



NORWICH BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES' COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING

February 24, 2015

The Regular February Meeting of the Norwich Board of Public Utilities' Commissioners was held on Tuesday, February 24, 2015 in the 2nd Floor Board Room of Norwich Public Utilities (NPU) located at 16 South Golden Street, Norwich.

Item 1. The Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Sullivan.

Present: Chairman James Sullivan, Vice Chairman Diana Boisclair, Secretary Larry Goldman, Commissioner Robert Groner. Commissioner Grace Jones joined the meeting at 6:16 p.m. Also in attendance were: General Manager John Bilda; NPU Staff Members Chris LaRose, Steve Sinko, Kerri Kemp, Jeff Brining, Michael LaLima, Mark Decker, Laura Huren, Randy Black, Chris Riley, Mary Lou Rychling and Michele Addabbo.

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

Item 3. Minutes of the Special February Meeting held on Tuesday, February 3, 2015. Vice Chairman Boisclair, seconded by Commissioner Groner moved to approve the Minutes of the Special February Meeting held on Tuesday, February 3, 2015, as written. Voted in favor: Chairman Sullivan. Abstained: Secretary Goldman.

Item 4. NPU Leadership Team Update. Informative.

Item 5. Financial Report. Draft FY2016 Budget. General Manager Bilda, Steve Sinko and Laura Huren spoke to the Board regarding the Draft FY2016 Budget. Chairman Sullivan asked Ms. Huren if it were accurate to say that the remaining 90% of NPU's revenues were used for the day-to-day operations of the organization – the purchasing of electricity and natural gas, assuring that NPU has sufficient equipment and materials to keep its systems running, to pay for the wages and benefits of its employees, including health insurance, which allows employees – and their families – to go to the hospital and to the drug store for prescriptions. Ms. Huren answered affirmatively to his questions. Discussion followed. Informative.

Item 6. Strategic Presentations. Gas Turbine Engine Repair Update. Chris LaRose gave an update on the gas turbine engine repair. Discussion followed. Informative.

Cold Weather Update. Chris LaRose spoke to the Board about this season's extreme cold weather. Steve Sinko discussed gas send out days, and General Manager Bilda discussed additional pipeline capacity. Discussion followed. Informative.

Item 7. General Business. None.

Commissioner Jones, seconded by Vice Chairman Boisclair moved to recess the Board Meeting at 6:54 p.m. and enter into the Sewer Authority meeting. Unanimously approved.

The meeting resumed at 7:05 p.m.

Item 8. Executive Session. Secretary Goldman, seconded by Commissioner Groner moved to enter into Executive Session at 7:06 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, Chris LaRose, Steve Sinko and Mark Decker were asked by the Board to stay for the purpose of providing proprietary information.

The Board arose from Executive Session at 7:26 p.m.

There were no votes taken during Executive Session.

Item 9. Other Business.

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, March 24, 2015.

Commissioner Groner, seconded by Commissioner Jones moved to adjourn the Meeting at 7:27 p.m.

Attest:

Larry Goldman, Secretary