

PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE GREATER NEW ORLEANS EXPRESSWAY COMMISSION, TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2017, 10:00 A.M., VOA BUILDING, 3939 NORTH CAUSEWAY BLVD, SUITE 400, METAIRIE, LA 70002

PRESENT: Shelby P. LaSalle, Jr., Chairman; Anthony V. Ligi, Jr., Vice Chairman; Stephen Romig, Treasurer; Patrick W. Fitzmorris, Secretary; P. Lindsey Williams, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

OTHERS: Carlton Dufrechou; Melissa M. Phillpott; Stacie Heffker; Chief Nick Congemi; Lt. Mike Kelly; Lt. Thea Andras; Sgt. Roy Jacob; Cpl. Mike Bernard; Georgie Bagnetto; Robert Graham; Red Thompson; Noel Augustine; Craig Watson, Blue Williams; Cary Bourgeois, GEC; Nick Reimann, the Advocate; Hope Davidson, PFM; Steve Bowes, Michael Weinstein, Sisung Securities; Jim Martin, Design Engineering Inc.; Hugh Martin, Meredith Hathorn, Brennan Black, Foley and Judell LLP, Troy Spencer, Archer Western; Rick Herrington, HNTB; Rene Chopin, II, BKI; Cullen Ledet, Lindsey Woolverton, Modjeski and Masters; Kathy Gambino, Arthur J. Gallagher; Ryan Schulze, Boh. Bros. Construction; Bill Murhammer

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

On the motion by Mr. Ligi, seconded by Mr. Romig, the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 12, 2017 were accepted as written. Mr. Ligi, Mr. LaSalle, Mr. Romig, Mr. Williams and Mr. Fitzmorris voted in favor of the motion.

Chief Nick Congemi presented Sergeant Roy Jacob with a lifesaving award and read the following: *On July 7, 2017, at 0750 hours, Causeway Police Sergeant Roy Jacob, assigned to the Huey P. Long division, was stationed in the west-to-east construction*

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lane-closure area during rush-hour traffic. Near that time he observed a 2009 silver Toyota Corolla crashed against the retainer wall in the left lane of travel, approximately 100 feet from his position. The driver was unconscious and appeared to be suffering convulsions. He immediately responded to the site and, as he exited his unit to investigate, noticed the vehicle separate from the retainer wall, traveling at approximately 5 mile per hour toward the lanes of traffic occupied by rush-hour commuters. A Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office deputy who was in the area managed to block approaching traffic. While the vehicle was still in motion, Sergeant Jacob pried open the door, positioned himself on the unconscious driver's lap and steered the vehicle to safety in the closed shoulder. Sergeant Jacob, assisted by other officers, summoned emergency medical services who arrived and administered first aid. The driver, later learned to be Quianne Beverly, was subsequently transported to Ochsner Medical Center for further treatment. On behalf of the Causeway Police Department and the Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission, we commend Sergeant Jacob for his actions of July 7, 2017. Sergeant Jacob's actions are indicative of his outstanding abilities as a police officer, and are keeping with the finest traditions of the Causeway Police Department. In recognition of his actions, he is hereby presented with the Class "C" Life Saving Award. Sergeant Jacob thanked everyone for the recognition.

Mr. LaSalle asked the audience if anyone had any comments or questions for the Commission. There were no comments or questions.

Mr. Dufrechou reported in July the Drawbridge operations included 15 vessel openings, 2 test openings and 0 incidents.

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Mr. Dufrechou stated there were no fog operations to report.

Mr. Dufrechou reported that Police and MAP responded to 374 breakdowns on the Causeway Bridge. He reported 228 breakdowns on the Causeway Bridge were from mechanical failure and 146 were from debris. Mr. Dufrechou reported 40 breakdowns on the Huey P. Long Bridge. He reported 22 breakdowns on the Huey P. Long were from mechanical failure and 18 were from debris. Mr. Dufrechou stated there was a total of 414 breakdowns on both bridges. He reported 5 accidents on the Causeway Bridge. Mr. Dufrechou stated there were no accidents Northbound, 4 Southbound and 1 in a Crossover. Mr. Dufrechou also stated 11 accidents occurred on the Huey P. Long Bridge. He reported there were 9 accidents Eastbound and 2 Westbound.

