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MR. AMODIO: On the roll.

(Roll call was taken, all Commissioners present respond in the affirmative. Commissioner Sanchez not present yet)

MR. AMODIO: The time is 9:39 a.m.

You have a quorum.

All of the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act have been met. Notices have been furnished to all Commissioners; City Clerks of Paterson, Passaic, and Clifton; North Jersey Herald News; The Record - Passaic County edition and the Commission's Executive Staff with a copy posted at the main bulletin board at the Clifton facility.

Please rise.

(Pledge of Allegiance)

MR. AMODIO: So we have no emails with comments/questions for public session, so we can move on.

PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: My apologies, Louis, before we continue, if we can just have a moment

1 of silence for Commissioner Cotton and all the
2 souls that we lost during this pandemic, I would
3 appreciate it.

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5 (Moment of Silence)

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7 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Thank you.

8 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Real quick, if we
9 could wish Lou a Happy Birthday. He's still a
10 young man, but we'd like to wish him well today.

11 MR. AMODIO: Thanks, Bob.

12 MR. DUPREY: Lou, where's the cake?

13 MR. AMODIO: It's in the kitchen, Jim.
14 It's ice cream.

15 MR. BELLA: We'll be there shortly.

16 MR. AMODIO: Moving on.

17 We've got committee reports.

18 Finance. Commissioner Van Rensalier.

19 COMMISSIONER VAN RENSALIER: We reviewed
20 the details of the past disbursements. There was
21 nothing out of the ordinary there.

22 Overtime is down across the board in most
23 departments except for Engineering and
24 Maintenance. There was an up kick in overtime in
25 Engineering due to the ongoing upgrade of the

1 hardware and software system throughout the
2 agency. Much of that overtime is related to work
3 performed after hours and on weekends to gain
4 access to work stations either physically or
5 remotely in an effort to prevent destruction of
6 the staff's day-to-day operations.

7 There is a projected to see a decline in
8 cash flow over the next few months resulting from
9 the downturn in the economy and the associated
10 rise of unemployment and ratepayers' inability to
11 pay costs and fees from a decline in penalty fees.

12 FEMA reimbursement is expected to cover
13 costs relating to any expenditures incurred as a
14 result of the coronavirus pandemic.

15 Finally, Moody's has confirmed our credit
16 rating at double A3.

17 That's all I have this morning.

18 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

19 Any questions? Comments?

20 Moving on.

21 MR. BELLA: Hold on one second. I just
22 wanted to put in there that since Yitz isn't on,
23 they would have upgraded us most likely because
24 the way our score card came out, but they said
25 they're across the board not upgrading anyone

1 until they see what's going on. They're just
2 waiting on that. It was a very good call with
3 them. Everything went well.

4 MR. AMODIO: Commissioner Sanchez, is that
5 you?

6 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Yes.

7 MR. AMODIO: Okay. Moving forward.
8 Special projects.

9 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: I'm the note taker
10 for special projects. Commissioner Sanchez I'm
11 sure doesn't mind that I'll give the quick report.

12 We discussed 16 items on our committee
13 agenda. There are two resolutions this morning
14 that were unanimously approved by the committee.
15 One was related to our generator project and the
16 other one was related to rental of one of the
17 towers.

18 We also discussed the maintenance
19 replacement schedule for our residuals thickening
20 tanks. They're critical to our ability to provide
21 water. In all likelihood we'll be looking at a
22 replacement two years from now and we were
23 discussing how to make sure that they are not
24 going to go down during that time period.

25 We also briefly discussed, as Ron had

1 mentioned, about our cash flow situation and some
2 of the strategies that are being employed in order
3 to ensure that we are going to maintain our
4 ability to pay our employees and purchase
5 materials.

6 That pretty much concludes special
7 projects.

8 Personnel didn't meet based on the motion
9 at the last meeting to table, but we will be
10 meeting and making recommendations in June. If
11 the body as a whole wishes to table it again in
12 June, we'll cross that bridge when we get to it.

13 That pretty much covers the two projects
14 for committee meetings.

15 MR. AMODIO: Okay. Any questions?

16 Moving on to the executive director's
17 report.

18 MR. BELLA: One of the things we're doing
19 now is we have a big campaign we're starting about
20 empty buildings. A lot of buildings are empty.
21 Water sitting there this long will deteriorate the
22 quality. We're making a big push to get that
23 straightened out. We'll be mailing to our
24 commercial customers.

