MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE FORT PIERCE UTILITIES AUTHORITY, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2022, 4:00 P.M., CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS.

Members Present: Chairman Frank H. Fee, IV; Vice Chairman Kristina Gibbons; Secretary Barbara Bennett; and Mayor Linda Hudson.

Others present: Javier Cisneros, Director of Utilities; Rupert N. Koblegard, III, FPUA Attorney, Barbara Mika, Director of Finance and Administrative Services; Craig Crawford, Acting Director of Electric & Gas Systems; and Daniel Retherford, Director of Utility Support Services.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Frank H. Fee.

Opening Prayer was by Carol Wilson, FPUA Human Resources.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The roll was called and a quorum declared.

ITEM A: SET THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Mrs. Gibbons, seconded by Mrs. Bennett, and unanimously carried to approve the set agenda.

ITEM B: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mayor Hudson, seconded by Mrs. Gibbons, and unanimously carried to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 20, 2022.

ITEM C: COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

ITEM D: CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Mayor Hudson, seconded by Mrs. Bennett, and unanimously carried to approve the Consent Agenda.

1. Excuse Larry Lammers, FPUA Board Deputy Secretary from the Board meeting today because he is out of town.
2. Approve the following recommendation to maintain an orderly progression of officers in future years; Mrs. Gibbons, Chairwoman; Ms. Bennett, Vice Chairwoman; Mr. Lammers, Secretary; Mr. Fee, Deputy Secretary; Mayor Hudson, Mayor/Member.

3. POA No. 19-69: Approve the purchase of the VMware maintenance renewal in the total amount of $62,059.18 from Dell Marketing L.P., of Round Rock, Texas, under Florida State Contract No. 43211500-WSCA-15-ACS and WSCA-NASPO Master Agreement MNWNC-101. This includes three years of maintenance and support from the issuing date of the license keys.
4. POA No. 20-10: Approve 1) Budget Transfer Request in the amount of $52,000, and 2) Specific Authorization No. SA-LE-56-23-01, for the Electric System Planning Study, with Leidos Engineering, LLC, of Reston, Virginia, in an amount not to exceed $51,000. The initial term of this contract will commence upon written Notice to Proceed and end upon final completion and written acceptance by FPUA, contingent on receipt of the required Certificate(s) of Insurance.
5. POA No. 23-02: Approve the sole source Contract for the rehabilitation of the three-million-gallon ground storage tank at the Water Treatment Plant with CROM LLC, dba CROM Coatings and Restorations, of Gainesville, Florida, in the amount not to exceed $151,159.20. The Contract will commence upon written notice to proceed and end on work completion and acceptance by FPUA, contingent of receiving the required Certificate(s) of Insurance.

Chairman Fee passed the Gavel to Mrs. Gibbons.

Mrs. Gibbons said Thank you Mr. Fee for running this last one and a half years. I think you did it for an extended period, you took it on early and you also had some difficult times to deal with, we definitely appreciate you being the front man for us. Thank you.

Mr. Fee said good luck to you, I'm sure you will do a good job. You are now the front lady.

ITEM E: RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE

ITEM F: OLD BUSINESS

ITEM G: NEW BUSINESS

1. POA 18-17: Approve the 2023 Employee Benefit Plan, as described in the 2023 Employee Benefit Plan Overview and Recommendations prepared by Relation Insurance Services of Florida, Inc., of Stuart, Florida, and authorize the Director of Utilities to sign the agreements necessary to fulfill FPUA's obligations under the Plan, including the following: 1) Payment of administrative fees to Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida, Inc., dba Florida Blue of Jacksonville, Florida, with a cost of $67.05 per employee per month (PEPM), for an estimated cost of $222,070, based upon current enrollment of 276 members subject to enrollment fluctuations, for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. The $67.05 includes $2.00 PEPM for Teledoc services. 2) Accept the Stop Loss Proposal

and Agreement with Symetra Insurance Company with an estimated cost of $752,030 for the Plan Year. The cost is based on claims experience through August 31, 2022. This is a firm commitment from Symetra.

A motion was made by Mayor Hudson, seconded by Mr. Fee and unanimously carried to approve the FY23 Employee Benefit Plan.

2. POA No. 13-72: Approve the Purchase Order for FPUA to reimburse the City of Fort Pierce for the cost of replacing the water and sewer utilities on Beach Court between Florida Avenue and Delaware Avenue in an amount not to exceed $261,882.

A motion was made by Mr. Fee, seconded by Mrs. Bennett and unanimously carried to approve the Purchase Order.

3. Grants Update: Active, Pending and in Development – For Information Only

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4. Status Report on Electric Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) for September 2022

A motion was made by Mr. Fee, seconded by Mayor Hudson and unanimously carried to approve the $8 increase for the month of December, effective December 1st.

ITEM H: AWARD OF BID

ITEM I: RESOLUTIONS

ITEM J: DIRECTOR

Mr. Cisneros said I would like to take a moment to thank a special thank you to Thierry Sydne, he was FPUA's primary representative at the Jaycee park rebuild on South Hutchinson Island last week. He represented FPUA very, very well and I'd like to personally thank him for his hard work and his dedication to this important community project. He was out there probably well over 80 hours in the 7-day time frame.

Mayor Hudson said he was a team captain. He was great.

Mr. Cisneros said he represented us very, very well. We also had help from T&D, water wastewater folks, some customer service folks out there. It was a big project and pretty successful. If you haven't been by there check it out. The finished product, I think they are 90% done. That would be a very, very nice project for our community.

Last night the city commission did approve the site plan for the new wastewater plan, so thank you to the city commission.

This is a huge milestone. I believe this was the last permit we were waiting on so we will be going into construction sometime next month. A few months ahead of schedule.

Jacob Williams from FMPA will be the guest speaker for the November 1st Economic Development Council partner lunch meeting at the Mid-Florida events center in Port St. Lucie. He'll be discussing the natural gas market and how it impacts the lives of people in Florida and across our nation. It also sounds like he'll be visiting with the Downtown Business Association on Friday afternoon that same day around 3:00pm for about an hour before our next board meeting so it will be busy day for all of us here.

The last thing I would like to mention is thank you to Elba and Brandy and Bobby for helping us with the board meeting. That's all I have for the Board today.

ITEM K: ATTORNEY

ITEM L: COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

ITEM M: ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:07pm.

ATTEST:

SECRETARY

CHAIRMAN

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