



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

February 27, 2024

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 27, 2024, by Teams/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 6:01 p.m. by Chairman Stewart Peil.

Present: Chairman Stewart Peil, Commissioner Robert Staley, and Commissioner Michael Goldblatt. Vice Chairman Ashon Avent joined the meeting remotely at 6:11pm. Secretary William Warzecha joined the meeting in person at 6:56pm. NPU staff in attendance were General Manager Chris LaRose, Steve Sinko, Jeff Brining, Michele Addabbo, Barry Ellison, Laura Huren, Larry Sullivan, Ruth Swift, John Covey, Kyle Cioffi, Eric McDermott, Shayleen Alfieri, Chris Riley, Mary Lou Rychling, David Poore and Simone Oliva. David Flint from CliftonLarsonAllen LLP, NPU's auditor, was also present.

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

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, January 23, 2024. Motion to approve made by Commissioner Staley seconded Commissioner Michael Goldblatt. Unanimously approved.

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

- Financial Update. Brief comments by Laura Huren. Informative.
- Leadership Team Update. Minimal discussion followed, no questions asked. Informative.
- Budget Schedule. Brief commentary by Laura Huren. Informative.

Item 5. Information and Updates.

- CMECC Update – Chairman Stewart Peil provided an update related to CMEEC operations and power costs; he also provided an update on CMEEC Committee assignments for NPU Board members and staff. Informative.
- Finance and Audit Update – Commissioner Michael Goldblatt gave a brief update on the various presentations on the budget drivers. The entire budget will be presented next month per Chris LaRose.
- Presentation by NPU Auditor – David Flint of CliftonLarsonAllen LLP presented the review of the NPU audit. Discussion followed. Informative.

- Community Assistance Rate / Collections Update – Ruth Swift presented an update on the CAR and collections activities. Discussion followed. Informative.
- Regional Electric Rate Comparison – Steve Sinko provided an update on NPU rates relative to those of investor-owned utilities. 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 to Executive Session at 6:59 p.m. Unanimously approved. General Manager LaRose, Steve Sinko, Jeff Brining, Chris Riley, Eric McDermott, 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 7:56 p.m.

Commissioner Staley seconded by Secretary Warzecha moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m. Unanimously approved.

The next Regular Meetings are scheduled to be held on Tuesday, March 26, 2024.

Attest:

William Warzecha
Secretary