

**Minutes of Meeting
Board of Estimate and Apportionment**

The Board of Estimate and Apportionment met in the Common Council Chambers on October 31, 2022 at 3:30 PM.

Members

Mayor DeStefano
President Rodrigues
Ald. Masi

Others Present

L. Liz
J. Tawil
R. McCormack
Ald. Kleiner

1. Jacob Tawil has been negotiating and going back and forth with JCO/H2O, our private Chief Operator at Water Treatment Plant since we had an incident of high turbidity at WTP on Wednesday 10/19/2022. Said incident made me examine the entire WTP Operation and coverage provided by our City licensed operators as well as the Private Chief operator operation and personnel.

H2O/JCO has initially asked for increase in its annual Contract with the City WTP from \$105,000 to \$376,596.00 as "Base Fee". He rejected such drastic increase and started the negotiation that ended up with the attached proposal from H2O in the amount of \$288,750.00 per year, based on a monthly payment of \$24,062.50.

This requested increase will correspond to providing services by H2O for one full time operator (not replacing the retired Glen Arnold position) as well as 1A Chief Operator Services AND increase in the original 2011 JCO Contract by 35%.

H2O has started implementing the personnel changes at the WTP and request an immediate decision by the City regarding this amendment to the Contract.

For discussion, short-term agreement

Upon a motion duly made by Mayor DeStefano and seconded by President Rodrigues, the above action was approved.

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Motion to adjourn @ 3:54 PM

Upon a motion duly made by Mayor DeStefano and seconded by President Rodrigues, the above action was approved.

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Respectfully submitted,

Leonora Liz
Secretary