25 We're starting a flushing program in all

1 the commercial areas, industrial parks, strip
2 malls that have been closed, you know, some of
3 them for two months now just about. It's going to
4 be a big, big effort because we got to flush them
5 and then once they get the good water then they
6 could flush again. So we set up a whole set of
7 guidelines and everything.

8 The State just issued theirs; we did a
9 press release yesterday. The press release went
10 out Monday, I'm sorry. Then next week the flyers
11 will come out and then we're emailing, website,
12 you know, social media. So we're making a big
13 push and the State will be making a big push also.

14 Plant flows so far are on par. Last March
15 they were down a little bit, which would be
16 expected. I mean, they're still at the low end
17 where we would normally be and a lot of that has
18 to do with the weather too. But so far demand is
19 holding up. Our wholesale customers are still
20 buying plenty of water.

21 When we talked about talking to other
22 utilities, I spoke to people from American.
23 They're finding about the same thing we are. The
24 demands haven't come down completely. Some areas
25 where they're like, you know, maybe where there

1 was a, not a power plant, but a plant that used a
2 lot of water, for instance, like demand for
3 Budweiser beer has dropped and so they're not
4 selling as much water in Newark. I spoke to the
5 people in Newark also and the people in New Jersey
6 American. They're seeing their demand is not
7 dropping off. The residential demand is staying
8 very strong. Commercial demand is sort of
9 balancing out so far.

10 We're going to be doing system wide
11 flushing. That's all part of this bringing, you
12 know, clearer, fresher water into areas that
13 demand has been low because of the shutdown.

14 That's pretty much it.

15 Things are going well. We're working,
16 because of the split shifts, it makes things a
17 little more difficult, but that's working because
18 we've had people that got sick, got home, got away
19 and we didn't end up taking the whole crew out or
20 anything like that.

21 Other than that, that's pretty much the
22 report I have.

23 Water quality is staying well. They're
24 doing a good job down at the plant. Out in the
25 system they're keeping up with the, you know,

1 their demands that they need to. We're in pretty
2 good shape right now.

3 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Joe, can I ask you
4 a question? Do you have those reports in writing?
5 Those consumption reports, do you have them in
6 writing?

7 MR. BELLA: Yes, we have them in writing.
8 We update them every month. If you want to take a
9 look at them.

10 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Yeah, I'd like to
11 take a look at it.

12 MR. BELLA: Okay. We'll send it to you.

13 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Joe, sorry, when do
14 you plan to be able to start bringing some of the
15 employees back in on regular time rather than
16 either working from home or after hours at the
17 plant?

18 MR. BELLA: This is my belief, and I
19 talked to other utilities and they're going to
20 keep it going until there's a vaccine that they
21 can start to... We have some echo in here, right?

22 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: When you say
23 vaccine, a vaccine may not be for a year --

24 MR. BELLA: That's correct.

25 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: -- everybody goes

1 back to work in terms of the economy.

2 MR. BELLA: Again, we'll assess that, but
3 in my opinion right now we shouldn't have them
4 come in until we can start really protecting them.
5 What we might do, an alternative to that and this
6 is something we discussed, splitting it. Some
7 people will be working, half will be working from
8 home one week or one month or something like that
9 and one will be coming in. Believe me, people
10 are, you'll be surprised, people really want to
11 get back to the office.

12 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Okay. I don't think
13 anybody should come back until the work
14 environment is safe as far as that goes. But
15 perhaps we should start looking into some
16 alternative way of them working outside of the
17 building or the other shifts that we have where we
18 try to cut down on the overtime.

19 MR. BELLA: Yeah, and we'll work on that
20 too. Because of all the confusion and things that
21 were going on, that kind of, you know, was hard to
22 pin it down exactly what's going on.

23 But the important thing is, and I should
24 have sent this around to everybody, the call
25 centers are notoriously bad in spreading this

1 virus; call centers, churches. We always think
2 and I always thought it would be like shopping
3 centers or malls, food places and stuff. But the
4 real big ones are call centers, offices where
5 they're closed in small cubicles rather than
6 individual offices. So we're going to be watching
7 it very carefully.

