MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE FORT PIERCE UTILITIES AUTHORITY, TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2023, 4:00 P.M., CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS.

Members Present: Chairman Kristina Gibbons, Vice Chair Barbara Bennett; Secretary Larry Lammers; and Mayor Linda Hudson.

Members Excused: Deputy Secretary Frank H. Fee, IV.

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 Caroline A. Valentin, General Counsel to FPUA Board.

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

Opening Prayer was by Carol Wilson, 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 Mayor Hudson, seconded by Mr. Lammers, and unanimously carried to approve the set agenda.

ITEM B: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Lammers, seconded by Mrs. Bennett, and unanimously carried to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 16, 2023.

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.

ITEM E: RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE

ITEM F: OLD BUSINESS

ITEM G: NEW BUSINESS

1. Status Report on Electric Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) for April 2023

A motion was made by Mrs. Bennett, seconded by Mayor Hudson, and unanimously carried to decrease the PCA from $29 to $19 for the July 1st bill.

ITEM H: AWARD OF BID

ITEM I: RESOLUTIONS

ITEM J: DIRECTOR

Mr. Cisneros said a couple of updates here. FPUA received the 2023 review from the Finch Rating Agency and we had no change in our rating so we maintained an "A" rating which is good news for the organization. We had a second meeting with the strategic planning consultant. He had very good feedback about the interaction with the Board and the interactions with the team. Earlier today, we received the draft of the proposed goals and strategies from our consultant. He developed that from the interactions with the Board and the feedback from the staff. We will get a chance to review that and the next step will be to have online survey that goes to the Board, Directors, General Counsel, and Department Heads so we can get some initial feedback on the vision, mission, and values. The survey will open up on June 26th and close on July 3rd. We hope everybody can participate in that survey. We will be working on the agenda for the June 21st Budget Workshop. Once we finalize the agenda, we will schedule some time for the Board members to review the agenda and answer any questions prior to the meeting. Next Board Meeting will be June 20th at 2:00 pm. There will not be a meeting on July 4th due to the holiday. There will be a meeting on July 18th at 2:00 pm to allow for travel to FMEA Annual Conference. Natural Gas has been hovering around $2.26 for MBTU and it has been there very consistently for the past couple of months. Some of the future projections for the next five to six months are pretty low but there are some indicators that show a stronger demand in the near future with a reduction of supply. The latest reports show a decline in the active oil rigs that are available, and there are several maintenance projects schedule for later this year. What that means is fi supply reduces and demand goes up, that obviously impacts the price of gas. Tomorrow staff will be presenting an update on the new wastewater relocation project to the Advisory Committee. Just wanted to remind the Board Members that that it is open to the public. The meeting is at the Energy Services center and it starts at 4:00 pm. We are working on an internal newsletter that recognizes year in service and graduating from college, but I can't wait for a newsletter to come out to congratulate Dr. Tennant. On Saturday, she officially graduated with her

JD from Law School. I would also like to congratulate Mr. Crawford, he completed 25 years of services.

ITEM K: ATTORNEY

Mrs. Valentin said no comments at this time.

ITEM L: COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Lammers said I got a call from a customer last week. He had a salesman, for solar installer there at this door claiming that had a relationship with us and that they represented us in some way, trying to sell them a solar system and a lot of his facts were not facts at all. From what Mr. Cisneros and I were discussing before the meeting, we have had some communications with the public, some PSAs letting them know that we have not partnered with any solar vendors for local, residential solar panels.

Mrs. Bennett would like to congratulate Ms. Tennant.

Mayor Hudson wanted to confirm the schedule for the July 18th meeting and the FMEA Conference.

Madam Chair asked how are we doing with procurement. Mr. Cisneros stated that we still a long lead-time on the transformer and wires. We have done some internal evaluations of transformers that maybe underutilized and switched them out to restock our store stock. Lead-times are still an issue. Specialty metals are still an issue. This is an industry issue for all utilities. Will follow up with any specific.

Madam Chair Gibbons said meeting adjourned.

ITEM M: ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.

ATTEST:

SECRETARY

CHAIRMAN

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