



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

January 23, 2024

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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, January 23, 2024, via Teams/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 6:07 p.m. by Chairman Stewart Peil.

Present: Chairman Stewart Peil, Commissioner Robert Staley, Commissioner Michael Goldblatt, and Vice Chairman Ashon Avent. NPU staff in attendance were General Manager Chris LaRose, Steve Sinko, Jeff Brining, Michele Addabbo, Laura Huren, Barry Ellison, David Poore, Ruth Swift, Kyle Cioffi, Chris Riley, Mary Lou Rychling, and Simone Oliva. Also, in attendance included Regan Minor from the Norwich Historical Society, Jillian Corbin from St. Vincent de Paul Place, and Kevin Brown of NCDC. Ashon Avent joined in person at 6:36 p.m. William Warzecha joined the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

Item 2. Fifteen Minute Public Comment Period. There were no public comments provided.

Item 3. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board of Public Utilities' Commissioners Meeting and Sewer Authority of the City of Norwich, held on Tuesday, November 28, 2023. Motion to approve made by Commissioner Robert Staley and seconded by Commissioner Michael Goldblatt. Unanimously approved.

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

- Financial Update. No comments.
- Leadership Team Update. No comments.
- Budget Schedule. No comments.

Item 5. Information and Updates.

- Neighborhood Assistance Act Update was provided by Chris Riley. Jillian Corbin of St. Vincent de Paul Place provided an update on the organization's building improvement plans. Regan Minor of the Norwich Historical Society also provided an update on the rehabilitation of the Greenleaf House rehabilitation project adjacent to the Leffingwell Inn. Discussion followed. Informative.
- CMECC Update – Chairman Stewart Peil provided an update. Discussion followed. Informative.
- 2023 NCDC Review. Update provided by Kevin Brown on a range of NCDC projects and initiatives over the past year. Discussion followed. Informative.

- Storm Response. General Manager Chris LaRose provided an update on the NPU response to the recent storms and related issues. Discussion followed. Informative.

Item 6. 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 Michael Goldblatt, seconded by Secretary William Warzecha moved to enter into Executive Session at 7:53 p.m. Unanimously approved. General Manager LaRose, Steve Sinko, Jeff Brining, and Simone Oliva were asked to stay for the Executive Session.

No votes taken during executive session.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:16 p.m.

Commissioner Goldblatt seconded by Secretary Warzecha moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m. Unanimously approved.

The next Regular Meetings are scheduled to be held on Tuesday, February 27, 2024.

Attest:

William Warzecha  
Secretary