



NORWICH BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES' COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 25, 2020

The Regular June Meeting of the Norwich Board of Public Utilities' Commissioners was held on Tuesday, August 25, 2020 at 16 South Golden Street in Norwich, CT.

Item 1. The Meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Chairman Robert Staley.

Present in person: Chairman Robert Staley, Vice Chairman Stewart Peil, Secretary Steven Becker, Commissioner Michael Goldblatt and Commissioner William Warzecha. Also in attendance were General Manager Chris LaRose and a number of NPU staff members. Members of the NPU Leadership Team also participated via WebEx.

Item 2: Chairman Staley asked for a motion to adjust the NPU Board agenda and Sewer Authority agendas be adjusted to allow for a joint public hearing to be respectful of the time for any member of the public who would be participating in this evening's scheduled public hearing. Following a motion by Commissioner Goldblatt and a second by Secretary Peil, the Board voted unanimously to adjust both agendas and open the public hearing.

Item 3: Chairman Staley opened the joint public hearing scheduled for August 25 at 6:02 pm and asked three times if there were any members of the public on the WebEx line who would comment on the proposed rate adjustments as posted by the City Clerk and published in the New London Day on August 11. After three requests and no responses, Chairman Staley closed the public hearing at 6:05 pm.

Item 4: Chairman Staley re-opened the NPU Board meeting scheduled for August 25, 2020 at 6:05 pm.

Item 5. Fifteen-Minute Public Comment Period. None.

Item 6. Minutes of the Regular Meeting, held on Tuesday, July 28, 2020. Commissioner Becker, seconded by Secretary Peil moved to approve the minutes of the NPU Board Meeting held on Tuesday, July 28, 2020. Unanimously approved.

Item 7. Leadership Team Update. Informative.

Item 8. Financial Report. The Financial Report was provided as part of the COVID-19 Presentation.

Item 9. CMEEC Update. Vice Chairman Peil gave an update to the Board. Discussion followed.

Item 10. Strategic Presentations.
COVID-19 Actions and Plan Presentation. Laura Huren presented the Board with information on the financial impact of COVID-19 to NPU. Discussion followed.

Collections, SPA Presentation. Jeff Brining provided an update on NPU's collection and Special Payment Arrangement program. Following a motion by Commissioner Goldblatt and a second by Commissioner Warzecha, the Board voted unanimously to extend NPU's moratorium on shut-offs through October 1.

Rate Presentation: Dan Kasbohm and Mike Johnson from Utility Financial Solutions provided an overview of proposed rates for 2020, 2021 and 2022 to the Board. Informative.

Gas Supply RFP: John Gregg from the law firm of McCarter & English provided the Board with a presentation on the RFP process for selecting an Asset Manager for NPU. Informative. Steve Sinko provided the Board with a presentation on the potential impacts of any changes to the Asset Management contract on NPU's Gas PGA. Informative

Storm Response: Eric McDermott, Electric Integrity Manager provided the Board with an overview of NPU's response to the recent tropical storm. Informative.

Vice Chairman Peil, seconded by Secretary Becker moved to recess the NPU Board meeting and enter into the Sewer Authority Meeting at 8:02 p.m. Unanimously approved.

The Board meeting resumed at 8:09 p.m.

Item 12. 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. Vice Chairman Peil seconded by Commissioner Warzecha moved to enter into Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. Unanimously approved. General Manager LaRose, Steve Sinko, Jeff Brining and Kerri Kemp were asked to stay for Executive Session.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:20 pm.

Following a motion to adjourn by Secretary Becker and a second by Vice Chair Peil, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:20.

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, September 22, 2020.

Attest:

Steven Becker
Secretary