MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE FORT PIERCE UTILITIES AUTHORITY, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2023, 4:00 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; 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 Barbara Bennett.

Opening Prayer was by Jason Mittler, FPUAnet.

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: COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

ITEM C: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mrs. Gibbons, seconded by Mr. Fee, and unanimously carried to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 3, 2023.

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: REGULAR AGENDA

1. Mark McCain of Hometown Connections presented the Strategic Planning Workshop Report.

A motion was made by Mrs. Gibbons, seconded by Mayor Hudson, and unanimously carried to accept the strategic planning workshop report as presented.

2. Eric Meyer and Bill Crawford presented Osmose Pole Replacement Program Update – For Information Only.

3. Kathleen Meola of Relations Insurance Services presented. POA 18-17: Approve the 2024 Employee Benefit Plan, as described in the 2024 Employee Benefit Plan Overview and Recommendations prepared by Relation Insurance Services of Florida, Inc., of Stuart, Florida, and authorize the Director of Utilities to sign the agreements necessary to fulfill FPUA's obligations under the Plan, including the following: 1) Payment of administrative fees to Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida, Inc., dba Florida Blue of Jacksonville, Florida, with a cost of $70.10 per employee per month (PEPM), for an estimated cost of $250,000 based upon current enrollment of 297 members subject to enrollment fluctuations, for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. The $70.10 includes Teledoc services. 2) Accept the Stop Loss Proposal and Agreement with Symetra Insurance Company with an estimated cost of $1,019,600 for the Plan Year. The cost is based on claims experience through August 31, 2023. This is a firm commitment from Symetra.

A motion was made by Mrs. Gibbons, seconded by Mr. Lammers, and unanimously carried to renew 2024 Employee Benefit Plan as presented.

4. Barbara Mika presented the July 2023 Financial Operating Results – For Information Only.

5. Barbara Mika presented the Power Cost Adjustment Update for August 2023 – For Information Only.

6. Rachel Tennant presented Resolution No. UA 2023 – New Appointments of Members to the FPUA Advisory Board Committee.

Mrs. Cortes read into record RESOLUTION NUMBER UA 2023-13, A RESOLUTION AMENDING AND SUPERCEDING THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE FORT PIERCE AUTHORITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

A motion was made by Mr. Fee, seconded by Mayor Hudson, and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution UA 2023-13 – New Appointments of Members to the FPUA Advisory Board Committee.

7. Caroline Valentin presented Resolution No. UA 2023-14 Delegation of Authority.

Mrs. Cortes read into record RESOLUTION NUMBER UA 2023-14, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE FORT PIERCE UTILITIES AUTHORITY ADOPTING A POWERS, DUTIES, AND SIGNATURE AUTHORITY FOR THE DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES AND GENERAL COUNSEL POLICY; AND PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S ERRORS, REPEAL, SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

A motion was made by Mr. Fee, seconded by Mayor Hudson, and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution No. UA 2023-14 – Delegation of Authority.

8. Caroline Valentin presented the Public Records Update – For Information Only.

ITEM F: DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Mr. Cisneros provided update was provided on natural gas rates, locked-in prices and upcoming FMPA meetings. FPUA will be sponsoring Coffee with the Mayor this coming Friday.

ITEM H: BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mayor Hudson commented on upcoming events and discussion with Representative Trabulsy.

Madam Chair Bennett commented on the community involvement in the Utility Advisory Committee.

ITEM M: ADJOURN

There being no further business, Madam Chair Bennett adjourned the meeting at 6:45 pm.

ATTEST:

SECRETARY

CHAIRMAN

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