

Utilities Commission June 22, 2020

This summary was extracted from the recorded session of this meeting that had been held "virtually". Any discussion and voting results are not included in this summary.

New appointed Utilities Commissioner, Rick Hawes, was introduced.

Approval Consent Items (All items approved)

- **Granted and Accepted Third Party Utility Easement** City Hall Annex
- **Developer's Infrastructure, Capacity and Inspection Agreement** Hyatt New Smyrna Beach
- **Vegetation Management Tree Trimming awarded to Asplundh**

General Manager's Report

- **Proclamation** Declaring Dedication of the U.C.'s De-chlorination Building in Honor of David B. Hoover
- **Introduction of new Director of Water Resources** Thomas West, an Environmental and Civil Engineer recently from Venice, FL; prior employment w/Jefferson Parrish, Louisiana and the City of Chicago.
- **May 2020 Financial Status/Balanced Metrics presentation** yielded discussion about the impact of COVID-19 measures, adjustment on employee head count and the potential need for rate changes, specifically for electricity and reclaimed water.

Commission Counsel's Report

Counsel Attorney, Thomas Cloud, reported on his participation at the **June 18 City Commission Workshop on the proposed City Charter**. After much discussion, the City Commission directed the attorneys for the UC and the City Attorney to jointly craft simple, mutually acceptable language to define the UC's ability to convey specific interests and property.

The UC approved payment of the uncontested part of High Power billing: **\$175,000.00**, as it puts UC in better position for litigation on contested portion.

New Business

- **Rate Reduction** Presentation of the Modification to Fuel and Purchased Power Cost Adjustment Clause
- **Retirement Advisory Services (RFP 11-20) awarded** to SageView Advisory Group, LLC