



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

November 23, 2021

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The Regular Meeting of the Norwich Board of Public Utilities' Commissioners and the Sewer Authority of the City of Norwich was held on Tuesday, November 23, 2021 by WebEx and in the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, Commissioner William Warzecha and Secretary Michael Goldblatt. Commissioner Ashon Avent was present by phone and joined the meeting at 6:15 p.m. Also in attendance were General Manager Chris LaRose, Steve Sinko, Jeff Brining, Kerri Kemp, Michele Addabbo, Laura Huren, John Covey, Chris Riley and Eric McDermott. Attorney Hugh Murray from McCarter & English was also present.

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

Item 3. Minutes of the Regular Board of Public Utilities' Commissioners Meeting and Sewer Authority of the City of Norwich, held on Tuesday, October 26, 2021. Motion to approve made by Commissioner Warzecha, seconded by Secretary Goldblatt. Unanimously approved.

Item 4. Information and Updates Provided to the Board in advance of the meeting.

- Leadership Team Update. Discussion followed.
- Financial Update. Informative.

Item 5. CMEEC Update. Vice Chairman Peil gave an update to the Board regarding the recent board meetings of CMEEC. Informative.

Item 6. Economic Development Subcommittee Update. Informative.

Item 7. 2022/2023 Budget Schedule. Laura Huren presented the Board with a summary outline of the FY23 budget process.

Item 8. Smart Energy Provider Award. General Manager LaRose shared with the Board the Smart Energy Provider Award given to NPU at the recent American Public Power Association's Customer Connections Conference.

Item 9. Strategic Presentations. Energy Cost Update. Steve Sinko spoke to the Board regarding factors impacting energy costs. Discussion followed. Infrastructure Project Review. General Manager LaRose spoke to the Board regarding shovel ready infrastructure projects. Discussion followed.

Item 10. 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 CT General Statutes.

Commissioner Warzecha, seconded by Commissioner Goldblatt moved to enter into Executive Session at 6:58 p.m. Unanimously approved. General Manager LaRose, Steve Sinko, Jeff Brining, Kerri Kemp, Laura Huren, Chris Riley and Attorney Murray were asked to stay for Executive Session.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:50 p.m.

Item 11. Other Business. None.

Vice Chairman Peil, seconded by Commissioner Avent moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:54 p.m. Unanimously approved.

The next Regular Meetings are scheduled to be held on Tuesday, December 21, 2021.

Attest:

Michael Goldblatt  
Secretary