

## CITY OF MARLBOROUGH MEETING POSTING

Meeting Name: Ad-Hoc Municipal Aggregation Committee Meeting

Date: September 27, 2018

Time: 2:30 PM

Location: Mayor's Conference Room, 4th Floor, City Hall, 140 Main Street

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### Agenda:

1. Review the March 22, 2018 Ad-Hoc Municipal Aggregation Committee Meeting Minutes – Ossing
2. City Council Update (Review April 2, 2018 Council agenda items #8 and #20) – Ossing
3. Review the results of the RFP issued in July 2018 – B. Sleeper
4. Review bids for next six months of electricity supply (November 2018 to April 2019) – Colonial Power
5. Municipal Aggregation for Gas Supply – Ossing
6. Other Business – All

THE LISTING OF TOPICS THAT THE CHAIR REASONABLY ANTICIPATES WILL BE DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING IS NOT INTENDED AS A GUARANTEE OF THE TOPICS THAT WILL HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED. NOT ALL TOPICS LISTED MAY IN FACT BE DISCUSSED, AND OTHER TOPICS NOT LISTED MAY ALSO BE BROUGHT UP FOR DISCUSSION TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW.

**The City Council approved the AD-Hoc Municipal Aggregation Committee order on April 10, 2017 as follows:**

- 1. This order supersedes order 06100-1337A dated November 6, 2006.**
- 2. The goal of Municipal Aggregation is to require that the R-1 (residential) class rates be lower than the prevailing National Grid Fixed Basic Service Rate.**
- 3. Establish an Ad-Hoc Municipal Aggregation Committee that will review competitive electric supply offers and make recommendations to the Mayor. The Ad-Hoc Municipal Aggregation Committee will consist of 5 members including:**
  - The Mayor (or designee)**
  - Two City Councilors (appointed by the City Council President)**
  - The Chief Procurement Officer**
  - The DPW Commissioner (or designee)**
  - A quorum shall consist of a minimum of 3 members**
  - The Council President shall appoint one of the members as the Chairman**
- 4. The Ad-Hoc Municipal Aggregation Committee will provide periodic updates to the City Council on Municipal Aggregation program.**
- 5. All suppliers of electricity licensed by the Department of Public Utilities and qualified to do business in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts can participate in the City's Municipal Aggregation Program.**

## **Ad-Hoc Municipal Aggregation Committee**

### **Meeting Minutes – March 22, 2018**

The Ad-Hoc Municipal Aggregation Committee met on March 22, 2018 from 3:02 PM to 3:44 PM in the Mayor's Conference Room. The following individuals were in attendance:

Ad-Hoc Municipal Committee members:

- DPW Commissioner John Ghiloni
- City Council President Ed Clancy
- Chief Procurement Officer Beverly Sleeper
- Mayor Arthur Vigeant
- City Councilor Michael Ossing (Chairman of the Ad-Hoc Municipal Aggregation Committee)
- Members absent: - None

Additional individuals at the meeting:

- City Councilor Dave Doucette
- City Solicitor Don Rider
- Colonial Power Representative Mark Cappadona
- Colonial Power Representative Denise Allard

The following items were discussed:

- 1. Minutes of the October 18, 2017 Ad-Hoc Municipal Aggregation Committee meeting.**
  - The Committee approved the meeting minutes and will submit to the City Council for information.
- 2. Council Update.**
  - The Committee was informed that the City Council October 30, 2017 agenda included the City Council notification of the six-month fixed price contract with Verde Energy from November 2017 through April 2018 (Agenda item 4) and the Ad-Hoc Municipal Aggregation Committee meeting minutes of April 3, September 20 and October 18, 2017 (Agenda item 18).
- 3. Review bids for the next six months of electricity supply (May 2018 – October 2018 – first meter read will be in May and the final meter read in November):**
  - Colonial Power presented a spreadsheet (Attachment 1) with the four vendors who submitted bids to supply the City with electricity for the six-month period from May 2018 to October 2018.
  - Colonial Power indicated that the National Grid Fixed Basic Service rate for this period will be 0.10870 \$/kWh. The National Grid basic service rate history and forecast are presented in Attachment 2.
  - The Committee reviewed the bids (Attachment 1) and unanimously selected Public Power as the supplier for the May 2018 to October 2018 period with a 5 – 0 vote. Public Power was the lowest bidder with a fixed price electricity supply rate of 0.10159 \$/kWh.
  - Assuming a residential customer uses 1000 kw/month, the Marlboro resident supplied by Public Power would save \$7.11 each month over the National Grid Fixed Basic Service Rate.

