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BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES' COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING

March 23, 2010

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The Regular Meeting of the Norwich Board of Public Utilities' Commissioners was held on Tuesday, March 23, 2010 in the Board Room at the NPU's office located at 16 South Golden Street, Norwich.

Item 1. The Meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Chairman James Sullivan.

Present: Chairman James Sullivan, Vice Chairman Diana Boisclair, Secretary Frank Demicco, Commissioner Alan Remondi and Commissioner Larry Goldman. Also in attendance were: General Manager John Bilda; NPU Staff Members Steve Sinko, Chris LaRose, Kerri Kemp, Jeff Brining, Jeanne Kurasz and Michele Addabbo.

Item 2. Fifteen-Minute Public Comment Period. There were no members of the public present.

Item 3. Minutes of the Special March Meeting, held on Tuesday, March 2, 2010, and Minutes of the Special Meeting, was held on Tuesday, March 16, 2010. Commissioner Remondi, seconded by Commissioner Goldman moved to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting, which was held on Tuesday, March 2, 2010, as written, and the Minutes of the Special Meeting, which was held on Tuesday, March 16, 2010, as written. Unanimously approved.

Item 4. Action Items.

a) Appointment of Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary. Commissioner Remondi, seconded by Commissioner Frank Demicco moved to retain the current slate of officers. Unanimously approved.

b) Review/Approval of NPU Policy & Procedures Manual. Commissioner Goldman, seconded by Commissioner Remondi moved to conditionally approve the NPU Policy & Procedures manual with the understanding that revisions will be made in the upcoming months. Unanimously approved.

c) Resolution on Stonybrook Lagoon DWSRF Funding. No action taken.

d) Resolution on Deep River Pumps and Drives DWSRF Funding. No action taken.

e) Set Public hearing date. Secretary Demicco, seconded by Commissioner Goldman moved to approve a Public hearing date of April 27, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of hearing comments concerning proposed electric, natural gas, and water rate increases. Unanimously approved.

Item 5. Performance Reports. The following performance reports were provided to the Commissioners for their review:

- a) Financial Reports: The February 2010 financial statements were presented to the Board for their information. General Manager Bilda and Steve Sinko provided the Board with additional detail on the FY2011 budget.
- b) Collections Reports: Informative.
- c) Customer Satisfaction Indicators: Informative.

Item 6. NPU Tactical Information. The following tactical reports were provided to the Commissioners for their review:

- a) Operations & Construction Report. Informative.
- b) Water Division Report. Informative.
- c) Communications Calendar. Informative.
- d) Energy Efficiency Initiatives. Jeanne Kurasz presented to the Board information about the City's Smart Street Lighting Program. General Manager Bilda discussed the pilot LED Streetlight project that NPU will be implementing.
- e) Construction Status Report. Informative.
- f) Control Room Update. Informative.
- g) PGA/PPA. There are no changes to the PGA or PGA this month.
- h) Other.
  - The Board directed General Manager Bilda to participate with Backus in their Partnership in Care program.
  - CONNSmart Project Update. Informative.

Commissioner Remondi, seconded by Commissioner Goldman moved to recess the Board meeting at 7:25 p.m. to enter into the Sewer Authority Meeting. Unanimously approved.

The meeting resumed at 7:28 p.m.

Item 7. Executive Session Vice Chairman Boisclair seconded by Commissioner Larry Goldman moved to enter into Executive Session at 7:29 p.m. to Discuss Confidential Trade Secret & Commercially Valuable Confidential or Proprietary Information Not Subject to Inspection or Public Disclosure Pursuant to Section 1-210[5] and 7-232a of the CT General Statutes. Unanimously approved. General Manager Bilda and staff members Chris LaRose, Stephen Sinko, Kerri Kemp, and Jeff Brining were asked by the Board to stay for the purpose of providing proprietary information.

The Board arose from Executive Session at 8:32 p.m.

There were no votes taken during Executive Session.

Item 8. Other Business. Vice Chairman Boisclair, seconded by Commissioner Remondi motioned to approve the following resolution supporting the Google Fiber for Communities Project. Unanimously approved.

## ***RESOLUTION***

***WHEREAS***, Norwich Public Utilities is the locally owned and operated provider of electricity, natural gas, water and wastewater services to the City of Norwich; and the responsibility of local ownership includes community pride, support and involvement; and

***WHEREAS***, the Norwich Public Utilities is governed by the 5-member Norwich Board of Public Utilities Commissioners, appointed by the City of Norwich Council to represent the utility needs and wants of the citizens of Norwich and to act as the regulatory body for the Norwich Public Utilities; and

***WHEREAS***, the Norwich Board of Public Utilities Commissioners, in their capacity as the governing board have the authority to direct the Norwich Public Utilities General Manager to develop and approve capital projects designed to improve the economic and civic well being of the community, and

***WHEREAS***, the Norwich Board of Public Utilities Commissioners recognizes the importance of expanding infrastructure and use of state-of-the-art technology to encourage economic development and business growth within the City of Norwich and improve the quality of life for its citizens, and

***WHEREAS***, the Norwich Board of Public Utilities Commissioners approved a Resolution on July 24, 2007; authorizing the construction of a Norwich Municipal Area Fiber Network; and

***WHEREAS***, the Norwich Board of Public Utilities Commissioners have determined that the Norwich Public Utilities has the expertise and capacity to install fiber optic facilities and offer ultra high speed internet access service as described in the Google Fiber for Communities Project;

***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED***, the Norwich Public Utilities Board of Commissioners do hereby support and authorize the General Manager to submit a Google Fiber for Communities Project Request for Information on behalf of the Norwich community, and pursue the full implementation of the project.

Item 9. The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 27, 2010.

Chairman Sullivan, seconded by Commissioner Remondi, moved to adjourn the Meeting at 8:33 p.m. Unanimously approved.

Attest:

Frank Demicco  
Secretary