MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE FORT PIERCE UTILITIES AUTHORITY, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 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 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. Fee, seconded by Mrs. Bennett, and unanimously carried to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 1, 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

ITEM F: OLD BUSINESS

ITEM G: NEW BUSINESS

1. Peter Tesch of Economic Development Council of St. Lucie County Presentation – For Information Only

2. Lugey Dawson presented the request to approve Budget Transfer Request in the amount of $300,000 to cover the remaining cost to complete the water main replacement and upsizing project, on Orange Avenue from 25th Street to 32nd Street.

A motion was made by Mr. Fee, seconded by Mayor Hudson, and unanimously carried to approve the budget transfer request in the amount of $300,000 to cover the remaining cost to complete the water main replacement and upsizing project on Orange Avenue from 25th Street to 32nd Street.

3. Michele Harris presented the June 2023 Quarterly Financial Operating Results – For Information Only.

ITEM H: AWARD OF BID

ITEM I: RESOLUTIONS

1. Barbara Mika presented the first reading of Resolution UA 2023-08 Electric Rate Adjustment.

Mrs. Cortes read RESOLUTION UA 2023-08. A RESOLUTION AMENDING, SUPERSEDING, AND RESCINDING THE SCHEDULE OF RATES FOR ELECTRIC SERVICES FURNISHED BY FORT PIERCE UTILITIES AUTHORITY, FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, IN RESOLUTION NO. UA 2022-06, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, ARTICLE XII; PROVIDING FOR A 7.07% INCREASE IN THE CUSTOMER AND USAGE CHARGES, BASED ON THE 2023 FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION ANNUAL PRICE INDEX; AND PROVIDING FOR ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION, ANNUAL INDEXING PROVISION, SCRIVENOR'S ERRORS, REPEAL, SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion was made by Mayor Hudson, seconded by Mr. Fee, and unanimously carried to approve Resolution UA 2023-08 Electric Rate Adjustments for a second reading and public hearing on September 19, 2023, or as soon thereafter as may be heard.

2. Barbara Mika presented the first reading of Resolution UA 2023-09 Gas Rate Adjustment.

Mrs. Cortes read RESOLUTION UA 2023-09. A RESOLUTION AMENDING, SUPERSEDING, AND RESCINDING THE SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES FOR NATURAL GAS SERVICES FURNISHED BY FORT PIERCE UTILITIES AUTHORITY, FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, IN RESOLUTION NO. 2022-07, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, ARTICLE XII; PROVIDING FOR A 7.07% INCREASE IN THE CUSTOMER AND COMMODITY CHARGES BASED ON THE 2023 FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION ANNUAL PRICE INDEX; AND PROVIDING FOR ANNUAL INDEXING PROVISION, ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION, SCRIVENOR'S ERRORS, REPEAL, SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion was made by Mr. Fee, seconded by Mayor Hudson, and unanimously carried to approve Resolution UA 2023-09 Gas Rate Adjustments for a second reading and public hearing on September 19, 2023, or as soon thereafter as may be heard.

3. Barbara Mika presented the first reading of Resolution UA 2023-010 Water Rate Adjustment.

Mrs. Cortes read RESOLUTION UA 2023-10. A RESOLUTION AMENDING, SUPERSEDING, AND RESCINDING THE SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES FOR WATER SERVICES FURNISHED BY FORT PIERCE UTILITIES AUTHORITY, FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, IN RESOLUTION NO. UA 2022-08, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, ARTICLE XII; PROVIDING FOR A 7.07% INCREASE IN THE CUSTOMER AND VOLUME CHARGES, BASED ON THE 2023 FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION ANNUAL PRICE INDEX; AND PROVIDING FOR ANNUAL INDEXING PROVISION, ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION, SCRIVENOR'S ERRORS, REPEAL, SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion was made by Mr. Lammers, seconded by Mrs. Bennett, and unanimously carried to approve Resolution UA 2023-10 Water Rate Adjustments for a second reading and public hearing on September 19, 2023, or as soon thereafter as may be heard.

4. Barbara Mika presented the first reading of Resolution UA 2023-11 Wastewater Rate Adjustment.

Mrs. Cortes read RESOLUTION UA 2023-11. A RESOLUTION AMENDING, SUPERSEDING, AND RESCINDING THE SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES FOR WASTEWATER SERVICES FURNISHED BY FORT PIERCE UTILITIES AUTHORITY, FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, IN RESOLUTION NO. UA 2022-09, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, ARTICLE XII; PROVIDING FOR A 7.07% INCREASE IN THE CUSTOMER AND USAGE CHARGES, BASED ON THE 2023 FLORIDA PUBLIC

SERVICE COMMISSION ANNUAL PRICE INDEX; AND PROVIDING FOR ANNUAL INDEXING PROVISION, ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION, SCRIVENOR'S ERRORS, REPEAL, SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion was made by Mr. Lammers, seconded by Mr. Fee, and unanimously carried to approve Resolution UA 2023-11 Wastewater Rate Adjustments for a second reading and public hearing on September 19, 2023, or as soon thereafter as may be heard.

ITEM J: DIRECTOR

Mr. Cisneros mentioned hosting Commissioner Broderick at the FMPA Policy Maker Committee and Board Meeting next week. An update was provided on natural gas rates.

ITEM K: ATTORNEY

No comments.

ITEM L: COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

No comments.

Madam Chair Gibbons said meeting adjourned.

ITEM M: ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:03 pm.

ATTEST:

SECRETARY

CHAIRMAN

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