8 You know, we have some really good people
9 on staff and we're in constant contact with the
10 State. We talk to them at least once a week about
11 what's going on; what they're doing. We'll keep
12 you apprised as we make those decisions and we
13 make recommendations and decide what to do.

14 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Joe, can I ask you
15 a question?

16 I'm sorry, Mr. President, can I ask
17 another question, please?

18 Joe, the people working from home, do you
19 or the supervisor designate them or they designate
20 it themselves to work from home?

21 MR. BELLA: No, we designate it. We sent
22 everybody home that we could.

23 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Because my
24 understanding is that, you know, some people
25 haven't been back, not only for one day over

1 there. Do you know if there's a need like to
2 switch it over like to have some people come back
3 and some people work out of the home or do you
4 think just whoever can work out of the home, work
5 out of the homes?

6 MR. BELLA: I think we should have them
7 continue to work out of the home until we get the
8 all clear and possibly some kind of vaccine or...
9 And, again, this will assess this. We might be
10 able to bring them back during the summer. If it
11 drops down, we can bring them back for a couple of
12 months and then as things start to perk up, we
13 might send them. We got to stay fluid and we got
14 to be paying attention to what's going on. I just
15 don't want to make a decision based on what the
16 rest of the world's doing. We got to make a
17 decision what's happening with us, our rules, and
18 the importance of what we're doing.

19 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Let me ask you
20 another question, Joe. How do we keep track being
21 that people are being productive from home and
22 doing what they're supposed to be doing?

23 MR. BELLA: In the call center, we can see
24 exactly what they're doing; how many calls they're
25 answering; what their call times are; how many

1 drop calls are. And, by the way, our drop call is
2 down. So that's really important. So, to me,
3 that's things you got to watch.

4 I got Eric working on looking into some
5 software with other departments. We can see when
6 they're logged in; when they're not logged in,
7 that kind of thing. We're working on that also.

8 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: All right. So, I
9 mean, your understanding is things are working.
10 People are doing their thing from home and they're
11 being productive from home.

12 MR. BELLA: Yes. They meet. They do Zoom
13 meetings in the call center all the time. There's
14 a couple of places where we might be able to...
15 We need more information, but pretty much
16 everybody's doing what we're asking them to do.
17 The call center in particular really worked out
18 well and what we're doing now is every week we do
19 a meeting, a management meeting on Zoom and then
20 we're actually letting them do one after hours
21 like, you know, just to keep in touch and that
22 kind of thing.

23 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: What percentage of
24 the workforce you think is working from home, Joe?

25 MR. BELLA: I'd say it's about maybe

1 30 percent.

2 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: The second thing I
3 want to thank Commissioner Vannoy and Kolodziej.
4 They called me about disinfecting and I think Mike
5 Marotta and the crew was doing that. Is that
6 something that continues to go on?

7 MR. BELLA: The only time you really need
8 to do that is when somebody comes in and they're
9 infected, then you do that. That's when you go
10 right at it. You don't need to do it on a regular
11 basis.

12 Once we open up the front, we'll be doing
13 that on a regular basis in the front. We've built
14 an exit door to the side of the Commercial
15 Department so people can exit from there and not
16 go through the pay counter.

17 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Joe, my thinking
18 about, we don't know when somebody is going to be
19 infected. I mean, my feeling about it, I don't
20 know how you feel and how the Commissioners feels,
21 but my feeling is that if we have the resources to
22 do it, why not do it. I think it might save some
23 lives. That's how I feel.

24 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: We definitely have
25 the resources and my thinking is, well, is because

1 if somebody's there and we do have people coming
2 in maybe staggered, not the same people, we don't
3 know what they're doing when they're not at work.
4 So if we have it available to us because we
5 already have product, we have the machines, I
6 think we should continue to do it every Saturday.
7 We have the guys working six days on/six days off.
8 So they're already there on Saturdays and it's not
9 a big process to do it, but I believe it is
10 important to do. That's something I'd like to see
11 done. It cannot hurt in any way, in my opinion.

12 MR. BELLA: Well, you know, I disagree,
13 but you guys want to do it, I'll do it.

14 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Why are you
15 disagreeing, Joe? Maybe there's a reason I'm not
16 understanding. Why are you disagreeing?

17 MR. BELLA: The reason is, first off, if
18 there's nobody that's been in here, we don't have
19 any of the public coming, there's no viruses.

