MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE FORT PIERCE UTILITIES AUTHORITY, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2023, 2:00 P.M., CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS.

Members Present: Chairman 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; Barbara Mika, Director of Finance and Administrative Services; Daniel Retherford, Director of Utility Support Services; Bo Hutchinson, Director of Water/Wastewater Systems, Craig Crawford, Director of Electric & Gas Systems, and Dan O'Hagan, Special Counsel to FPUA Board.

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

Opening Prayer was by Jason Mittler, Manager FPUAnet.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The roll was called and a quorum declared.

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ITEM A: SET THE AGENDA

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

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ITEM B: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Fee, seconded by Mr. Lammers, and unanimously carried to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 7, 2023.

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ITEM C: COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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ITEM D: CONSENT AGENDA

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

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ITEM E: RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE

1. Barbara Mika presented the GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

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ITEM F: OLD BUSINESS

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ITEM G: NEW BUSINESS

1. Andrea Trasferini presented the December 2022 Bill Comparison Report – For Information Only

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ITEM H: AWARD OF BID

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ITEM I: RESOLUTIONS

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ITEM J: DIRECTOR

Mr. Cisneros said the FMPA Strategic Planning Session was held on February 15th and we had a great session. We discussed quite a few items that were very important for the electric industry. The top priority was delivering low-cost power to all municipal utilities that was very encouraging. We will probably see some of that during our strategic session. This past Saturday around 1:00 am, we had an air release valve break off due to some corrosion on our 18" water main that serves North Beach. I called Madam Mayor and Madam Chair to give them an update. The saddle was not damaged. We were able to get the water back on around 1:00 pm that afternoon. Tomorrow we will be taking Commissioner Broderick on our tour of facilities. Two applicants will be submitted to the FPUA Board for the FPUA Board Attorney. And last, you should have a revised Calendar of Events for the year. July 4th meeting will be cancelled. We will have the July 18th meeting at 2:00 pm to allow time for travel to the Annual Conference.

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ITEM K: ATTORNEY

Mr. O'Hagan said I just have two quick items. The first is a follow up from last meeting. I mentioned there was some talk at the legislature and some of the subcommittees about some of the public service commission jurisdiction over municipal utilities. FMPA's General Counsel Jody Finklea spoke on February 9th at tone of those committee meeting and did an excellent job explaining a lot of the issues in a simple matter-of-fact manner. It is a great watch. Some of the issues are local issues to Gainesville. We are making sure the local issues are addressed locally and it doesn't wrap up all the other municipal utilities in that legislation. The shift now that it has

been explained, is that some of the issues and some of the legislators understand exactly what the case is and what local governing of municipal utilities is. We will keep you posted on those as they come out. No legislation has been proposed, it is still all happening in the committees, but we are doing a good job of getting our story out there. The second item is on March 30th, FMPA is going to host a Physical Security Workshop for all members, doing vulnerability assessments and responses to physical attacks. It will be in person and virtual.

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ITEM L: COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Mayor Hudson said I want to thank Mr. Cisneros and Mr. Retherford who came to the City's Strategic Planning. They were extremely helpful. It was helpful for the City. I think it is going to be helpful for FPUA. There are a lot of real good comments about the relationship between the City and the Fort Pierce Utilities Authority. Everybody feels like it is going really well staff-wise, with the Board, and the City Commission. Also, the Great American Cleanup is Saturday, March 4th and FPUA is cooking lunch for the workers, and I would like to encourage the Board Members and anybody else on this staff, if you want to pick a project, you can go where the main project is or you can go in your own neighborhood and be a part of the Great American Cleanup. Trying to keep Fort Pierce clean and beautiful.

Mrs. Bennett said I would like to thank Mrs. Mika and Mr. Cisneros for coming out for our Black History Celebration at Francis K. Sweet Elementary. They were readers for our children and supporting children in our community. The Mayor will be there tomorrow. And another person I would like to thank is Mr. Jacob Williams.

Madam Chair Gibbons said if there is nothing else, meeting adjourned.

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ITEM M: ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:37 pm.

ATTEST:

SECRETARY

CHAIRMAN

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