- The Committee noted the following:
    - If the resident uses Public Power, the 1000 kw/month would cost \$101.59. Residents paying the current Verde Energy rate (0.10900 \$/kWh) would see a \$7.41 (\$109.00 - \$101.59) decrease in their electricity supplier portion of their electricity bill in May if they use Public Power through the City's Aggregation plan.
  - Bottom line, the rate for the electricity supply portion of the bill is decreasing for the May 2018 - October 2018 period. The residents who participate in the municipal aggregation will save money over the National Grid Fixed Basic Service Rate.
  - The Committee acknowledged that if Marlboro residents want to use only "green" Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) for their electricity, they could contact Public Power and have an electricity supply rate of 0.10226 \$/kWh. This information will appear on the City website when Colonial Power has the new rates posted in April.
  - The Committee acknowledged that the electricity supply rates will be going up for the winter period (November 2018 to April 2019) due to limited gas supply in the region and various power plants coming off line.
- 4. Update on DPU approval process for the amended City Municipal Aggregation plan submitted in April 2017.**
- Colonial Power indicated the Department of Public Utilities (DPU) approved the amended City Municipal Aggregation plan.
- 5. Other Business.**
- The March 22, 2018 Ad-Hoc Municipal Aggregation Committee meeting minutes will be submitted to the City Clerk to be included in a future City Council agenda.
  - The Chairman will prepare a letter to the City Council informing the Council of the actions of the Ad-Hoc Municipal Aggregation Committee regarding the new rates and vendor for the May 2018 to October 2018 period.
  - The Committee voted 5 – 0 to have a Request for Proposal (RFP) go out to competitively bid the energy consultant and broker role performed by Colonial Power (acts as the consultant that assists in the design, implementation and administration of the Aggregation Plan and supplier options). The Committee will meet in June 2018 to review the evaluation summary of the proposal results of the RFP issued by the Chief Procurement Officer for contract award.
  - The Ad-Hoc Municipal Aggregation Committee plans to meet in September 2018 period to discuss residential electricity supply for the period of November 2018 to April 2019.

**Attachment 1:** Spreadsheet with bid summary from four vendors

**Attachment 2:** National Grid rate history and forecast

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1. Minutes, City Council Meeting, March 19, 2018.
2. PUBLIC HEARING On the Petition of NGrid to install new pole 34-5 for service to Shell Gas Station, 342 Boston Post Road East, Order No. 18-1007200.
3. PUBLIC HEARING On the Application for Special Permit from New England Hydroponics, to use an existing property for retail sales of gardening supplies, 19 Brigham Street, Unit 6, Order No. 18-1007199.
4. PUBLIC HEARING On the Proposed Zoning Map Amendment, Expansion of the Marlborough Village District, Order No. 18-1007195.
5. PUBLIC HEARING On the Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment, as it pertains to Article VI Section 650-36, Commercial Village Overlay District, Order No. 18-1007134, X16-1006668.
6. Communication from the Mayor re: Transfer request for Marlborough Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) Land Acquisition in the amount of \$1,075,000.00 which moves funds from Undesignated to MEDC to satisfy a Purchase and Sales Agreement.
7. Communication from the Mayor re: Reappointment of Assistant City Solicitor, Cynthia Panagore Griffin for a term to expire three years from date of confirmation.
8. Communication from the Mayor re: Councilor-At-large Michael Ossing re: Municipal Aggregation-Six Month Fixed Price Contract with Public Power May 2018-October 2018.
9. Communication from City Solicitor, Donald Rider, re: request for Executive Session to discuss pending litigation concerning a land use request involving property off Boston Post Road.
10. Communication from Assistant City Solicitor, Cynthia Panagore Griffin re: Proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment, Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers, in proper legal form, Order No. 18-1007163-1B, X18-1007151.
11. Communication from Assistant City Solicitor, Cynthia Panagore Griffin re: Proposed Order to Accept Grant of Public Walking Trail Easement from Fairfield Marlborough Limited Partnership.
12. Communication from various residents as noted on the att'd re: Opposition to the Farm Road Retirement Community Overlay District, Order No. 18-1007136A.
13. Communication from Attorney Falk, Mirick O'Connell, re: Proposed Zoning Amendment, Section 650 §5.B-Ancillary Auto Sales.
14. Application for Renewal of Junk Dealers/Second Hand License, Tony Bitar, Hannoush Jewelers, 601 Donald Lynch Blvd.
15. Application for Renewal of Junk Dealers/Second Hand License, TVI, Inc. d/b/a Savers, 222A East Main St.
16. Application for Renewal of Junk Dealers/Second Hand License, Jean Rabelo, Post Road Used Auto Parts of Marlboro, Inc., 785 Boston Post Rd.

