MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE FORT PIERCE UTILITIES AUTHORITY, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2022, 4:00 P.M., CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS.

Members Present: Madam Chair Kristina Gibbons; Vice Chair Barbara Bennett; Secretary Larry Lammers; Deputy Secretary Frank H. Fee, IV; 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 Bo Hutchinson, Director of Water/Wastewater Systems.

The meeting was called to order by Madam Chair Kristina Gibbons.

Opening Prayer was by Christelle Myrick, FPUA Water Distribution.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The roll was called and a quorum declared.

Mrs. Gibbons said we have one change to the agenda before I ask if anybody will put in for approval, we are going to move item G-5 to G-6.

ITEM A: SET THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Mayor Hudson, seconded by Mr. Fee, and unanimously carried to approve the set agenda.

ITEM B: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mrs. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Lammers, and unanimously carried to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 18, 2022.

ITEM C: COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

ITEM D: CONSENT AGENDA

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

ITEM E: RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE

Ms. Cendejas red the following into the record:

1. We received an email from Benjamin Redic and Gladys White complementing our CSR, Wendy Tomlinson. Hi Customer Service. I want to mention the excellent customer service we received with Wendy today. Wendy was courteous, polite and professional with providing everything needed as a new customer. I needed to send this email because she did a superb job!!

ITEM F: OLD BUSINESS

ITEM G: NEW BUSINESS

1. Bo Hutchinson presented RFQu No. 22-98: Authorize staff to negotiate contract for the Progressive Design-Build Services for the FPUA Systematic Wastewater Conveyance System Redirection to the new Mainland Reclamation Facility with TLC Diversified, Inc. of Palmetto, Florida. Once finalized the agreement will be submitted to the Board for approval and signature.

A motion was made by Mr. Fee, seconded by Mayor Hudson and unanimously carried to authorize staff to negotiate contract for the Progressive Design-Build for the FPUA Systematic Wastewater Conveyance System.

2. Bo Hutchinson presented POA 23-61-015: Approve the Engagement Letter with Shutts & Bowen LLP, of Miami, Florida, in an amount not to exceed $50,000.00 annually, for legal services related to the State of Florida Reverter Clause for the IWRF property (Reverter Clause). The initial term of this agreement will be upon execution until terminated by either party, contingent on receiving the required Certificate(s) of Insurance.

A motion was made by Mayor Hudson, seconded by Mr. Fee and unanimously carried to approve the Engagement Letter with Shutts & Bowen LLP.

3. Fred Gaddis reported on Natural Gas Rate Stabilization Fund Update September 2022 – Decrease the Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) $.11 per ccf from $.28 per ccf to $.17 per ccf, effective December 1, 2022.

A motion was made by Mr. Fee, seconded by Mayor Hudson and unanimously carried to approve the PGA decrease effective December 1, 2022.

4. Andrea Trasferini-Sloan reported on Bill Comparisons for the Month of September 2022 – For Information Only

Mayor Hudson asked for an update of how payments are coming in, how are we doing on terms of people paying their bills.

Mr. Cisneros said I can follow up with you because I haven't looked at that in quite some time, a couple of weeks at least so I can follow up with you. I can make sure I can provide an update for the Board at the next Board Meeting.

5. Michele Harris reported on August 2022 Financial Operating Results – For Information Only

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6. Susan Schumann and Jacob Williams with FMPA reported on the Florida Municipal Solar Project Update – For Information Only

Mr. Lammers said after hearing the experts and wanting to do what is truly best for our community, I think that we're already pretty aggressive with what we have now and there's no reason to try to increase that.

Mayor Hudson said I agree.

Mrs. Gibbons said do we need a motion for this?

Mr. Cisneros said No, ma'am I don't need a motion. This was just direction for me so that when I go before the FMPA as part of the executive committee I can translate that over to a vote.

ITEM H: AWARD OF BID

ITEM I: RESOLUTIONS

ITEM J: DIRECTOR

Mr. Cisneros said I have nothing for the Board today, I do want to thank Jacob and Susan again for visiting with us today. They've had a busy day here at FPUA or City of Fort Pierce and St. Lucie County, so thank you for their time. I have no other comments.

ITEM K: ATTORNEY

ITEM L: COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Mayor Hudson said Jacob gave his presentation to the EDC today. It was really, really well received. And I think people were kind of shocked because it was a lot of facts delivered and I think people can understand what the situation is right now. If it's okay, I'd like to have that presentation shared with me; the power point if that's okay and maybe the other board members would like it too.

Mr. Cisneros said yes ma'am I can make sure we follow up with you on that.

Madam Chair Gibbons asked any other comments? We are adjourned.

ITEM M: ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:24pm.

ATTEST:

SECRETARY

CHAIRMAN

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