



NORWICH BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES' COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING

July 28, 2015

The Regular May Meeting of the Norwich Board of Public Utilities' Commissioners was held on Tuesday, July 28, 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, Secretary Larry Goldman, Commissioner Robert Groner and Commissioner Grace Jones. Vice Chairman Diana Boisclair arrived at 6:30 p.m. Also in attendance were: General Manager John Bilda; NPU Staff Members Chris LaRose, Steve Sinko, Jeff Brining, Mike LaLima, Mark Decker, Laura Huren and Chris Riley.

Item 2. Fifteen-Minute Public Comment Period. No members of the public were present.

Item 3. Minutes of the Regular May Meeting held on Tuesday, May 26, 2015. Secretary Goldman, seconded by Commissioner Jones moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular May Meeting held on Tuesday, May 26, 2015, as written. Voted in favor: Chairman Sullivan and Vice Chairman Boisclair. Abstained: Commissioner Groner.

Mayors Update. Chairman Sullivan welcomed Mayor Debery Hinchey to the meeting. Mayor Hinchey addressed the Board regarding General Manager Bilda's role as Acting City Manager and the process for hiring a permanent City Manager. Discussion followed. Informative.

Item 4. Action Items. None.

Item 5. NPU Leadership Team Update. Informative.

Item 6. Financial Report. None.

Item 7. Strategic Presentations. Customer Service Survey Presentation. Chris Riley provided an overview of the Customer Service Survey to the Board. Robin Schell and Stacey Smith from Jackson, Jackson and Wagner also spoke to the Board regarding the Survey. Discussion followed. Informative.

Organizational Update. General Manager Bilda updated the Board on NPU staffing and structure. Discussion followed. Informative.

Item 8. General Business. None.

Secretary Goldman, seconded by Vice Chairman Boisclair moved to recess the Board Meeting at 7:15 p.m. Unanimously approved.

The meeting resumed at 7:18 p.m.

Item 9. Executive Session. Vice Chairman Boisclair, seconded by Commissioner Groner, moved to enter into Executive Session at 7:19 p.m. to Discuss Confidential Trade Secret & Commercially

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The Board arose from Executive Session at 7:50 p.m.

There were no votes taken during Executive Session.

Item 10. Other Business. General Manager Bilda provided a summary of the changes to the bargaining unit agreement for the AFSCME union representing NPU employees. Commissioner Groner, seconded by Secretary Goldman, moved to approve the changes to the bargaining unit agreement as presented. Unanimously approved.

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, August 18, 2015.

Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Groner moved to adjourn the Meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Attest:

Larry Goldman, Secretary