MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE FORT PIERCE UTILITIES AUTHORITY, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2023, 4:00 P.M., CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS.

Members Present: Vice Chair Barbara Bennett; Secretary Larry Lammers; Deputy Secretary Frank H. Fee, IV; and Mayor Linda Hudson.

Members Absent: Chairman Kristina Gibbons.

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 Vice Chair Barbara Bennett.

A motion was made by Mayor Hudson, seconded by Mr. Fee, and unanimously carried to excuse Madam Chair Kristina Gibbons from September 19, 2023 meeting.

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 Mr. Fee, seconded by Mayor Hudson, to move item G-7, I-1, and I-2 to be heard after the consent agenda. Those voting yes were Mr. Fee, Mrs. Bennett, and Mayor Hudson. Mr. Lammers voted no. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Fee, seconded by Mayor Hudson, and unanimously carried to approve the modified agenda removing items I3 and I4.

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 September 5, 2023.

ITEM C: COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

ITEM D: CONSENT AGENDA

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

ITEM E: RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE

ITEM F: OLD BUSINESS

ITEM G: NEW BUSINESS

1. Barbara Mika presented request to accept the renewal quote and proposal from the Florida League of Cities on behalf of the Florida Municipal Insurance Trust (FMIT) for the FY 24 policy package that includes our property, general liability, cyber liability, automobile liability, and workers' compensation insurance coverage for the period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024. and approve funding for the $1,509,936 annual premium.

A motion was made by Mayor Hudson, seconded by Mr. Lammers, and unanimously carried to accept the renewal quote and proposal from the Florida League of Cities on behalf of the Florida Municipal Insurance Trust (FMIT) for the FY 24 policy package for the period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024, and approve funding for the $1,509,936 annual premium.

2. Bill Crawford presented the request to approve Bid No. 16-42: Approve Amendment No. 5 to the Tree Trimming Services Contract with The Davey Tree Expert Company of Kent, Ohio to increase the not to exceed contract amount by $168,000 from $376,000 to $544,000 annually and to extend the contract through November 30, 2023.

A motion was made by Mayor Hudson, seconded by Mr. Lammers, and unanimously carried to approve Amendment No. 5 to the Tree Trimming Services Contract with the Davey Tree Expert Company, to increase the not to exceed contract amount by $168,000 from $376,000 to $544,000 annually and to extend the contract through November 30, 2023.

3. Kuper Krueger presented the request to approve piggyback of Lee County, RFP B230154DWJ, Wastewater Collection Systems Rehabilitation and contract with Miller Pipeline LLC, of Indianapolis, Indiana, for Sewer Rehabilitation Services in an amount not to exceed $634,500 annually. The term of the Contract will be from execution through June 29, 2026 with one (1) three-year (3) year renewal options.

A motion was made by Mr. Fee, seconded by Mayor Hudson, and unanimously carried to approve piggyback of the Lee County, RFP B230154DWJ, Wastewater Collection Systems Rehabilitation and contract with Miller Pipeline LLC in an amount not to exceed $634,500.

4. Lugey Dawson presented the request to approve Amendment No. 1 to the Annual Unit Price Contract (UPC) for the Installation of Underground Utilities for Water and Wastewater Systems with Hinterland Group Inc., of Riviera Beach, Florida, to increase the not to exceed contract amount by $500,000, from $1,000,000 to $1,500,000 annually.

A motion was made by Mr. Fee, seconded by Mr. Lammers, and unanimously carried to approve Amendment No. 1 to the Annual Unit Price Contract for the installation of underground utilities for water and wastewater systems with Hinterland Group Inc. in the not to exceed contract amount of $1,500,000 annually.

5. Lugey Dawson presented the request to approve Amendment No. 2 to the Annual Unit Price Contract for the Installation of Underground Utilities for Water and Wastewater Systems with Mastec North America, Inc., of Coral Gables, Florida, to increase the not to exceed contract amount by $1,000,000, from $2,400,000 to $3,400,000 annually

A motion was made by Mr. Fee, seconded by Mayor Hudson, and unanimously carried to approve Amendment No. 2 to the Annual Unit Price Contract for the installation of underground utilities for water and wastewater systems with Mastec North America, Inc. in the not to exceed contract amount of $3,400,000 annually.

6. Michele Harris presented the request to approve an increase in the not to exceed limited to from $500,000 to $900,000. On 12/15/2020, the FPUA Board approved electronic

payment processing fees not to exceed $500,000. As a result of the increased volume, these fees are on target to exceed $750,000 for 12 months ending 02/28/2024. The current request is to increase the not to exceed limit to $900,000 annually, to accommodate the current needs and future changes.

A motion was made by Mr. Lammers, seconded by Mayor Hudson, and unanimously carried to approve the increase the electronic payment processing fees not to exceed limit to $900,000 annually, to accommodate the current needs and future changes.

7. Barbara Mika presented the Power Cost Adjustment Update for July 2023.

A motion was made by Mr. Fee, seconded by Mayor Hudson, and unanimously carried to decrease the PCA by $9 from $9 to $0 for the October 1st bill.

ITEM H: AWARD OF BID

ITEM I: RESOLUTIONS

1. Barbara Mika presented the second 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 Mr. Fee, seconded by Mayor Hudson, to adopt Resolution UA 2023-08 Electric Rate Adjustments. Those voting yes were Mr. Fee, Mr. Lammers, and Mayor Hudson. Mrs. Bennett voted no. Motion passed.

2. Barbara Mika presented the second 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, to adopt Resolution UA 2023-09 Gas Rate Adjustments. Those voting yes were Mr. Fee, Mr. Lammers, and Mayor Hudson. Mrs. Bennett voted no. Motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARING – COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mrs. Cynthia Ashley – concerned with rate increase.
Mrs. Frances Watson – concerned with rate increase.
Mrs. Katy Howard – concerned with rate increase.
Dr. Walter Campbell – concerned with rate increase.
Mrs. Darlene Miller – concerned with rate increase.
Mrs. Geneira Lovett – concerned with rate increase.
Mrs. Marjorie Harrell – concerned with rate increase.
Mrs. Pear Liverpool – concerned with rate increase.
Mrs. Sarah George – concerned with rate increase.

ITEM J: DIRECTOR

Mr. Cisneros provided update was provided on natural gas rates, previous and upcoming FMPA meetings, review of tariff sheets, and recognition of the appointment of the Human Resources Manager.

ITEM K: ATTORNEY

No comments.

ITEM L: COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

No comments.

Madam Vice Chair Bennett said meeting adjourned.

ITEM M: ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 pm.

ATTEST:

SECRETARY

CHAIRMAN

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