



MINUTES OF THE **GARY SANITARY DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**
 REGULAR MEETING HELD ON **JANUARY 24, 2025**

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

DATE: Friday, January 24, 2025
TIME: 12:00PM, cst
LOCATION: GSD, Boardroom

TYPE: Regular Meeting
NOTICE PROVIDED IN ADVANCE: YES
QUORUM: YES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

William Allen, President
 Ola V. Morris, Vice President
 Maurice G. Mabon, Secretary
 Willie Cook, Member

ABSENT MEMBERS

Freida Graves, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Jewell Harris, Jr., Attorney – Harris Law Firm
 Ragen Hatcher, Executive Director
 Jerome Foster, Finance Manager

OTHERS ABSENT

- I. Call to Order: 12:06PM** by Chairman Allen
 Chairman Allen began the Meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Roll-Call. He then stated prior to the start of the January 24, 2025 Board Meeting, there was NO Executive Session held.

- II. Public Hearing – GSD Issuance of Bonds**
Overview: Brandon Comer, Managing Partner of Comer Capital Group, stated the Purpose of today’s Public Hearing is for the citizens to address the intent of Gary Sanitary District to issue Bonds. The purpose of the bonds will be to acquire equipment related to the garbage enterprise. The declaratory resolution (SD25-05) was adopted at the January 10, 2025 Board Meeting. After today’s (January 24, 2025) Public Hearing, the Board will entertain a confirmatory resolution (pending No.: SD25-06).

The Public Hearing was called to order by Chairman Allen. With no attendees requesting to speak, the Public Hearing was closed.

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1. NEW BUSINESS

1.1 A Motion to Approve GSD's Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: December 16, 2024 through December 29, 2024, in the amount of \$253,630.72.

Overview: Finance Manager Jerome Foster recommended approval of the GSD Payroll Earnings.

Chairman Allen called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 1.1. Commissioner Cook gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve and Ratify GSD's Payroll Earnings for Period Ending: December 16, 2024 through December 29, 2024 was seconded by Commissioner Mabon and passed/approved.

The vote: Four (4)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No

1.2 A Motion to Approve GSD Resolution No.: SD25-06, Approving a Confirmatory Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Gary Sanitary District with Respect to Its Intention for the Issuances of Bonds.

Overview: Brandon Comer, Managing Partner of Comer Capital Group recommended approval of GSD Resolution No.: SD25-06. The Revenue Bond has a not-to-exceed amount of \$4.5 Million.

Chairman Allen called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 1.2. Commissioner Mabon gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve GSD Resolution No.: SD25-06, Approving a Confirmatory Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Gary Sanitary Intention for the Issuances of Bonds was seconded by Commissioner Cook and passed/approved.

The vote: Four (4)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No

1.3 A Motion to Approve GSD Resolution No.: SD25-07, Approving the Acquisition of Equipment Relating to the Operation of the Sewage Works of the Gary Sanitary District, the Issuances of Bonds to Provide the Cost Thereof, the Collection, Segregation, and Distribution of the Revenues of Said Works, the Safeguarding of the Interests of the Owners of Said Bonds, and Other Matters Connected Therewith.

Overview: Brandon Comer, Managing Partner of Comer Capital Group recommended approval of GSD Resolution No.: SD25-07; stating this resolution authorizes the issuance of the bonds and sets for the parameters for the issuance, including the not-to-exceed amount of \$4.5 Million. Said Bonds are callable at any time.

Chairman Allen called for the Board's pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 1.3. Commissioner Mabon gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve GSD



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The vote: Four (4)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No

2. CLAIMS

2.1 GSD Claims Nos.: 67 through 190, in the amount of \$1,001,475.35

Overview: Finance Manager Jerome Foster recommended approval and ratification of the GSD Claims.

Chairman Allen called for the Board’s pleasure with respect to approving GSD Agenda Item 2.1. Commissioner Mabon gave the motion to approve. The motion to Approve GSD Claims Nos.: 67 through 190 was seconded by Commissioner Cook and passed/approved.

The vote: Four (4)-Ayes / Zero (0)-No

3. DISCUSSION

- Commissioner Mabon suggested possibly adding an OLD BUSINESS Agenda item – if there are challenges to be addressed.
- Executive Director Ragen Hatcher gave the details regarding the Drop-Off Recycling Services
 - Effective 2/1/25, Republic Services will no longer provide curbside pickup for recyclable materials. New drop-off locations will be:
 Grand Avenue & Miller Avenue
 900 Madison Street – City of Gary General Services Department
 3506 Village Court – Gary Public Transportation Corporation (GPTC), Northwest Parking Lot
 3600 West 3rd Avenue, Gary, IN – Gary Sanitary District (GSD)

4. REQUEST TO SPEAK

- Dorreen Carey, 7304 Indian Boundary, Gary, Indiana – 1st District
 Ms. Carey stated she is disappointed on the decision to discontinue curbside recycling. Asked that this matter be revisited for continued curbside service.

5. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:28PM.



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ADOPTED BY THE BOARD DURING THE MEETING ON:

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Ola V. Morris

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Acting President for the
2/7/2025 Meeting

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