20 Secondly, the major mode of transmittal is
21 breathing, talking, sneezing, coughing directly.
22 That's probably 80 percent, 90 percent. Or from
23 somebody that touches surfaces regularly.

24 It just, you know, I just think it's a...
25 you know... But if you guys want to do it, we'll

1 do it. I don't care.

2 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: I'm just thinking if
3 they're home and if they're with family or with
4 anybody and they contract it and they come back in
5 and they're working and, obviously, you have other
6 people there, they can contract it if we don't do
7 it.

8 MR. BELLA: Well, look, experts say you
9 don't need it unless you got somebody that's sick.
10 That's a foregone conclusion.

11 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: You're not an
12 expert. Nobody seems to know exactly what's going
13 on with this virus.

14 MR. BELLA: Yeah, well, they're getting a
15 handle on it. You know, viruses are viruses,
16 whether it's this one or that one, you're still
17 going to kill it.

18 What we're doing is cleaning all the
19 surfaces, laboratories on a regular basis, all the
20 touch points. That is probably more important
21 than spraying. But if you feel more
22 comfortable...

23 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Who is doing that?
24 Is that just our two-person crew there or do you
25 have some other people that maybe we're not aware

1 of?

2 MR. BELLA: That's a two person, I guess
3 it's a two person there. The plant there's a
4 whole crew that's been going around doing it on a
5 regular basis.

6 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Joe, I honestly, I
7 don't think we got nothing to lose by doing it,
8 Joe. I honestly think we might... Because we
9 don't know, somebody could get exposed and get it.
10 I don't think there's no downside in doing it. I
11 think we got everything to gain by doing it.
12 That's my opinion.

13 MR. BELLA: Commissioner, you guys want to
14 do it, we'll do it. There's no sense in wasting
15 time arguing it. We'll do it. I just think it's
16 a waste of resources, overtime, that kind of
17 thing.

18 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: There'd be no
19 overtime, Joe. They do it on Saturdays. They're
20 six days on/six days off. There's no overtime
21 involved in that.

22 MR. BELLA: There was the last time, but
23 anyway.

24 Really, if you want to do it, we'll do it.
25 If it makes you feel better, we'll do it and that

1 would be the end of it. If that's what you want
2 to do, we'll do it. I don't have a problem. I'm
3 not going to stop it.

4 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Lou, do you need
5 consensus from the board on that?

6 MR. BELLA: No, we'll do it. It's an
7 operational thing. You want it done. We'll bring
8 them in on Saturdays.

9 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Just to understand
10 this a little better, we're not talking about
11 treating areas where no one's going in.

12 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Exactly. Exactly.
13 Only the areas where people are actually using.

14 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: The only downside
15 that I can see from it is that we're going to
16 start using whatever chemical it is that we're
17 using and it's going to wind up becoming a
18 commodity that is in high demand in November and
19 while we used to have a stockpile, we don't
20 anymore because we've been using it since May and
21 that would be, to me that would be the only
22 downside. We're going to need to make sure that
23 we have an appropriate inventory of this stuff so
24 that we can continue.

25 I think more importantly, the high traffic

1 areas that we have going on right now, whether
2 that's distribution or the treatment plant or just
3 the lab, I get it, we'll wipe the surfaces down
4 and all this other stuff. For people's peace of
5 mind it doesn't hurt once a week to go in and do a
6 little extra.

7 MR. BELLA: An area that comes to mind
8 would be locker rooms and stuff like that. I
9 don't have a problem with that. That's really
10 important because that's high traffic areas;
11 locker room here in Clifton; locker room over in
12 Little Falls. Those are high, so.

13 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: I spoke to Mike
14 Marotta. He says he has plenty and can get plenty
15 if need be. So I don't think that that would be
16 an issue as far as, at least at this point, as far
17 as us running out.

18 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: That's what everyone
19 thought about toilet paper a month ago and now
20 we're not seeing it on the shelves.

21 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: I'd also like to say
22 too, listen, I definitely like to, I acknowledge
23 all the people out there that are doing this job
24 and risking their health and safety, but I'd also
25 like to just acknowledge Mike Marotta. I mean, I

1 think he's done an excellent job. I mean, with
2 test kits, with the spraying. I mean, I think
3 he's going over and above the call of duty and I
4 just wanted to acknowledge that. I do talk to him
5 on a regular basis and I'm sure we can
6 congratulate a lot of people. But I'm going to
7 just do that because he's the person that I've
8 been talking to.

