WPCA Senior Environmental Engineer

Others: John Marcin, Project Manager, SUEZ
Matthew Brown, Asst. Project Manager, SUEZ
Attorney Mathew Todaro, Verrill Dana, LLP

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Oustafine called the meeting to order at 5:00PM.

2. **AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN OR VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2019 AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN NORWALK WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY AND SUEZ WATER ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES INC. FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING CONSENT TO SUEZ'S PENDING MERGER WITH VEOLIA ENVIRONMENT S.A. ADDITIONAL AMENDMENTS WITHIN THE FIRST AMENDMENT INCLUDE, COLLECTION SYSTEM STAFFING, PURCHASE OF A SECOND JET/VAC TRUCK, ADDITIONAL SMART COVERS AND WEATHER STATIONS, INCREASE OF MONTHLY CAPITAL COST RECOVERY FEES FOR THE BIOSOLIDS CENTRIFUGE DEWATERING PROCESS EQUIPMENT AND COLLECTION SYSTEM EQUIPMENT, AND MISCELLANEOUS CONTRACT MODIFICATIONS THAT INCREASE THE ANNUAL BASE SERVICE FEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$707,306 TO BE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2022.**

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Mr. Carr thanked staff, council, and the SUEZ team for all their work on the amendment and said they all did a great job and worked together. He provided an overview and said there is a contract amendment with our current contractor which is due to the merger between SUEZ to Veolia, and there was a lot of effort that was put into the terms and conditions and both parties were cooperative with each other, and it was a very amicable solution. He said the amendment is required under the current contract and the City of Norwalk has been and will remain a current and future business operation, and the city has received a lot of attention since SUEZ took over the operation of the wastewater treatment plant and was a complete shift from the prior contract operator. He said there will be an implementation of a SUEZ coordinator and will put forth staff who will serve as a resource to the city and Veolia to review all the contract deliverables that are owed by SUEZ to the City of Norwalk, and will provide a completion as well as an incompleteness status with an anticipated completion date. He said there is also a management personnel stability vision, and this amendment allows for an extension of the current three-year commitment and will be extended from three years to five years. Lastly, he said there is an early termination for convenience that is included in this amendment where if the city finds the merger adversely impacts the operation and are not delivering the deliverables the city can exercise its early termination right.

Mr. Kolb said as part of this amendment staff had approached SUEZ and requested additional staffing primarily for the collections system. He said the base service fee will be increased just over \$707,000 to increase the SUEZ project positions from 24 to 27 total staff and includes a GIS technician, two new collections system operators and the lead collection system operator to be promoted to collections systems manager. In addition, a second vector truck and van will be purchased for the collections. At their cost, SUEZ will increase the number of smart covers from 7 to a total of fourteen under this contract. Also, SUEZ will purchase and install rain gauge weather stations at three locations that will be connected

into the city's network and information will be available for all city departments and the public. He said that SUEZ has also agreed to increase the monthly collection system cleaning from two miles a month to three miles per month and SL RAT of all 24" diameter pipes or smaller will be completed within five years. He said due to the purchase of a second vacuum truck there will be an increase of the capital cost recovery of \$7,500 per month for the collection system equipment.

Mr. Igneri asked what the increase will be from the current contract. Mr. Kolb said the current contract is just over \$7.35 million dollars and will increase to \$ 8.057 million dollars. Mr. Igneri asked if the funds are available in the budget. Mr. Kolb said "yes" there is a contingency of 10% for out-of-scope work or extraordinary items per the contract.

Mr. Marcin thanked the WPCA board and the City of Norwalk for considering moving forward with the amendment, and this is a testament on how well we work together and analyze the needs of the city and move forward with a practical and efficient plan and are excited to bring these new resources.

**** MR.IGNERI MOVED TO APPROVE THE ITEM.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

3. ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. CLARK MOVED TO ADJOURN.
** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:17PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dilene Byrd