



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

February 22, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Norwich Board of Public Utilities' Commissioners and the Sewer Authority of the City of Norwich was held on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 by WebEx and 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 6:02 p.m. by Chairman Robert Staley.

Present: Chairman Robert Staley, Vice Chairman Stewart Peil, Secretary Michael Goldblatt, Commissioner William Warzecha and Commissioner Ashon Avent. Also in attendance were General Manager Chris LaRose, Steve Sinko, Jeff Brining, Michele Addabbo, Laura Huren, Larry Sullivan, Barry Ellison, Chris Riley, Dave Poore, Mary Lou Rychling, Ruth Swift and John Covey.

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, January 25, 2022. Motion to approve made by Vice Chairman Peil, seconded by Commissioner Avent. Voted in favor: Chairman Staley, Vice Chairman Peil, Secretary Goldblatt and Commissioner Avent. Abstained: Commissioner Warzecha.

Item 4. CMEEC Update. Vice Chairman Peil gave an update to the Board regarding the January Board meeting of CMEEC. Informative.

Item 5. Finance and Audit Subcommittee Update. Secretary Goldblatt gave an update to the Board regarding the January subcommittee meeting. Discussion followed.

Item 6. Information and Updates Provided to the Board in advance of the meeting.

- Leadership Team Update. Discussion followed.
- Financial Update
- Budget Schedule

Item 7. Strategic Presentations. CEN Wi-Fi. John Covey updated the Board on the CEN Public Access Wi-Fi Project. Discussion followed.

Item 9. Other Business. Chairman Staley suggested creating a Communications Subcommittee, similar to the current Economic Development and Finance and Audit Subcommittees.

Item 8. 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.

Secretary Goldblatt, seconded by Commissioner Warzecha moved to enter into Executive Session at 6:43 p.m. Unanimously approved. General Manager LaRose, Steve Sinko and Jeff Brining were asked to stay for Executive Session.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 7:30 p.m.

Commissioner Warzecha, seconded by Secretary Goldblatt moved to approve a \$3,500 bonus and 3% increase to General Manager LaRose's salary, retroactive to January 1, 2022. Unanimously approved.

Secretary Goldblatt, seconded by Vice Chairman Peil moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. Unanimously approved.

The next Regular Meetings are scheduled to be held on Tuesday, March 22, 2022.

Attest:

Michael Goldblatt
Secretary