9 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: I have another
10 question, Joe. From this emergency, Joe, is there
11 like a list of items that we should have like 90
12 day stock. Let's say something happens again that
13 we don't have to go rush and try to be crazy about
14 everything. Is there something that we should
15 have like 90 days worth of stock of supply?

16 MR. BELLA: Yeah, we are stockpiling as
17 much as we can; masks. We're getting as many
18 masks as we can. We're still trying to get things
19 like N95s. N95s we need just in the regular
20 course of work when people work in high dust
21 environment and stuff like that. Other things
22 like chemicals where we have 30-day supply, that's
23 designed in the plant. Everything else that we
24 can put our hands on we're doing it.

25 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: All right. I just

1 think of all these things, Joe, and I'm glad you
2 guys are doing it. It's crazy. Nobody thought
3 something like this could happen and all of a
4 sudden we're scrounging for everything.

5 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: So it sounds to me
6 that the general consensus is that we would like
7 to start doing this once a week in the high
8 traffic areas within all our physical plants and
9 buildings. Is that correct?

10 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Yes.

11 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Is there any
12 objections to that?

13 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Hey, Joe, is it high
14 traffic or is it anywhere that anybody's been?

15 MR. BELLA: I would say high traffic. I
16 mean, if somebody comes in and says I'm sick,
17 boom, you go right there.

18 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: That's the thing,
19 Joe, you got the coronavirus. You didn't think
20 you were sick. You didn't know you were carrying
21 it.

22 MR. BELLA: Well, I know exactly how I got
23 it; face to face.

24 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: I know and you
25 walked around. You were in peoples' offices, I

1 heard. No one knows if you they're carrying it.
2 You didn't do it intentionally. So if you have
3 one person that's home and he carries it and he's
4 home, I mean, that's my opinion.

5 MR. BELLA: We don't have to argue about
6 it. You want it done, I'll do it.

7 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: I mean, that's my
8 opinion.

9 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Joe, I don't know if
10 we necessarily need to start chasing down where
11 anyone has been. You know, someone's walking
12 through a hallway, seven days later it's not
13 surviving on its own seven days later.

14 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: If someone's in one
15 area, it's one person every day has a person come
16 in, it's not exactly high traffic because if
17 you're in your office, someone has to use it later
18 on or something, maybe like three people. One
19 office that's used every day and someone else goes
20 in it, maybe it should be thought about doing it.

21 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: No, no, if it's
22 joint areas, then, yes, we should be taking a
23 precaution. But if it's Joe Bella's office and
24 Joe Bella's the only one in his office, there's no
25 sense in spraying Joe Bella's office.

1 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: Do people come in
2 Joe Bella's office?

3 MR. BELLA: We got to keep a little.
4 These are ammonia salts which are not extremely
5 toxic to humans but they have a level of toxicity
6 so you got to be careful with that.

7 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: So to sort of pick
8 on Finance for a second, it wouldn't make sense to
9 do Yitz's office every day but it would make sense
10 because Yitz has people coming in on an alternate
11 basis to do the common room on a weekly basis,
12 right, because we don't have to worry about anyone
13 being in Yitz's office, so there's no sense in
14 wasting chemicals in an office that no one's going
15 to be in. But it does make sense that if I'm in
16 the common Finance area, I'm in on Monday, you're
17 in on Tuesday, Bobby's in on Wednesday, it makes
18 sense that at the end of the week we're taking
19 care of that in addition to what Joe was saying in
20 terms of wiping surfaces down. That should be
21 done a daily basis. The wiping of surfaces
22 probably multiple times on a daily basis. So that
23 we definitely need to do because above and beyond
24 this electrostatic treatment, you know, if we're
25 going to do it once a week, let's not do it in a

1 bathroom that one person was in the whole week.

2 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: I agree a hundred
3 percent.

4 MR. BELLA: I'll talk to Mike about it.
5 We'll get started.

6 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: All right. The only
7 other thing that I would ask so that we can have a
8 better understanding of it is right now the
9 chemicals that we use are easily assessable. As
10 Rigo said, we'll keep an eye and make sure it's
11 sufficiently stockpiled. But if we can also get
12 any kind of overtime report that may be associated
13 with this treatment and get it over to the finance
14 committee for their review so that in the event,
15 in theory we shouldn't be paying overtime at all
16 because people are on six-day schedule anyway, but
17 if we are paying overtime, we should have an
18 understanding of what that cost is.

