MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE FORT PIERCE UTILITIES AUTHORITY, TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 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 Caroline A. Valentin, General Counsel to FPUA Board.

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

Opening Prayer was by DeVoshay Johnson, City of Fort Pierce.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The roll was called and a quorum declared.

ITEM A: SET THE AGENDA

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

ITEM B: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mayor Hudson, seconded by Mr. Fee, and unanimously carried to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 6, 2023.

ITEM C: COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

ITEM D: CONSENT AGENDA

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

ITEM E: RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE

1. Mrs. Cortes read the following into the record:

Note from FMPA – Madam Mayor, Madam Chair, FPUA Board Members, Javier & FPUA Team: Thank you for the tremendous honor that you did for Dan and I with the resolution of appreciation for us both. It is our honor to be of service and assistance to FPUA. It was a great opportunity to coordinate

closely with Javier and the entire FPUA Team, and a pleasure to work with FPUA in continuing to provide the high quality and cost-conscious services that you provide to your community. We believe that Caroline will be a great asset to the FPUA Team. Please, always feel free to call on us if we can help in any way in the future. Yours, Jody.

ITEM F: OLD BUSINESS

ITEM G: NEW BUSINESS

1. POA 17-64: Approve Amendment No. 2 to the Sodium Hypochlorite Contract with Allied Universal Corp., of Miami, Florida to 1) increase the not to exceed contract amount by $140,000 from $350,000 to $490,000 annually, and 2) extend for an additional 2 years, contingent upon receipt of the required Certificate(s) of Insurance.

A motion was made by Mayor Hudson, seconded by Mr. Fee, and unanimously carried to approve Amendment No. 2 to the Sodium Hypochlorite Contract with Allied Universal Corp to 1) increase the not to exceed contract amount by $140,000 from $350,00 to $490,000 annually, and 2) extend for an additional 2 years, contingent upon receipt of the required Certificate(s) of insurance.

2. Sunshine Law Update

A motion was made by Mr. Lammers, seconded by Mayor Hudson, and unanimously carried to cancel the July 18, 2023 meeting and move it to July 11, 2023, at 2:30 pm.

3. State Appropriation Update

A motion was made by Mr. Fee, seconded by Mr. Lammers, and unanimously carried to approve letter of appreciations to be signed by the Chairman of the Board.

ITEM H: AWARD OF BID

ITEM I: RESOLUTIONS

ITEM J: DIRECTOR

Mr. Cisneros said as you may recall, January 26, 2022 we had a large main break that required opening our inter-connect with the City of Port St. Lucie. They were able to help us get through it, a great partnership with them, we didn't exactly follow the operation protocol, but we were able to work out the details with the way we handled that and especially moving forward. On Saturday, June 10th, we had the opportunity to return the favor. They had an issue with the power system on-site with their own transformer. Within three hours we got them back up and running. It was a great opportunity to

return the favor and they were looking at a much longer timeframe that three hours to get the issue resolved, so it was important for me to identify that partnership with them. Last thing, you should have a hard copy of the agenda and the Budget Workshop presentation for tomorrow. It is a rather large packet, so hopefully you will have a change to review and I'll call you after and see if there are any questions you have in preparation for tomorrow. We will start the workshop at 9:00 am and we're expected to go to 1:00 pm. We will have breakfast and lunch. It will be a full day, but we will focus on answering questions that the Board may have and that's all I have for the Board today.

ITEM K: ATTORNEY

Mrs. Valentin said no comments at this time.

ITEM L: COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Mayor Hudson wanted to add that at the FMIT meeting most recently, the same is going to be happening for the Board for our liability insurance. It's going to be a drastic increase. It is statewide and it is also true if you went to another insurer.

Mr. Fee said I would like to ask about the natural gas prices. It was mentioned that there is going to be maintenance that is going to occur in the next couple of months. Do you think that will impact pricing? Mr. Cisneros said I have not gotten an update but anytime they take it out of service it impacts prices. They give us a week notice when they are going to take them off. We are hedged through that maintenance period, so we are okay. This year we are protected and next year for a portion. We keep an eye on the maintenance schedules, but we don't control that and some of the maintenance is tied to emergencies.

Madam Chair Gibbons said meeting adjourned.

ITEM M: ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:37 pm.

ATTEST:

SECRETARY

CHAIRMAN

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