



NORWICH BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES' COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING

August 28, 2012

The Regular August Meeting of the Norwich Board of Public Utilities' Commissioners was held on Tuesday, August 28, 2012 in the 1st Floor Room of Norwich Public Utilities (NPU) located at 16 South Golden Street, Norwich.

Item 1. The Meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Chairman James Sullivan.

Present: Chairman James Sullivan, Vice Chairman Diana Boisclair, Secretary Alan Remondi, Commissioner Larry Goldman and Commissioner Robert Groner. Also in attendance were: General Manager John Bilda; NPU Staff Members Chris LaRose, Steve Sinko, Kerri Kemp, Jeff Brining, Mike Hughes and Michele Addabbo.

Item 2. Fifteen-Minute Public Comment Period. None.

Item 3. Minutes of the Regular July Meeting held on Tuesday, July 24, 2012, and Minutes of the Special August Meeting, held on Tuesday, August 21, 2012. Commissioner Goldman, seconded by Commissioner Groner moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular July Meeting held on Tuesday, July 24, 2012, as written. Unanimously approved. Commissioner Goldman, seconded by Commissioner Groner moved to approve the Minutes of the Special August Meeting, held on Tuesday, August 21, 2012, as written. Unanimously approved.

Item 4. Action Items.

- Gas Bond Resolution. Secretary Remondi, seconded by Vice Chairman Boisclair moved to approve the following Gas Line Extension Agreement between the City of Norwich and the Board of Public Utilities Commissioners of the City of Norwich. Unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION

GAS LINE EXTENSION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWICH AND THE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF NORWICH

Whereas the City of Norwich owns a natural gas franchise including a system of natural gas distribution lines and other assets;

Whereas the Board of Public Utilities Commissioners of the City of Norwich (the "Board") has, pursuant to Chapter XII of the Charter of the City, responsibility for management and control of the City's natural gas franchise, including setting budgets and establishing rates;

Whereas the Department of Public Utilities (the "Department") implements the direction of the Board with respect to the management of the City's utilities, including the natural gas division;

Whereas a Referendum on November 2, 2010 (the "2010 Referendum") authorized the City of Norwich to appropriate \$3,000,000 and issue general obligation bonds of the City to finance the appropriation to expand the

geographic areas served by natural gas, its customer base and facilitate the delivery of natural gas to all customers and related capital improvements;

Whereas the City may authorize from time to time additional general obligation bond issuances to finance the extension and improvement of the natural gas system;

Whereas the intent of the 2010 Referendum was and is for expenses incurred for the project and the bonds issued to finance it to be paid by the natural gas division of the Department of Public Utilities;

NOW THEREFORE THE CITY OF NORWICH ACTING THROUGH THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSIONERS HEREBY RESOLVE;

The Board of Public Utilities Commissioners will provide for the payment when due all debt service on general obligation bonds issued by the City pursuant to the 2010 Referendum bond authorization. Revenues for payment will be derived from the gas division, and will be included in the budget prepared by the Board, pursuant to Chapter XII, sections 10 and 6 respectively, of the Charter. The City will provide the General Manager with a schedule of debt service payments, including amount and date due. The Department will make available to the City funds at such times and manner so that the City may timely pay debt service when due.

The Board and the City Council may add other bond authorizations to be governed by the terms of this Agreement upon consent of the Board and the Council. In no case shall the terms of this Agreement take precedence over payment of any bonds issued by the City which are secured solely by natural gas revenues.

- Clean Cities Resolution. Secretary Remondi, seconded by Commissioner Goldman moved to approve the following Resolution. Unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION

Resolved, that Christopher LaRose, in his capacity as Assistant General Manager, is duly authorized to enter into a grant agreement between Norwich Public Utilities and the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation for the purchase of alternative/clean fuel vehicles and/or diesel retrofit technologies (FHWA Project No. CM-000R(699) State Project No. 170-3070.

Item 5. Financial Report. Steve Sinko presented the Board with the financial report for July. Discussion followed. Informative.

Item 6. Strategic Presentations.

- NCDC Activity. NCDC Staff members Bob Mills, Jason Vincent, Jackie Roy and Miria Toth spoke to the Board about NCDC. Discussion followed. Informative.
- CMEEC Replacement Power Supply Agreement. CMEEC CEO Drew Rankin spoke to the Board about the Replacement Power Supply Agreement. Discussion followed. Informative. Mr. Rankin also presented Secretary Remondi with a Service Award for serving on the CMEEC Board for 17 years.
- Gas Supply and Capacity Management. Steve Sinko provided a presentation to the Board on Gas Supply and Capacity Management. Discussion followed. Informative.

Item 7. General Business. None.

Secretary Remondi, seconded by Commissioner Goldman moved to recess the Board Meeting at 8:08 p.m. and enter into the Sewer Authority meeting. Unanimously approved.

The meeting resumed at 8:11 p.m.

Item 8. Executive Session. Commissioner Goldman, seconded by Commissioner Groner moved to enter into Executive Session at 8:12 p.m. to Discuss Confidential Trade Secret & Commercially Valuable Confidential or Proprietary Information Not Subject to Inspection or Public Disclosure Pursuant to Section 1-210[5] and 7-232a of the CT General Statutes. Unanimously approved. General Manager Bilda was asked by the Board to stay for the purpose of providing proprietary information.

The Board arose from Executive Session at 8:30 p.m.

There were no votes taken during Executive Session.

Item 9. Other Business. None.

Item 10. The next Regular Meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, September 18, 2012.

Secretary Remondi, seconded by Commissioner Goldman moved to adjourn the Meeting at 8:31 p.m.

Attest:

Alan Remondi
Secretary