



NORWICH BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES' COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
July 23, 2019

The Regular July Meeting of the Norwich Board of Public Utilities' Commissioners was held on Tuesday, June 25, 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, and Commissioner Michael Goldblatt. Also in attendance were: Acting General Manager Chris LaRose, and NPU staff members Steve Sinko, Jeff Brining, Michele Addabbo, Marylou Rychling, Mark Decker, Ruth Swift, Josh Gillette and Scott Caron.

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

Item 3. Minutes of the Regular June Meeting, held on Tuesday, June 25, 2019. Vice Chairman Peil, seconded by Secretary Becker moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular June Meeting held on Tuesday, June 25, 2019. Unanimously approved.

Item 4. Executive Session - 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. Secretary Becker, seconded by Commissioner Goldblatt moved to enter into Executive Session at 6:05 p.m. Unanimously approved. Attorney Anthony Palermino was asked to stay for Executive Session.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 6:21 p.m. No votes were taken in Executive Session.

Item 5. Acting General Manager Status. Commissioner Goldblatt, seconded by Vice Chairman Peil moved to appoint Christopher LaRose as General Manager of Norwich Public Utilities. Unanimously approved. Secretary Becker, seconded by Commissioner Goldblatt moved to approve the Employment Agreement between Norwich Public Utilities and Christopher LaRose. Unanimously approved. Chairman Staley congratulated General Manager LaRose on his appointment.

Item 6. Action Item. CMEEC Representatives Appointment. Secretary Becker, seconded by Commissioner Goldblatt moved to appoint Vice Chairman Peil as the NPU CMEEC Member Representative. Unanimously approved. Secretary Becker, seconded by Commissioner Goldblatt moved to appoint Chairman Staley as the Alternate NPU CMEEC Member Representative alternate. Unanimously approved.

Item 7. NPU Leadership Team Update. Informative.

Item 8. Financial Report. Informative.

Item 9. Strategic Presentations. None.

Item 10. General Business. Inter Municipal Agreement Update. A clerical error was made in placing the IMA Update in the Board Agenda. Secretary Becker, seconded by Commissioner Goldblatt moved to move the IMA Update to the Sewer Agenda. Unanimously approved.

Commissioner Goldblatt, seconded by Vice Chairman Peil moved to recess the Board Meeting at 6:35 p.m. and enter into the Sewer Authority Meeting. Unanimously approved.

The Board Meeting resumed at 6:38 p.m.

Item 11. 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. Secretary Becker, seconded by Vice Chairman Peil moved to enter into Executive Session at 6:38 p.m. Unanimously approved. General Manager LaRose, Steve Sinko, Jeff Brining, Josh Gillette, CTC Consultants Tom Asp and Dave Talbot and Devin Schleidt from Schleidt Works LLC. were asked to stay for Executive Session.

Commissioner Goldblatt left the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. No votes were taken.

Item 12. Action Item. NCDC Resolution. Secretary Becker, seconded by Vice Chairman Peil moved to approve the following NCDC Resolution. Unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH NORWICH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND ANY RELATED DOCUMENTS, AND DETERMINING OTHER MATTERS IN ORDER TO FUND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES IN THE CITY OF NORWICH

WHEREAS, NPU believes it is in its interests to promote economic development in the City of Norwich in order to generate expanded utility consumption and increased revenue; and

WHEREAS, NPU has historically promoted and supported economic development efforts in the City of Norwich and the surrounding Greater Norwich region, including its annual funding of Norwich Community Development Fund (“NCDC”) operations and activities from moneys in NPU’s Economic Development Fund; and

WHEREAS, NCDC’s primary purpose is to promote economic growth and development in the Greater Norwich region; and

WHEREAS, in connection with its purpose, NCDC regularly identifies and evaluates potential economic development projects in the Greater Norwich region; and

WHEREAS, the NPU and NCDC desire to cooperate in various economic development efforts and propose to enter into a Funding Agreement, in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, to further such cooperation and efforts.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Norwich Board of Public Utilities Commission (the “Board”) hereby authorizes, approves and ratifies:

1. That the General Manager, including any Acting General Manager, of NPU is authorized to enter into, on behalf of NPU, the Funding Agreement and any other agreements, documents, certificates or writings that the General Manager, in his discretion, believes are necessary and appropriate to carry out the intent of the Funding Agreement and this resolution.
2. That the total amount of funding to be made by NPU under the Funding Agreement shall not exceed \$250,000.

3. That these resolutions be placed in the records of NPU along with the minutes of the meetings of the Board and that the Secretary of the Board is hereby authorized to certify that the foregoing resolutions have been adopted at a duly convened meeting of the Board.

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, August 27, 2019.

Secretary Becker, seconded by Vice Chairman Peil moved to adjourn the Meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Attest:

Steven Becker
Secretary