

WATER & SEWER EXPANSION AUTHORITY  
MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 23, 2004

Meeting Time: 2 p.m.

Location: Council Chamber

Members attending:

Jeanell Wilson, Chair

John Craddock, Vice Chair

Harriet Jones

Susan Rudd

Chair Jeanell Wilson called the meeting to order. The Board approved the minutes from the June 9, 2004 meeting. Chair Wilson invited Fred Odom to discuss his background and interest in leading the WSEA work for the first year. Mr. Odom's services were being offered at the expense of JEA and recommended by the Mayor's office to lead the work for the first year. Mr. Odom indicated his interest was intended for the first year recognizing that the Board would select an Executive Director in the second year. John Craddock indicated that Mr. Odom may be over qualified but recognized his ability to communicate and coordinate projects. He stated that in the next year, the Board may not need a candidate with the same level of experience. Jeanell Wilson also indicated that Mr. Odom may be over qualified for the long term, he would be able to help for the first year. Susan Rudd expressed that she did not think the lead could be overqualified for the critical first year. Harriet Jones made a motion to accept JEA's offer of Fred Odom's services for the first year. The motion was approved by the Board.

Kerri Stewart gave an update on the budget process indicating that funding was being requested through the City Council legislative process. The budget item was being presented at the Mayor's Budget Review Committee and would be introduced into the council cycle.

Nancy Kilgo gave a brief update on a meeting with northside residents from the Ribault Scenic area and expressed support from WSEA Board Member Lawrence Jones, Council Member Gwen Yates and Council Member Mia Jones' assistant, Daphne Colbert. There will be follow up with the residents to begin defining a potential project.

Jeanell Wilson asked for public comment and there was none.

Steve Rohan from Office of General Counsel gave a brief but thorough overview to the Board Members on Sunshine Law, Public Records Law and Ethics rules.

Jeanell Wilson asked to review voting conflicts. A member should not abstain from a vote unless there is a private conflict. Members must complete required forms either before or after abstaining from a vote. Ms. Wilson thanked Mr. Rohan for his presentation.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Jeanell Wilson.