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**CITY OF BROCKTON
WATER COMMISSION
Minutes
April 29, 2010**

Present: Bruce Malcolm, Chairman/Commissioner
Ossie Jordan, Commissioner
Peggy McGrath, Commissioner
Brian Creedon, Water Systems Manager
Alisa Hambly, Secretary

Absent: Patrick Quinn, Commissioner
Larry Rowley, Superintendent of Utilities
Michael L. Thoreson, DPW Commissioner

Attending: Michael Lewis

Mr. Malcolm called the meeting to order at 9:05 A.M., noting that a quorum is present and the meeting is being recorded.

Mr. Malcolm requested a motion to waive the minutes of February 2nd, February 8th, February 24th and March 25, 2010.

Mr. Jordan moved to waive the reading of the February 2nd, February 8th, February 24th and March 25, 2010 minutes, This motion was seconded by Ms McGrath, and so voted unanimously by the Commission.

Mr. Malcolm made a motion to accept the February 2nd, February 8th, February 24th and March 25, 2010 minutes subject to any clerical corrections. This motion was seconded by Mr. Jordan, and so voted unanimously by the Commission.

Mr. Malcolm noted that both Mr. Thoreson and Mr. Rowley were not in attendance; however Mr. Rowley's report was included in the meeting information.

Mr. Malcolm called for a report from the **Water Systems Manager**. **Mr. Creedon reported** on the flows stating that the running average is stable the flow out of Silver Lake is approximately 9.1 MGD, the Brockton Reservoir is 600,000 GPD and we are currently taking between 300,000 and 400,000 GPD from Aquaria. Will be meeting with DEP and the Town of Halifax regarding the level of Monponsett Pond.

Mr. Creedon requested approval of the single family permits issued from December 2009 through April 2010.

Mr. Jordan moved to approve the single family permits as submitted. This motion was seconded by Ms McGrath, and so voted unanimously by the Commission.

Mr. Malcolm opened the meeting for **New Business and Water Connection and the application for 35 Oak Hill Way.**

Mr. Jordan moved that the application for 35 Oak Hill Way be approved for 400 GPD. This motion was seconded by Ms McGrath, and so voted unanimously by the Commission.

Mr. Malcolm opened the meeting for **Old Business** and discussion of the following:

- **Current Year Budget Report.** Revenues are good and free cash is healthy, the free cash can only be used for water capital expenses. Regarding the meter replacement program, the City is approved for \$11,000,000, this amount is borrowed and when the City receives a bill, it is submitted to the water pollution abatement trust for reimbursement.

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- **Shut off Policy** – draft ordinances were provided for both the shut off policy and irrigations meter, and it is suggested that both be submitted separately as a rule to expedite the process. The Water Commission has an existing rule to allow the shut off of water for vacant properties or to protect the system.
- **Irrigation Meters** – Mr. Malcolm stated that he would like to know what the actual cost of water is.

Ms McGrath moved to accept the shut off policy and irrigation meter drafts to be submitted to Council to be adopted as rules. This motion was seconded by Mr. Jordan, and so voted unanimously by the Commission.

The Commission discussed the irrigation meter ordinance. Ms Lamarre stated that she is concerned with the volume of water that is going to be used, is the additional water coming from Silver Lake or Aquaria. Ms Hambly stated that we currently cannot regulate water usage unless they have a water permit, or unless a water ban is implemented; the purpose of this ordinance is to eliminate sewer charges, this is only for outside usage. Mr. Creedon stated that he does not anticipate an increase in usage. Ms Lamarre questioned parking lot runoffs. Mr. Malcolm stated that this happens during rainstorms which cannot be prevented. Mr. Creedon stated that both draft ordinances will be submitted to the Solicitors Office.

Mr. Jordan presented a sewer problem, which will be given to Mr. Rowley.

The Commission agreed that the next meeting would be on Thursday, May 20, 2010 at 9:00 A.M.

Ms McGrath moved to adjourn. This motion was seconded by Mr. Jordan, meeting adjourned at 10:32 A.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Alisa Hambly
Secretary
Water Commission

Certified by:

Brian M. Creedon
Water Systems Manager
Clerk of the Commission