19 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Joe, if you can talk
20 to Mike, first of all, about the availability of
21 the chemicals, if we do need more and to make sure
22 that it's not overtime, which I definitely had a
23 conversation with him, he said no. But you are
24 the Executive Director. If you can straighten
25 that out with him, that'd be great.

1 MR. BELLA: Okay.

2 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Yeah, make sure
3 it's done on regular hours.

4 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Yeah, it's on
5 Saturdays. That's what they usually do on
6 Saturdays.

7 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Thank you.

8 MR. AMODIO: Okay. If there's nothing
9 else, Jim Duprey, would you like to address the
10 next issue? You have the resolution.

11 MR. DUPREY: This is for the authorization
12 and the execution of the First Amendment to the
13 Subrecipient Agreement with PVWC and the DEP.
14 This was originally a three-year agreement
15 associated with the standby emergency generator
16 project, which allows us to have the CDBG-DR
17 financing. What happened was, because of the
18 contractor's delays in the project, the duration
19 of that, which we thought was more than adequate,
20 actually needs to be extended now to cover that
21 period.

22 So we met with the DEP and their advice
23 was to extend it as long as possible because they
24 don't want to do it, you know, more than once. So
25 what we did was, they basically approved it being

1 extended to the maximum extent possible, which is
2 really a five-year total extension, and in doing
3 so it takes us all the way through I guess it's
4 June of 2022, June 25th, 2022, which will more
5 than cover the completion of the generator project
6 and ensure that our finance monies are preserved.
7 So we're recommending that the board approve this.

8 MR. AMODIO: Any questions?

9 Do I have a motion?

10 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: So move.

11 MR. AMODIO: Motion by Commissioner
12 Vannoy.

13 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Second.

14 MR. AMODIO: Second by Commissioner
15 Sanchez.

16 On the roll.

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18 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
19 respond in the affirmative)

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21 MR. AMODIO: Approved.

22 We'll now move on to the Comptroller's
23 report.

24 MR. WEISS: Okay. Cash on hand is
25 15.4 million.

1 Our accounts receivable are at
2 20.1 million, which sounds high, but that's
3 actually consistent with this time of the year.

4 Accounts payable's at 2.6 million.

5 We have our auditors working on our audit
6 remotely, which is working out surprisingly well.

7 Cash collections still seem to be strong
8 though we are anticipating that there's going to
9 be a downturn in cash collections that we'll
10 probably first start to see in May. Our
11 collections in April were spot on for what it
12 should have been this time of the year. That's
13 being tracked on a regular basis. We're watching
14 that very, very closely.

15 That's pretty much all I have.

16 MR. AMODIO: Any questions?

17 Hearing none. Can I have a motion for
18 closed?

19 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: So move.

20 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Second.

21 MR. AMODIO: Motion by Commissioner
22 Vannoy.

23 Second by Commissioner Sanchez.

24 Whereas, Section 8 of the Open Public
25 Meetings Act permits the exclusion of the public

1 from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

2 Whereas, the public body is of the opinion
3 that such circumstances presently exist;

4 Now, therefore, be it resolved by the
5 Commissioners of Passaic Valley Water Commission:

6 1. The public shall be excluded from
7 discussion of the hereinafter specified subject
8 matters; the general nature of the subject matters
9 being: Financial, Insurance, Personnel,
10 Contracts, Negotiations, Security, Law... We
11 have, Jim Duprey, what was the other we added?

12 MR. DUPREY: Oh, hold on. This was on the
13 update for the Levine water storage project.

14 MR. AMODIO: Okay. Thank you.

15 And other matters as may be discussed in
16 camera.

17 2. It is anticipated at this time that
18 the above-stated subject matters will be ratified
19 during public meeting following or as soon
20 thereafter as the reason for discussion no longer
21 exists.

22 3. This resolution shall take effect
23 immediately.

24 Second by Commissioner Sanchez.

25 On the roll.

1 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
2 respond in the affirmative)

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4 MR. AMODIO: We're going to close down our
5 YouTube. Give us one minute, please.

