



NORWICH BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES' COMMISSIONERS
&
SEWER AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NORWICH

SPECIAL MEETINGS
December 23, 2020

The Special December Meetings of the Norwich Board of Public Utilities' Commissioners and the Sewer Authority of the City of Norwich were held on Wednesday, December 23, 2020 by Webex.

Item 1. The Meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. by Chairman Robert Staley.

Present via Webex: Chairman Robert Staley, Vice Chairman Stewart Peil, Secretary Steven Becker and Commissioner William Warzecha. Absent: Commissioner Michael Goldblatt. Also in attendance were General Manager Chris LaRose, Steve Sinko, Jeff Brining, Michele Addabbo, John Covey, Chris Riley, Eric McDermott and Ruth Swift.

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

Item 3. Executive Order 9R Review. General Manager LaRose spoke to the Board about Executive Order 9R. Discussion followed.

Item 4. Executive Order 9R Resolutions. Commissioner Warzecha, seconded by Vice Chairman Peil moved to approve the following resolution. Unanimously approved.

CITY OF NORWICH BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES' COMMISSIONERS

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SUPPLEMENTAL MEASURES TO
MITIGATE THE FINANCIAL IMPACT OF COVID-19-RELATED ECONOMIC EFFECTS ON
CUSTOMERS OF NORWICH PUBLIC UTILITIES**

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has required the Governor to implement numerous executive orders to minimize social contact including the closure of many businesses;

WHEREAS, such closures impact the ability of some customers to timely meet their financial obligations;

WHEREAS, the Governor's Executive Order No. 7S required municipalities to elect either a deferral program or a lower interest rate program or both applicable to municipal electricity and water charges;

WHEREAS, the Norwich City Council on April 20, 2020 elected to adopt the lower interest rate program pursuant to Executive Order No. 7S;

WHEREAS, by further Executive Order (No. 9R) Governor Lamont required municipalities to extend either a deferral program or a lower interest rate program to payments due in January 2021 and the Norwich City Council has determined to continue applying the lower interest rate program; and

WHEREAS the City of Norwich Board of Public Utilities' Commissioners desires to extend the lower interest rate program to gas customers;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Norwich Board of Public Utilities' Commissioners (the "Board") hereby authorizes, approves and ratifies:

1. That balances due on electricity, gas and water bills as of January 1, 2021, shall accrue late payment charges at an interest rate of three (3) percent per annum between January 1, 2021 and March 31, 2021.
2. That the General Manager is authorized to take any necessary or appropriate action to implement the forgoing interest rate.

Vice Chairman Peil, seconded by Secretary Becker moved to approve the following resolution. Unanimously approved.

SEWER AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NORWICH

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SUPPLEMENTAL MEASURES TO MITIGATE THE FINANCIAL IMPACT OF COVID-19-RELATED ECONOMIC EFFECTS ON CUSTOMERS OF THE SEWER AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NORWICH

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WHEREAS, by further Executive Order (No. 9R) Governor Lamont required municipalities to extend either a deferral program or a lower interest rate program to payments due in January 2021 and the Norwich City Council has determined to continue applying the lower interest rate program; and

WHEREAS the Sewer Authority of the City of Norwich desires to apply the lower rate interest program to sewer balances due as of January 1, 2021;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sewer Authority of the City of Norwich (the "Authority") hereby authorizes, approves and ratifies:

1. That balances due on sewer bills as of January 1, 2021, shall accrue late payment charges at an interest rate of three (3) percent per annum until March 31, 2021.
2. That the General Manager is authorized to take any necessary or appropriate action to implement the forgoing interest rate.

Commissioner Warzecha, seconded by Vice Chairman Peil moved to adjourn the meetings at 5:18 p.m. Unanimously approved.

The next Regular Meetings are scheduled to be held on Tuesday, January 26, 2021.

Attest:

Steven Becker
Secretary