



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

March 28, 2023

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 28, 2023, 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 6:04 p.m. by Chairman Stewart Peil.

Present: Chairman Stewart Peil, Secretary William Warzecha, Commissioner Michael Goldblatt and Commissioner Robert Staley. Vice Chairman Ashon Avent joined the meeting at 6:40 p.m. NPU staff in attendance were General Manager Chris LaRose, Steve Sinko, Jeff Brining, Michele Addabbo, Mary Lou Rychling, Chris Riley, Laura Huren, John Covey, Nate Lee, Ruth Swift, Barry Ellison, Dave Poore and Tom Finn.

Item 2. Fifteen-Minute Public Comment Period. David Burnett and Andrew Burnett of Norwich addressed the Board regarding their interest in and support for solar power. Discussion followed.

Item 3. Board Appointment and Election of Officers. William Warzecha, seconded by Robert Staley moved to nominate Stewart Peil as Chairman of the Board. William Warzecha, seconded by Michael Goldblatt moved to nominate Ashon Avent as Vice Chairman of the Board. Stewart Peil, seconded by Michael Goldblatt moved to nominate William Warzecha as Secretary of the Board. Robert Staley, seconded by William Warzecha moved to approve the slate of Board Officers as: Chairman: Stewart Peil, Vice Chairman: Ashon Avent, Secretary: William Warzecha.

Economic Development Subcommittee: Commissioner Staley, Secretary Warzecha and Vice Chairman Ashon Avent.

Finance & Audit Subcommittee: Commissioner Goldblatt, Secretary Warzecha, Commissioner Staley.

NCDC Board Representative: Commissioner Staley

CMEEC Representative: Chairman Peil, Alternate: Commissioner Staley

Unanimously approved.

Item 4. Minutes of the Regular Board of Public Utilities' Commissioners Meeting and Sewer Authority of the City of Norwich, held on Tuesday, February 28, 2023. Motion to approve made by Secretary Warzecha, seconded by Commissioner Staley. Unanimously approved.

- Item 5. Information and Updates provided to the Board in advance of the meeting.
- Leadership Team Update. Discussion followed.
 - Financial Update. Discussion followed.
 - Strategic Plan Update. Discussion followed.
- Item 6. CMEEC Update. Chairman Peil updated the Board on CMEEC activity. Informative.
- Item 7. Strategic Presentations.
- Solar Presentation. Jeff Brining presented an overview of NPU’s Solar Program to the Board. Discussion followed.
 - FY2024 Budget Presentation. Laura Huren presented the overview of the FY2024 Budget to the Board. Discussion followed.

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.

Commissioner Goldblatt, seconded by Secretary Warzecha moved to enter into Executive Session at 7:34 p.m. Unanimously approved. General Manager LaRose and Attorney Hugh Murray were asked to stay for the Executive Session.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:24 p.m. No votes were taken in Executive Session.

Item 9. Other Business. No other business was discussed.

Commissioner Goldblatt, seconded by Commissioner Staley moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:25p.m. Unanimously approved.

The next Regular Meetings are scheduled to be held on Tuesday, April 25, 2023.

Attest:

William Warzecha
Secretary