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9 MR. AMODIO: We're live, so can I have a
10 roll call?

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12 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
13 respond in the affirmative)

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15 MR. AMODIO: You have a quorum.

16 The time is 10:22 a.m.

17 Move on to the Consent Agenda.

18 We have the minutes of Passaic Valley
19 Water Commission in camera session and regular
20 public meeting held on April 8th, 2020.

21 Do I have a motion?

22 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: So move.

23 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Second.

24 MR. AMODIO: Okay. Motion by Commissioner
25 Sanchez.

1 Second by Commissioner Vannoy.

2 On the roll.

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4 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
5 respond in the affirmative)

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7 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

8 We have miscellaneous purchase orders for
9 the period of April 2nd through May 1st.

10 Does the president find them in order?

11 PRESIDENT KOLODZIEJ: Yes.

12 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

13 Move on. We have New Business. We have
14 summary of disbursements and payrolls through
15 May 13, 2020, in the amount of \$11,445,030.19.
16 Does the treasurer find them in order?

17 COMMISSIONER VAN RENSALIER: Yes.

18 MR. AMODIO: Would you like to make a
19 motion?

20 COMMISSIONER VAN RENSALIER: Move it.

21 MR. AMODIO: Thank you.

22 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Second.

23 MR. AMODIO: Second by Commissioner
24 Vannoy.

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1 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
2 respond in the affirmative)

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4 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Abstain from
5 Brownstone, Kyrocera, and American Hose &
6 Hydraulics.

7 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Yes. Abstain on
8 P&A, Gaeta, and Montana.

9 MR. AMODIO: Okay. Thank you.

10 Moving on, we have recommendations from
11 executive session. The previously mentioned
12 agreement with McKay Brothers, Harrison Avenue
13 Water Tank.

14 Do I have a motion?

15 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Move it.

16 MR. AMODIO: Second?

17 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: Second.

18 MR. AMODIO: By Commissioner Sanchez.

19 On the roll.

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21 (Roll call was taken, all Commissioners
22 respond in the affirmative)

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24 MR. AMODIO: Anything under Good and

25 Welfare?

1 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: I had, not actually
2 a Good and Welfare, I probably should have brought
3 it up, I won't say in closed, obviously, what
4 we're going through, we have no control over. Are
5 we going to even consider summer hires? Only
6 because I got people calling and asking. I just
7 want to be able to tell them maybe we're not even
8 going to do it this year or whatever. Are we
9 looking into that at all or are we just waiting to
10 see how everything plays out?

11 MR. BELLA: I'd be leery to bring people
12 into the mix, especially, young kids.

13 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Okay. That would go
14 as well for the fishing program as well?

15 MR. BELLA: Yeah, because, you know,
16 you're going to have crowds of people.

17 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: Right.

18 MR. BELLA: Let's look into that a little
19 more.

20 COMMISSIONER LEVINE: So what, should we
21 hold off on the summer? I mean, if Governor
22 Murphy opens us back up, there should be no reason
23 we don't put the summer hires on for, you know,
24 maybe a shortened period, maybe July 1st on or
25 June 15th, whatever the reason may be.

1 MR. BELLA: I'd be leery of it,
2 Commissioner. If you get some young kid, he's
3 out. Kids do kid things. We all did it. And
4 then you bring them in and next thing you know
5 they get four or five people sick, we got a
6 problem.

7 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: You also indicated,
8 Joe, that you don't know when you're going to be
9 bringing our own people back.

10 MR. BELLA: Right.

11 COMMISSIONER FRIEND: Until you know that.

12 COMMISSIONER VANNOY: I mean, there's new
13 stuff on this virus every single day, so we really
14 don't know what's going on. So I agree with,
15 maybe this summer we probably just don't have
16 hires. But, again, that's something for all of us
17 to consider. We can come to an agreement. But I
18 probably would say just based on what's going on
19 I'd be leery about bringing them back as well.

20 COMMISSIONER SANCHEZ: The kids don't even
21 have school, can you imagine work?

22 MR. AMODIO: Okay. Anything else?

23 Motion to adjourn.

24 Motion by Commissioner Sanchez.

25 Second by Commissioner Vannoy.

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Hearing no objections, meeting adjourned.

The time is 10:27 a.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday,
June 10th, 9:30 a.m.

Everyone have a wonderful Memorial Day
weekend.

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