Mr. Dufrechou showed four pictures of the GNOEC water rescue training that was held on Saturday, July 8, 2017 and Sunday, July 15, 2017. Lt. Mike Kelly explained that mock rescue training exercises are performed with Causeway Police, Maintenance and MAP to prepare for emergencies.

Mr. Dufrechou showed a picture of the 2017 Louisiana Chief of Police (LACP) 44th Conference in Houma Louisiana on Tuesday, July 11, 2017 through Thursday, July 13, 2017. Mr. Dufrechou stated Chief Congemi represented the GNOEC.

Mr. Dufrechou showed three pictures of the GNOEC Defensive Tactics Training Class that was held this month at the Maintenance Building.

Mr. Dufrechou showed one picture of the traffic backed up on the Southbound span at 10:15 am on Sunday, August 13, 2017. He stated repairs were completed on the eroded deck sections on the Causeway Bridge. Mr. Dufrechou stated that traffic control

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was not planned well enough prior to the work, which resulted in a ten minute delay on the Bridge. Chief Congemi stated they will have a follow up meeting to prevent the traffic back up in the future. Mr. Dufrechou stated there will be two months of construction scheduled on the weekend for the repair areas.

On the 9-mile Turnaround Span project, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval for Plan Change Number 6. **On motion by Mr. Fitzmorris, seconded by Mr. Ligi, Plan Change Number 6 provides for the adjustment of quantities to match the final quantities installed in a credit amount of \$4,000.00 and no calendar days. Based upon the recommendation of the Staff and its Consulting Engineers, the GNOEC authorizes the General Manager to complete the execution of Plan Change No. 6. Mr. Ligi, Mr. LaSalle, Mr. Romig, Mr. Williams and Mr. Fitzmorris voted in favor of the motion.**

Also, on the 9-mile Turnaround Span project, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval for Plan Change Number 7. **On motion by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Romig, Included in the scope of work for the project was the relocation of the Call Box/HIL controller from the 9-Mile Turnaround to the Vault at Crossover 5. The relocation was delayed on three days after the contractors forces were assembled for the work. Plan Change Number 7 in the amount of \$10,132.00 and no calendar days provides reimbursement for the delay costs. Based upon recommendation of the Staff and its Consulting Engineers, the GNOEC authorizes the General Manager to complete the execution of Plan Change No. 7. Mr. Ligi, Mr. LaSalle, Mr. Romig, Mr. Williams and Mr. Fitzmorris voted in favor of the motion.**

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On the Replace the Dynamic Message Signs project, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval for Plan Change Number 3. On motion by Mr. Ligi, seconded by Mr. Fitzmorris, Plan Change No. 3 provides for the addition of three items to the contract at total cost of \$10,635.74 and 13 calendar days. The following items are added: 1. Reinstallation of Web-CCTV Camera at Crossover #4, 2. Repair of street light wiring, and 3. New Underground Feeder Conduit at North Toll Plaza. Based upon the recommendation of the Staff and its Consulting Engineers, the GNOEC authorizes the General Manager to complete the execution of Plan Change No. 3. Mr. Ligi, Mr. LaSalle, Mr. Romig, Mr. Williams and Mr. Fitzmorris voted in favor of the motion.

On the Relocation of Generator and Fuel Station project, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval for Plan Change Number 2. On motion by Mr. Romig, seconded by Mr. Williams, between the times the plans were reviewed by the City of Mandeville prior to bidding and the Contractor requesting a construction permit the minimum FEMA flood elevation at the site has been revised. Plan Change No. 2 incorporates the revised plan sheets and adjusts the contract price in an amount not to exceed \$11,000.00 and 30 Calendar Days. Based upon the recommendation of the Staff and Consultants, the GNOEC authorizes the General Manager to complete the execution of Plan Change No. 2. Mr. Ligi, Mr. LaSalle, Mr. Romig, Mr. Williams and Mr. Fitzmorris voted in favor of the motion.