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17. Application for Renewal of Junk Dealers/Second Hand License, Gerald Dumais, Dumais & Sons Second Hand Store, 65 Mechanic St.
18. Communication from Central Mass Mosquito Control Project re: Commencement of Larval Mosquito Control.
19. Minutes, Conservation Commission, March 1, 2018.
20. Minutes, Ad-Hoc Municipal Aggregation Committee, March 22, 2018.
21. Minutes, School Committee, February 13 & 27, 2018.
22. Minutes, Traffic Commission, January 31 & February 28, 2018.
23. Minutes, Board of Assessors, November 29, 2017.
24. CLAIMS:
  - a. Lyonel Jean-Pierre, 21 Reynolds Ct., residential mailbox claim 2(a).
  - b. Edward Bogle, 102 Naugler Ave., residential mailbox claim 2(a).
  - c. James Lukey, 37 Hurley Cir., pothole or other road defect & other property damage and/or personal injury.
  - d. Catherine LaJeunesse, 285 Hemenway St., residential mailbox claim 2(a).
  - e. Bih-Lin Cho, 81 Dowling Lane., residential mailbox claim 2(a).
  - f. Susan Soffan, 8 Pick Wicks Cir., Worcester, pothole or other road defect.
  - g. Andrew Starvaski, 55 Green St., #D158, Clinton, pothole or other road defect.
  - h. USA Motor Sport Inc. 433 Maple St., other property damage and/or personal injury.
  - i. Natasha Heimrath, 67 Denoncourt St., residential mailbox claim 2(a).

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

25. ORDERED: 1. That the City Council review the results of the FY18 abbreviated budget process. 2. That the City Council approve the Massachusetts Department of Revenue Financial Review Recommendation for adopting an abbreviated budget authorization format for all departments for the FY19 City budget. The City Council will assess the results in April 2019 to determine if the practice will continue. Refer to the Finance Committee.

Background: The City Council approved the abbreviated budget process for FY18 on April 24, 2017 (Order Number 17-1006856A). In its 2006 Financial Management Review of the City of Marlborough, the Massachusetts Department of Revenue recommended that the City adopt several best financial practices including approving the City budget with the salary and expenditure accounts for each department as opposed to the past practice of approving each individual line item. This recommendation was also made in the City's Fiscal Year 2016 audit performed by Roselli, Clark & Associates. Department heads would be able to add funds to their approved salary or expenditure accounts without City Council approval. The Auditor will provide a summary of all transfers within a department's budget each month to the City Council.

.... Submitted by Councilor Ossing

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

##### From Finance Committee

26. **Order No. 18-1007178 – \$56,418,338.00 Bond for New K-5 Elementary School** - The Finance Committee reviewed the Mayor's letter dated February 22, 2018 requesting a \$56,418,338.00 bond for a new K-5 elementary school for 610 students located on Poirier Drive. **The Finance Committee voted 5 - 0 to approve the \$56,418,338.00 amended bond order and voted 5 - 0 to approved the advertising of the amended bond.**



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**Michael H. Ossing**  
**City Councilor-at-Large**  
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March 28, 2018

President and Members  
Marlborough City Council  
City Hall  
Marlborough, MA 01752

Re: Municipal Aggregation - Six Month Fixed Price Contract with Public Power  
May 2018 through October 2018

Dear Honorable Members:

In accordance with Order No.17-1006881, this correspondence informs the City Council that the Ad-Hoc Municipal Aggregation Committee has approved a six-month fixed price contract with Public Power that will have electricity rates lower than the National Grid Fixed Basic Service Rates.

- National Grid Fixed Basic Service Rate = 0.10870 \$/kWh (pending DPU approval in April)
- Public Power Rate = 0.10159 \$/kWh
- Will SAVE Marlboro residential rate payers 0.00711 \$/kWh

The new rates will be in effect starting with the May 2018 meter reads through the November 2018 meter reads.

The Ad-Hoc Municipal Aggregation Committee acknowledged that if Marlboro residents want to use only "green" Renewable Energy Certificates (REC) for their electricity, they could contact Public Power and have an electricity supply rate of 0.10226 \$/kWh for the same meter read period as above. This information will appear on the City website when Colonial Power has the new rates posted in April.

Sincerely,

  
Michael H. Ossing

Chairman Ad Hoc Municipal Aggregation Committee