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### Minutes of Public Hearing

**June 5, 2019**

The Springfield Water and Sewer Commission held a public hearing at Springfield City Hall, Room 220, 36 Court Street, Springfield MA on June 5, 2019.

Chairman Daniel Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and Commission Secretary Jaimye Bartak called the attendance roll:

William E. Leonard, Present  
Daniel Rodriguez, Present  
Vanessa Otero, Present

*Also Present*

Joshua Schimmel, Executive Director  
Norman J. Guz, Commission Counsel  
Anthony Basile, Comptroller  
Bob Stoops, Chief Engineer  
James Laurila, Director of Water Operations  
Dan DiRienzo, Director of Field Services  
Bill Fuqua, Director of Wastewater Services  
James Richardson, Director of IT  
Jaimye Bartak, Communications Manager/Secretary of the Commission

Commissioner Rodriguez opened the hearing at 6 PM, and introduced Executive Director Josh Schimmel to begin the presentation on the FY 2020 budget and capital improvement plan.

Mr. Schimmel opened the presentation with a welcome and review of the presentation agenda. Communications Manager Jaimye Bartak presented an overview of the Commission's water system and infrastructure, and the annual financial planning process at the Commission. She also described the purpose of financial planning and the main structure of the Commission's budget and capital plan. Director of Water Operations Jim Laurila presented all FY20 capital projects within the Water Supply cost center. Chief Engineer Bob Stoops presented all FY20 capital projects within the Power Supply and Water Distribution cost center. Director of Wastewater Operations Bill Fuqua presented all FY20 capital projects within the Wastewater Collection and Wastewater Treatment cost centers. Director of IT James Richardson and Director of Field Services Dan DiRienzo presented all FY20 capital projects in the Administration cost center. Mr. Schimmel then described the components of the FY20 Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Budget, the sources of increases in the O&M budget, FY20 Capital Budget, the three-year capital plan, and proposed changes to the rates and the Rules and Regulations for FY20. Mr. Schimmel concluded with commentary on the importance of water to everyday life in the Springfield region and that the cost of providing water is still well below the value clean water provides to the region.

The floor was opened to the public for questions. No questions were received from the public. Commissioner Rodriguez thanked Commission staff for their thorough presentation. The hearing was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J Bartak". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter "J" being particularly large and stylized.

Jaimye Bartak, Secretary