On Surplusing Equipment, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval to disposal. On motion by Mr. Fitzmorris, seconded by Mr. Romig, Based on the recommendation of the Staff and its Consulting Engineers, the GNOEC approves and authorizes

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the General Manager to dispose of the equipment in the attached list which has been declared surplus equipment. Mr. Ligi, Mr. LaSalle, Mr. Romig, Mr. Williams and Mr. Fitzmorris voted in favor of the motion.

PFM presented a PowerPoint regarding Bond sales. That presentation can be viewed at the GNOEC Administration office.

Mr. Ligi thanked Foley Judell and the GNOEC staff for working on the Bonds. He stated that a wonderful job was performed by all involved.

On the Toll Revenue Subordinate Lien Bonds, Series 2017, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval to execute certain documents and certificates. **On motion by Mr. Ligi, seconded by Mr. Fitzmorris, A resolution supplementing the Series 2017 Resolution adopted by the Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission on July 12, 2017, in connection with the issuance of the Commission's Toll Revenue Subordinate Lien Bonds, Series 2017; providing for the redemption thereof; setting forth certain bond insurance and reserve policy provisions; authorizing the appropriate officers of the Commission to execute certain documents and certificates deemed necessary in connection therewith; and providing for certain other matters in connection therewith. Mr. Ligi, Mr. LaSalle, Mr. Romig, Mr. Williams and Mr. Fitzmorris voted in favor of the motion.**

Mr. LaSalle stated he would like to echo Mr. Ligi's compliments to the GNOEC staff and Foley Judell. He stated that he has worked closely through this process with Mr. Dufrechou and General Counsel. Mr. LaSalle complimented everyone for working so diligently.

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On the Construction Management at Risk (CMAR), Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval to advertise for RFQs for the Safety Bay Improvement project. **On motion by Mr. LaSalle, seconded by Mr. Romig, a resolution authorizing the General Manager to advertise for requests for qualifications to award a contract for a construction management at risk contractor for preconstruction and construction services for the Safety Bay Improvement Project. Mr. Ligi, Mr. LaSalle, Mr. Romig, Mr. Williams and Mr. Fitzmorris voted in favor of the motion.**

Mr. LaSalle stated the CMAR resolution is a little different than the usual contracting method. He explained that CMAR was recently passed in the Louisiana Legislature. Mr. LaSalle stated the New Orleans International airport and part of the Convention Center are currently using this method. Mr. LaSalle explained this process will allow the GNOEC to select a contractor, with a given budget and a select design consultant so development can be made on the plans and specifications. He stated this will help move things forward rapidly and get the benefit of the design construction through means and methods. Mr. LaSalle also stated this method will mesh together and move forward within a particular budget. He explained that when plans are completed, if the contractor states he is unable to complete the project within the budget, then the GNOEC can bid the project with the traditional methods. This allows the GNOEC to get projects done within a three year timeframe.

On the GNOEC budget, Mr. Dufrechou recommended approval. **On motion by Mr. Romig, seconded by Mr. Williams, the Commission accepts and approves the Amended Budget for fiscal year November 1, 2016 – October 31, 2017 and the Proposed Budget for fiscal year November 1, 2017 – October 31, 2018 as**

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presented. The Commission also accepts and approves the Toll Covenant calculations made of the net worth requirements in accordance with Section 6.15 of the Bond Indenture. Mr. Ligi, Mr. LaSalle, Mr. Romig, Mr. Williams and Mr. Fitzmorris voted in favor of the motion.

Mr. LaSalle pointed out this year's budget exclusive of Safety Improvements is comparable to last year's budget. He complimented Mr. Dufrechou, Mr. Romig and the GNOEC staff for the accomplishment.

Mr. Dufrechou stated expenses on public records requests year to date have been approximately \$11,000 for attorney's fees, consultants and staff time.

Mr. LaSalle reminded everyone the next meeting is tentatively scheduled October 4, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the VOA building on the South Shore.

There being no further business, the meeting was be adjourned.



Shelby P. LaSalle Jr.

Chairman



Patrick W. Fitzmorris

Secretary