



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

May 24, 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, May 24, 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 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Stewart Peil.

Present: Chairman Stewart Peil, Secretary William Warzecha, Commissioner Robert Staley and Commissioner Michael Goldblatt. Vice Chairman Ashon Avent joined the meeting at 6:36 p.m. Also in attendance were General Manager Chris LaRose, Steve Sinko, Jeff Brining, Michele Addabbo, Laura Huren, Chris Riley, John Covey, Mary Lou Rychling, Eric McDermott, Ruth Swift and Barry Ellison. David Meisinger from CMEEC and Devin Schleidt from Schleidt Works, LLC were also present.

Item 2. Fifteen-Minute Public Comment Period. Robert Bell of Norwich address the Board to ask about NPU's support for solar power. Following his brief remarks, Mr. Bell joined NPU staff in an adjacent room to discuss the issue in greater detail.

Item 3. Minutes of the Regular Board of Public Utilities' Commissioners Meeting and Sewer Authority of the City of Norwich, held on Tuesday, April 26, 2022. Motion to approve made by Commissioner Staley, seconded by Commissioner Goldblatt. Voted in favor: Chairman Peil. Abstained: Secretary Warzecha. Motion passed.

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. Chairman Peil gave an update to the Board on CMEEC activity. He introduced CMEEC CEO David Meisinger to the Board.

Item 6. Finance & Audit Subcommittee Update. Commissioner Goldblatt updated the Board on the May Finance & Audit Subcommittee meeting.

Item 7. Economic Development Subcommittee Update. Commissioner Staley updated the Board on the May Economic Development Subcommittee meeting.

Item 8. Strategic Presentations. Line of Credit Update. Secretary Warzecha, seconded by Commissioner Staley moved to move agenda item Line of Credit Update to Executive session. Unanimously approved.

Impact of Inflation on Energy. Laura Huren updated the Board on the impact of inflation on energy. Discussion followed.

Cooling & Heating Incentive Pilot Program (CHIPPP). Jeff Brining provided the Board with a review of the CHIPPP Program. 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.

Secretary Warzecha, seconded by Vice Chairman Avent moved to enter into Executive Session at 6:56 p.m. Unanimously approved. General Manager LaRose, Steve Sinko, Jeff Brining, Laura Huren, Mary Lou Rychling, Eric Conley, John Covey, Nate Lee, David Meisinger and Devin Schleidt were asked to stay for Executive Session.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:55 p.m.

Item 10. Action Item. Union Contract Vote. Commissioner Goldblatt, seconded by Commissioner Staley moved to approve the 2022-2025 IBEW union contract. Unanimously approved.

Item 11. Other Business. None.

Commissioner Goldblatt, seconded by Commissioner Staley moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m. Unanimously approved.

The next Regular Meetings are scheduled to be held on Tuesday, June 28, 2022.

Attest:

William Warzecha
Secretary