

# WPCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## MEETING Minutes for July16, 2024

**ATTENDANCE** Acting Chairman Kenneth Flatto, City Finance Director, Jon Urquidi, City Engineer, Commissioners: John Klein, Nina Thomas, Osiba Nelson  
WPCA - Lauren McBennett Mappa, P.E. General Manager, Stephen Walker, Finance Director,

**OTHERS:** Mark Anastasi, City Attorney, Rick Lavoie, Inframark, Ernest Newton & Eneida Martinez, City Council Liaison, Various PT Partners members (Lismari, Evelyn, Juliemar Ortiz, Z. Gonzales, Dione Dywer Peter Propp, Mercedes) Stacy Pappano, DEEP, Diedra Perry, P C Communities, Jillian Baldwin, iPhone DNP85, 203-540-9668 [Maria Pereira]

### CALL TO ORDER

Opened the meeting at 4:02 a quorum was present. **MOTION: Comm. Thomas made a motion to have comm Kenneth Flatto, Finance Director for the City of Bridgeport, as temporary Chair for this meeting Comm. Nelson seconded the motion. All were in favor.**

### PUBLIC COMMENT

PT Partners spoke Z. Gonzalez, Juliemar Ortiz, and Mercedes, and Councilwomen Maria Pereira; Discussion: St. Stephens Road traffic route of the trucks when construction starts, PT Partners Monthly/Quarterly meeting, their relationship with WPCA and 520 Success Avenue and why it should not happen. - Major infrastructure issues and there were approved by Stratford

**OLD BUSINESS** Minutes for June 18, 2024, **MOTION: John Klein made a motion to approved June 2024 minutes and was seconded by: Jon Urquidi All in favor**

### NEW BUSINESS

520 Success Avenue Project Conditional Approval of request for sewer extensions for service to property located outside the city limits granted at the March 19, 2024, Board Meeting/ to be determined null and void ab initio, and/or revoked, and /or rescinded for the reasons set forth in correspondences from the Bridgeport Office of the City Attorney to WPCA General Manager Lauren McBennett Mappa dated July 12, 2024

*Discussion:* Attorney Anastasi spoke to the reason all meetings to date are Deemed “Special Meetings” because the City Clerks office did not receive the WPCA 2024 meeting schedule. 30 days after submitted [calendar was filed on 7/8/2024] which will be the August 6, 2024, meetings will be

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regular, going forward. WPCA staff believed it was filed. It was uncovered that it was not by Councilwomen Pereira so the March voted didn't count. Secondly the application was not filed, and the town of Stratford would have to join this developer.

Attorney Bellis disagreed with City Attorney Anastasi and stated that He filed the application with the WPCA

**MOTION: "Motion to determine as null and void ab initio, and/or to revoke, and/or to rescind the 520 Success Avenue Project Conditioned Approval of request for sewer extensions for service to property located outside the city limits granted at the March 19, 2024, Board meeting, for the reasons set forth in correspondence from the Bridgeport Office of the City Attorney to WPCA General Manager Lauren McBennett Mappa dated July 12, 2024 – without prejudice to the property owner and the Town of Stratford properly resubmitting a joint request for such sewer extensions for service." by: Comm. Nelson and Seconded by Comm. Klien. The Roll Call was done by: General Manager Mappa –**

<b>ROLL CALL</b>	
<b>Comm. Nelson</b>	<b>Approved</b>
<b>Comm. Klien</b>	<b>Approved</b>
<b>Comm. Thomas</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Comm. Urquidi</b>	<b>Approved</b>
<b>Acting Chairman/Comm. Flatto</b>	<b>Approved</b>

WPCA Consultant Contract Renewal [Tony Trelewicz]

**MOTION: to Renew the consultant contract for another year was made by:  
Comm. Nelson seconded by Comm. Urquidi**

Cancellation of August meeting

**MOTION: Comm. Nelson made the motion and was seconded by:  
Comm. Urquidi**

General Manager Report- numbers are good, both sides made it this month, even though we are experiencing wet weather events, Inframark to address gate issue. East side closes at 5:30 pm and opens at 6 am Grasso is doing striping, then we will be completed with sewer separation project, new bar screen is in on East side working wonderfully, going to be installing on the west side.

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*Discussion:* for Sept 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, please update this board with the concerns of PT Partners, Plan of action and how we can address their concerns re: Smells/Traffic. CDM smith should be at the Sept meeting -they should be here for the milestones and after D.E.E.P.'s approval to move forward in phase1. The have submitted 60% for phase 2 GM wants them to present at 90%. Refer back to a letter addressed to GM 1 year ago, those concerns need to be addressed. Per Acting Chairman Flatto – Board members are directed to email General Manager Mappa with main concerns to be discussed by GM and CDM Smith for Sept meeting. If there is a scheduling conflict, please let A.C. Flatto know.

Financial Report – fiscal year came to an end and we ended up doing pretty good Year to date budget for the Bpt Revenue under by two hundred thousand. Outside communities [Stratford, Trumbull, Fairfield] were over, and came in high at forty-five thousand. Year to date budget was down by \$362. And had to do with septage We didn't sell as many tickets as we normally do. Cash was under by two hundred seventy-five thousand Cash on budget forty million, which is what I budgeted. Collections ended 2.9 in September we will be sending info to auditors. Success Village did not send us a check in a month and beginning of July we received a check for ten thousand down from paying thirty thousand.

*Discussion:* we need to hold on for another month or so this situation is larger than the WPCA

Inframark Report - Gate hours for each plant 6:00 am to 5:30 pm East Side plant, 7am – 5 pm Mon-Sat West side plant Hours that Haulers come and go vary/no control. Staff is 24 hours and there is a four [4] minute delay when gate is opened until it closes automatically

*Discussion:* who is monitoring the gate after hours, and Inframark stated they will try to rectify the situation

**MOTION: The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Comm. Klien and seconded by Comm. Thomas at 5:42pm. The vote was unanimous.**