



NORWICH BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES' COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
May 28, 2019

The Regular May Meeting of the Norwich Board of Public Utilities' Commissioners was held on Tuesday, May 28, 2019, in the 2nd Floor Board Room of Norwich Public Utilities (NPU), 16 South Golden Street, Norwich.

Item 1. The Meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Chairman Robert Staley.

Present: Chairman Robert Staley, Vice Chairman Stewart Peil, Secretary Steven Becker, Commissioner Grace Jones and Commissioner Michael Goldblatt. Also in attendance were: Acting General Manager Chris LaRose, and NPU staff members Steve Sinko, Kerri Kemp, Jeff Brining, Michele Addabbo, Larry Sullivan, Marylou Rychling, Mark Decker, Eric McDermott, Barry Ellison, Ruth Swift, Fawn Walker, Laura Huren, Rich LaMarche and Chris Riley.

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

Item 3. Minutes of the Regular March Meeting, held on Tuesday, April 16, 2019. Secretary Becker, seconded by Vice Chairman Peil moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular April Meeting held on Tuesday, April 16, 2019. Unanimously approved.

Item 4. NPU Leadership Team Update. Informative.

Item 5. Financial Report. Informative.

Item 6. Strategic Presentations.

Strategic Plan. Stacie Smith from Jackson Jackson Wagner presented the Board with the final draft Strategic Plan. Commissioner Jones and Chairman Staley thanked Ms. Smith for her efforts on the plan.

TETCO Service Agreement. Steve Sinko presented the Board with information regarding the TETCO Service Agreement. Discussion followed.

Winter Moratorium. Ruth Swift presented the Board with information on the Winter Moratorium. Discussion followed.

Item 7. Action Items.

Strategic Plan Adoption. Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Goldblatt moved to approve the Strategic Plan as presented. Unanimously approved.

TETCO Service Agreement. Commissioner Goldblatt, seconded by Commissioner Jones moved to approve the TETCO Service Agreement as presented. Unanimously approved.

Item 8. General Business.

Military Service Recognition. Electric Operations Integrity Manager Eric McDermott presented NPU with an American flag in appreciation for their support of him during his recent mobilization and deployment as an active duty Naval Commander to the Republic of Djibouti, with the certificate reading as follows:

“This American flag was proudly flown onboard U.S. Navy Patrol Boat 219, at Latitude 11 degrees 36 minutes, 22 seconds North, Longitude 043 degrees 07 minutes, 42 seconds East, on 26 November 2018, by Coastal Riverine Squadron 8, Commander Task Group 68.6, while conducting Anti-Terrorism Force Protection operations and seaward security in the littoral waterways and inland harbors located within the Gulf of Tadjoura. It has been a long standing tradition in the United States Navy’s history to fly flags while underway and during battle to display our presence and unwavering commitment to our great nation. This flag was flown in your honor and is presented to you on behalf of the men and women of the United States Armed Forces. This United States Ensign was flown during an underway escort and in defense of the USNS Henry J. Kaiser and is presented to Norwich Public Utilities.” Signed, CDR Eric McDermott, Commander, Task Group 68.6.

Ethics Training Update. Kerri Kemp updated the Board on NPU’s Ethics Training. Discussion followed.

Secretary Becker, seconded by Commissioner Goldblatt moved to recess the Board Meeting and enter into the Sewer Authority Meeting at 6:52 p.m. Unanimously approved.

The Board Meeting resumed at 7:07 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 public disclosure, pursuant to Public Act No. 98-212; and,

To Discuss Personnel Matters of an Employee(s) and/or Public Official pursuant to Chapter 14, Section 1-200(6)(A) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Commissioner Goldblatt, seconded by Commissioner Jones moved to enter into Executive Session at 7:08 p.m. Unanimously approved. Board Attorney Anthony Palermino, Acting General Manager LaRose, Steve Sinko and Jeff Brining were asked to stay for Executive Session. Secretary Becker left the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Commissioner Goldblatt left the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

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

Item 10. Other Business. None.

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, June 25, 2019.

Secretary Becker, seconded by Vice Chairman Peil moved to adjourn the Meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Attest:

Steven Becker
Secretary