



NORWICH BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES' COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING

February 27, 2018

The Regular Meeting of the Norwich Board of Public Utilities' Commissioners was held on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 in the 2nd Floor Conference Room of Norwich Public Utilities (NPU) located at 16 South Golden Street, Norwich.

Item 1. The Meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by Chair Grace Jones.

Present: Chair Grace Jones, Vice Chairman Stewart Peil, Secretary Robert Staley, and Commissioners Steven Becker. Commissioner Michael Goldblatt joined the meeting at 6:13 p.m. Also in attendance were: General Manager John Bilda, Steve Sinko and Laura Huren.

Item 2. Fifteen-Minute Public Comment Period. Alderman Sam Browning spoke to the Board regarding a recent harassment case and encouraged the Board and Council to work together to keep the trust of the citizens.

Item 3. Minutes of the Regular January Meeting, held on Tuesday, January 23, 2018. Secretary Staley, seconded by Commissioner Becker, moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular January Meeting held on Tuesday, January 23, 2018. Unanimously approved.

Item 4. Action Items. City Pension Contract. General Manager Bilda asked to suspend this item and have City Manager John Salomone explain the changes to the Pension Contract to the Board in Executive Session and then come back into the Board Meeting and vote on the changes.

Item 5. NPU Leadership Team Update. Informative.

Item 6. Financial Report. Informative.

Item 7. Strategic Presentations. Rate Making 101. General Manager Bilda, Division Manager Steve Sinko and Laura Huren spoke to the Board regarding the Overview of Revenue Requirements and Utility Rate Development. Discussion followed. Informative. Mike Morganti of Management Applications Consulting Inc. spoke to the Board regarding the Summary of Procedures for Updating Base Rates. Discussion followed. Informative.

Item 8. General Business. No general business was discussed.

Secretary Staley expressed concern about the recent media coverage of an NPU settlement from 2016 and asked if the Board should have a role should similar issues arise in the future; he asked if the Board should address its bylaws to address these concerns in the near future.

Commissioner Goldblatt, seconded by Vice Chairman Peil moved to recess the Board Meeting and enter into the Sewer Authority Meeting at 7:39 p.m. Unanimously approved.

The Board Meeting resumed at 7:42 p.m.

Item 9. Executive Session – 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. This information is commercially valuable, confidential and proprietary and is not subject to public disclosure, pursuant to Public Act No. 98-212.

Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Goldblatt moved to enter into Executive Session at 7:43 p.m. General Manager Bilda and City Manager John Salomone were asked to stay for Executive Session.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:14 p.m. No votes were taken.

Commissioner Goldblatt, seconded by Vice Chairman Peil moved to approve the City Pension Contract. Unanimously approved.

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, March 27, 2018.

Commissioner Becker, seconded by Commissioner Goldblatt, moved to adjourn the Meeting at 9:18 p.m.

Attest:

Robert Staley
Secretary