



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

March 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, March 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 6:03 p.m. by Chairman Robert Staley.

Present: Chairman Robert Staley, Vice Chairman Stewart Peil, Secretary Michael Goldblatt, Commissioner William Warzecha and Commissioner Ashon Avent was present by phone. Also in attendance were General Manager Chris LaRose, Steve Sinko, Jeff Brining, Kerri Kemp, Michele Addabbo, Eric McDermott, Laura Huren, Larry Sullivan, Barry Ellison, Chris Riley, Dave Poore, Mary Lou Rychling, Ruth Swift and John Covey. Devin Schleidt from Schleidt Works LLC. 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, February 22, 2022. Motion to approve made by Commissioner Warzecha, seconded by Commissioner Avent. Unanimously approved.

Chairman Staley congratulated Vice Chairman Peil on his reappointment to the Board by the City Council the previous evening.

Item 4. Action Items. Board and Sewer Authority Elections, Subcommittee Assignments, NCDC Representative, CMEEC Representatives. Secretary Goldblatt, seconded by Commissioner Warzecha moved to approve the slate of officers as follows. Unanimously approved.

Nominations for the Norwich Board of Public Utilities' Commissioners and Sewer Authority of the City of Norwich

Stewart Peil, Chairman
Ashon Avent, Vice Chairman
William Warzecha, Secretary

Economic Development Subcommittee

Robert Staley, Chairman
William Warzecha
Ashon Avent

Finance & Audit Subcommittee

Michael Goldblatt, Chairman
William Warzecha
Robert Staley

CMEEC Representatives

Stewart Peil, Board Representative
Robert Staley, Board Alternate

NCDC Representative

Robert Staley, Board Representative

General Manager LaRose thanked Commissioner Staley for his service to the Board.

Item 5. Information and Updates Provided to the Board in advance of the meeting.

- Leadership Team Update.
- Financial Update
- Strategic Plan Update

Item 6. CMEEC Update. Chairman Peil gave an update to the Board on CMEEC activity.

Item 7. Finance and Audit Subcommittee Update. Commissioner Goldblatt gave an update to the Board regarding the March subcommittee meeting.

Item 8. Strategic Presentations. Energy Cost Impact. Steve Sinko spoke to the Board regarding factors impacting energy costs. Discussion followed. Budget Presentation. Laura Huren gave the Board an overview of the FY23 Proposed Budget. Discussion followed.

Item 9. 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 Goldblatt, seconded by Secretary Warzecha moved to enter into Executive Session at 7:13 p.m. Unanimously approved. General Manager LaRose, Steve Sinko, Jeff Brining, Chris Riley and Devin Schleidt were asked to stay for Executive Session.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:34 p.m.

Secretary Warzecha, seconded by Commissioner Goldblatt moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m. Unanimously approved.

The next Regular Meetings are scheduled to be held on Tuesday, April 26, 2022.

Attest:

William Warzecha
Secretary