

Intergovernmental Strategies/Finance Joint Sub-Committee

Date: Jun 9, 2024

Attendees: Councilors Max Tassinari (MT), Suzanne Swope (SS), John DaRos (JD), VP Hannah Belcher (HB)

6:00PM Call to order by MT

Discussion on local MWRA board member and retired Chief Paul Flanagan's ability to provide information to the joint committee on how MWRA's board views the mitigation, relationship, and 5 year plan with the town, dependent on ability and availability.

SS: Motion to invite retired Chief Flanagan to a future meeting dependent on ability and his availability pass unanimously.

JD: MWRA Agreement in possession of the joint committee appears to be an amendment. Still seeking original agreement.

HB: Future agreements should reflect the change/growth in operations, plant size, towns serviced through the plant for MWRA, and flight count and hours of operation for Massport. What does it look like today compared to 5/10 years ago. What are their plans for 5/10 years in the future where this new agreement will be in place?

SS: Mention of the transport of chemicals through town roads, use of roads and numbers of truck traveling through the town to the plant

Further discussion on requesting 5-year capital plans from MWRA.

HB: Suggests inviting Director Calla to a future meeting to explain the history of mutual aid MRWA has provided in times when the town needed emergency aid for flooding, etc.

MT: We'd like to setup 3 working groups to bring forward existing information about both agreements and operations and their effects on the town.

MWRA Working group – volunteers SS, JA

Massport Working group – Volunteers HB, JA in absentia

Proposal to Council President – MT HB

SS: Information regarding Massport should include health studies and correlations to asthma for example

JD: Emissions reports, net zero plan, 3-5 year growth in services from Massport

Mr. Jack Dowd from the audience: MWRA should be providing a topographical study of the shoreline around the island and Point Shirley

HB: Request studies on environmental impacts and health impacts including emissions, not just from planes, but from road travel, trucks, and the wear and tear on town roads for both entities.

MT: Suggestions for subject matter experts?

SS: Finance, Law, Environment

HB: Regarding possible consultants on negotiations – any consultants must have clear direction from the council president, council, and town manager. In the past there have been consultants who have operated outside of clear direction and the town has been at a loss in the end. The goals of the town need to be made clear to any consultant.

MT: Next meeting will tentatively be June 18th 6PM

Motion to adjourn meeting. 6:30PM